

The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING

JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 1
BOWLING AT JIB LANES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
P.A. FUNDRAISER
JERSEY MIKE'S,
FRESH MEADOWS

FRIDAY, JUNE 5
SISTERHOOD/MUSICAL
SHABBAT SERVICE &
POTLUCK SHABBAT DINNER

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
BAGELS & BINGO

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
SHABBAT IN THE PARK

AUGUST

LONG ISLAND DUCKS GAME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

SISTERHOOD AUCTION
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

**TBS Congregation,
Family & Friends
are cordially invited
to attend our annual**

**Shabbat in the Park Service
Friday, June 26, 2026
at 6:30 pm.
Golden Pond
at Crocheron Park**

**Directions to Golden Pond,
Crocheron Park: From Bell
Blvd: turn right onto 35th
Avenue (if driving northbound,
left turn if driving
southbound.) Bear left,
following the park to the lake.
Street parking is available.**



From the Rabbi's desk

As we turn the page into June, the rhythm of the Jewish calendar grows quieter. This year, because Shavuot fell in May, June arrives without the familiar cadence of major holidays. Yet Judaism teaches us that holiness is not found only in festivals and sacred dates. It is also found in the quieter moments — in community, learning, prayer, and simply being together.

This month we look forward to several beautiful and meaningful moments in the life of our congregation. On Friday evening, June 5, we will celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat as we honor and install Sisterhood leadership. Their dedication, creativity, and support help sustain so much of what makes Temple Beth Shalom a warm and vibrant community. Please note that the service will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a Shabbat dinner and celebration.

We are also especially excited to welcome two Jews by choice into the covenant of the Jewish people this month. Conversion to Judaism is a profound and courageous spiritual journey, one that reminds all of us never to take our own Jewish identity for granted. Our tradition teaches that all Jewish souls — past, present, and future — stood together at Sinai. To witness someone choose to join our people is both humbling and inspiring. Come join us on June 19 to celebrate with them.

As summer begins, we will conclude our season of regular indoor worship with our annual outdoor Shabbat service at Golden Pond in Crocheron Park.

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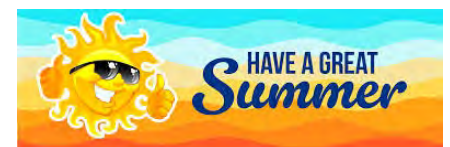
There is something deeply peaceful about praying outdoors surrounded by nature, reminded once again of the beauty of creation and the gift of Shabbat.

I also want to let everyone know that I will be away during much of July for vacation and study time. While I am away, our congregation will continue to gather for lay-led summer services, and I encourage everyone to participate and support these meaningful opportunities for community leadership.

Even in the quieter months, Jewish life continues — sustained not only by holidays, but by the relationships we build, the prayers we share, and the sacred community we create together.

Wishing you a peaceful and restful beginning to summer.

Rabbi Sharon Ballan



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

Worship Schedule

Friday, June 5th: Sisterhood Musical
Shabbat Evening Service **6:00 pm**
Torah Portion: Beha'alotcha
Candles: Janet Krupit
Kiddush: Deirdre Weliky

Saturday, June 6th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, June 12th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Shelach Lecha
Candles: Erica Bernstein
Kiddush: Eric Bernstein

Saturday, June 13th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

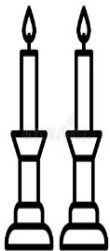
Friday, June 19th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Korach
Candles: TBA
Kiddush: TBA

Saturday, June 20th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, June 26th: Shabbat in the Park **6:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Pinchus

Saturday, June 27th: 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

The month of May has always felt like a preparatory time for me - getting the gardens ready, spring cleaning, the grandkids' end of school and planning things we'll do as a family - it's a transition type of feeling that gets me thinking about and prepping for the weather seasons that I prefer.

We are also counting the Omer as of this writing, also a preparatory time, leading to Shavuot and the receiving of Torah some 3,400 years ago. The connection of my secular feelings and the preparation experienced in Sinai then, are coincidental: I'm sure, an old friend of mine would disagree and call it "intersectional," but coincidental or not, we remain joined as a people held united through Torah that was given to us then and continues to bind us today. The Jewish community of Temple Beth Shalom stood there at Mt. Sinai, and we are here now continuing our traditions, supported by our outstanding clergy and dedicated committees, offering something for everyone to engage in at their own comfort level.

Although the Torah has not changed since receiving it, our communities continually have. We've evolved to adapt to changes from a centralized temple to many lands and cultures to remote distributed synagogues and continuing to the present with hybrid in-person and virtual services supported by today's modern technologies. Before 2020, virtual service offerings were the exception, not so much anymore at many synagogues. Today's technologies enable many to stay connected when physical or logistical reasons make attending in person difficult - it is a great tool. Personally, I'd rather join Erev Shabbat by Zoom than miss it altogether. Still, like our gathering at Mt. Sinai, I really enjoy our gathering at Temple for a chat, a handshake, a hug, or pat on the back, especially when reconnecting after some time.

May our gatherings that started long ago continue for many generations to come!

With gratitude,
Joe deLeon

**MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT**

Sponsor an Oneg or Shabbat
Service?

It's a great way to celebrate a
special occasion or remember a
loved one!

Call the office for details

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of May 20, 2026

PULPIT FLOWER FUND.....TBS Office 718-463-4143
*Debra Leffe, supplying daffodils to be planted on Mitzvah Day in honor of her lifelong friend, Susan Yacavone
The Weiss and Chenkin Family in loving memory of Irwin Weiss*

GENERAL FUND.....TBS Office 718-463-4143
*Fran Goldman and Sam Rosenberg in memory of Iro Ballan, Father of Rabbi Ballan and
Grandfather of Amy Edelstein*

TORAH FUND.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDRabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!

MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUNDEric Bernstein 917-902-4894

BUILDING FUND.....TBS Office 718-463-4143
Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us

Celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries

Rabbi Sharon Ballan ***Louis Fevola*** ***Renee Katz-Packer***
Zo-An Korobow ***Allison Kwait*** ***David Lonborg***

Matthew & Beth Dulberg

Celebrate Simchat Shabbat

Friday, June 5

June Birthdays



Rabbi Sharon Ballan
David Chenkin
Jason Ehrlich
Karen Feit
Louis Fevola
Madison Fishman
Larry Gold
Lynn Goldenstein

Richard Hellman
Renee Katz-Packer
James Kettig
Zo-An Korobow
Allison Kwait
Salena Lee
David Lonborg

Charlene Metz
Andrea Odintz
Ben Pitt
Eric Rosenberg
Tehuti Severin
Lena Tolson
Marla Tolson
Geri Weiss



June Anniversaries

Beth & Matthew Dulberg
Dr. Amy Edelstein & Michael Gross
Jeffrey & Georgia Galub
Rabbi Bruce & Nancy Goldwasser
Robin & Ron Myers
Bonnie & Steven J. Rosenberg



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: July/August 2026

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 **June 15th, 2026**). You can pay for the remaining 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.



July Birthdays

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| Fredi Weinstein | 7/01__ |
| Lori Lustig | 7/07__ |
| Linda Fuentes | 7/11__ |
| Rose Katz | 7/14__ |
| Jeannette Fishman | 7/15__ |
| Michele Attar | 7/17__ |
| Marchel Gillin | 7/17__ |
| Marc Heisler | 7/23__ |
| Ruth Davidson | 7/25__ |
| Alan Gellerman | 7/25__ |
| Susan Passaro | 7/25__ |
| Eliot Dorfman | 7/29__ |



August Birthdays

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|----------------------|--------|
| Debra A. Leffe | 8/03__ |
| Don Nelinson | 8/03__ |
| Norman Lerea | 8/08__ |
| Cantor Jerry Korobow | 8/16__ |
| Joseph Gandelman | 8/19__ |
| Carol Hofer | 8/19__ |
| Sam Rosenberg | 8/23__ |
| Al Eckman | 8/29__ |

July Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Andrew & Elaine Larkin | 7/09__ |
| Oliver & Valerie Gellerman | 7/20__ |
| Eric & Lori Lustig | 7/20__ |
| Jacob & Nancy Lothammer | 7/29__ |



August Anniversaries

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Gail Tishcoff & James Kettig | 8/10__ |
| David Lonborg & Jennifer Schecter | 8/17__ |
| Adam & Barbara Gandelman | 8/21__ |

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____



Cantor's Corner



Well, my friends, we're coming to the end of another synagogue "season." It's been a busy and fulfilling one.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your enthusiasm and participation. It is certainly a wonderful feeling when folks sing and read along with those of us on the bima. That, in a nutshell, is the point of public worship. It's all about us having an experience together, as a community.

That wonderful "Hinei Ma Tov" experience, where we come together as community, happened repeatedly throughout the year. It revealed itself handsomely during the High Holidays, Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim and Shabbat Across America, to name just a few instances.

Our students did wonderful work throughout the year, and have repeatedly shown how much they are learning, and how much they've learned. Our Religious School is thriving.

I want to take a moment to thank the Temple administration for its continued support and guidance. You folks make it possible for things to keep moving along smoothly and seamlessly. Thanks for all you do. A special "shout out" to our Security Committee - know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you to Jose and Santos for all the help you provide each and every day. It does not go unnoticed. Special thanks to Natalie in our office. Natalie, you are indispensable, and "on the money" all the time.

Before I sign off for this month, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to my dear friend, colleague and bima partner Rabbi Sharon Ballan. It is, and has been, my continual pleasure to work with you. In fact, our interaction seldom feels like work. I know that this has been a difficult and complicated year for you with the loss of your father, Irv Ballan. But know that I, and the entirety of Temple Beth Sholom are here for, and with you. Here's to many more years working, singing, and worshipping together. And that goes for all of us - all of you! Enjoy your summer!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow

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Men's Club

Greetings everyone. It's hard to believe summer is almost here! We have some events coming soon.

On Sunday, May 3, during our Mitzvah Day, flowers were planted in front of the synagogue towards the Northern Boulevard side. I would like to thank the children of our Sunday School for a job well done. Thank you, Geri Weiss, Morah Beth, and Rabbi Ballan for your assistance. Thank you, Sam Rosenberg, for the beautiful flowers.

On Sunday, May 10, we held our 3rd annual softball game at our Lag B'Omer picnic in Cunningham Park.

At the time of this article being written, we have not held our May Men's Club meeting when we are holding elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The results will be disclosed in the July/August edition of The Voice.

Please join us on Sunday, August 16, 2026, when the Long Island Ducks host the York Revolution! The game starts at 5:05 pm. For additional information check out the flyer. Please be sure to contact Eric Bernstein directly at (ericdbernstein@gmail.com) for tickets.

If you are interested in learning more about Men's Club, we invite you to attend our next meeting. Bagels, coffee, and tea will be provided. We discuss everything from finances to future events. If you cannot make it in person and are still interested in attending, email Mensclub@templebethsholom.org, and we will make sure you get the information.

Our next two Men's Club meetings:

Sunday, June 7, 11:00 am, hybrid

Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 pm (Zoom only)

Zoom information will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Andrew Larkin
Men's Club President

Bernstein Bowling Blog

Even with David off the official roster this week, the momentum didn't slow down! Joe deLeon had a standout night, shattering his personal record, and we both walked away with a game win. Most impressively, Joe's yearly average skyrocketed by 26 points.

Join the League!

Ready to get in on the action? We've been running this social, recreational league since 2016, and we'd love for you to become part of our community. Whether you're a seasoned pro or picking up a ball for the first time, all adult members are welcome—absolutely no prior skill is required!

Our next league game is Monday, June 1 at 8:00 pm.

How to Sign Up:

Please email me at EricDBernstein@gmail.com if you want to sub for an evening or join the league full-time,

May Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 11. Rabbi Ballan gave the invocation.

President Joe deLeon reminded all about the Congregational Meeting (May 27) and the Calendar Meeting (June 24). Joy Bobrow volunteered to take minutes for Gail Tishcoff, since she will not be in town for the Congregational Meeting. April Meeting Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported as of April 30, we have 109 member units. Treasurer Charlene Metz reviewed the April Financial Report. The report was approved by the Board as presented.

Rabbi Sharon Ballan reported on the recent Parents Association (P.A.) Shabbat and the upcoming Shavuot Service and Confirmation of students Seth Bernstein, Matthew Cohen, Damon Ehrlich, and Walter Lothammer. She invited the congregation and Board members to join her on Tuesday evenings for the weekly Midweek Reset Healing and Meditative Service. Looking ahead to June, we are excited to welcome two new Jews by choice into our congregational family on Friday evening, June 19. Cantor Jerry Korobow reported on recent and upcoming services and encouraged all to attend in person. June 5 is our annual Sisterhood Shabbat and Maestro David Close will be accompanying. Cantor will send in his report for the Congregational Meeting since he will be out of town at that time. that meeting. He mentioned the survey that will be sent regarding the possibility of starting services at 7:00. He also mentioned ideas for more intimate services perhaps once a month.

Lori Lustig, Membership Committee Chair, reported planning has begun for the Open House as the last Summer Service. Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, thanked all who attended the JNF Shabbat for Israel dinner and service on Friday, April 24. JNF planted 10 trees in Israel to thank TBS for participating and she will display the certificate in the lobby showcase when she receives it. The committee is starting to consider next years' service schedule and will be surveying the membership on possibly moving services earlier on Fridays.

Erica Bernstein, Parents Association Co-President, reported on the P.A. Shabbat Service on May 8 and thanked all who participated. The Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park on May 10 was a beautiful day. P.A. will have a fundraiser at Jersey Mike's in Fresh Meadows on June 3. Erica also reported on recent and upcoming Religious School events. Religious School closing exercises will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 am.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported on the next book club on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm, and the upcoming Memorial Day Rummage Sale on Monday, May 25 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. If you can volunteer for set-up or for the sale, please call the office. Bagels and Bingo will be on Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 am. Sisterhood Musical Shabbat Service will be held on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner immediately following.

Past President Joy Bobrow reported Temple gates of Prayer and TBS signed the one-year extension so they will be with us at least one more year. We are having a vendor-only event on Saturday, May 30 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported we are working with the Gotham maintenance company to officially turn on the AC system soon. We are also still working with the security contractor to get that work started.

Eric Bernstein, Men's Club Representative, reported elections for Men's Club will be held at the May 17 meeting. We have tickets for the Long Island Ducks game for Sunday, August 16 at 5:05 pm. Please contact Eric Bernstein (ericdbernstein@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing tickets. Next bowling league event is Monday, June 1, 8:00 pm at Jib Lanes.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported it was a quiet month aside from touch base calls. The last Adult Discussion Group will take place on Wednesday, May 13 on "How Do I Spend my Leisure Time?" The next Food Pantry is on Tuesday, May 19.

Gail Tishcoff reported the Blood Drive on Sunday, May 3 collected a total of 42 units. Special thank you to all who donated and volunteered time.

Past President David Chenkin, Security Team, reported on how funds from the Community Security Initiative (CSI), will permit us to hire up to two armed guards due to the heightened threat levels resulting from the conflict with Iran. This has resulted in additional paid security for recent services.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported on the Chicken Soup Cook-Off progress. He is working on logistics for sports memorabilia show in our ballroom. Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported on the Defensive Driving course some members are doing via TBS.

Good and Welfare was shared. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff,
Recording Secretary

Rummage

Success!

Our annual Memorial Day Rummage Sale was held on Monday, May 25 and was a total success! So many thanks to all who volunteered their time to set up on Sunday and at the sale on Monday.

The volunteers will be acknowledged in the July/August issue of The Voice! Don't miss it!



Andrea's Recovery Continues

When we last met here in the March issue of *The Voice*, hope was springing eternal for me with the change of season. Following a long, dark, dreary, and snowy winter in hospitals, I was looking forward to relearning to walk after being hit by a car in mid-December. After 14 weeks of hopping on my left foot while leaning on a walker, the surgeon finally gave me the okay to put my right foot on the floor (still holding the walker) and start taking steps.

Home physical therapy made way for the outpatient kind, and I greeted my former PTs who treated my torn meniscus – on the OTHER leg – and Ben's shoulders healing from fractures no more than a year before. They cheerfully returned my hellos, immediately following up with how sorry they were that I was back as a client rather than a visitor. As a post-surgical patient this time, I was allowed three sessions a week, averaging about an hour-and-a half each.

My new daily home routine would include a rather lengthy exercise practice that incorporated activities from the rehabilitation center, my home physical therapy and my renewed outpatient PT. I also tried to be vigilant about doing breathing exercises two or three times a day to exercise my lungs after having pneumonia. Then there are the medical bills that arrive that need to be forwarded to the personal-injury attorney to pass along to "no-fault" (what a misleading name!) insurance, as well as various appointments to make. I commented to one of my physical therapists that this recovery process is a full-time job. He said the staff would do their best to decrease it to a part-time job.

Meanwhile, I started leaving the house again beyond these therapy sessions, with Mike's help. We visited my mom again several times – first with me in the wheelchair, later with the walker and finally with my current quad cane. I returned to TBS to see Matthew perform in the Purim Shpiel that he co-wrote. It was quite an effort, as I needed to use the stair chair to get to the ballroom. Thanks to Eric Lustig making sure I was securely fastened; Mike was able to carry the wheelchair upstairs without leaving me alone. I also wore a mask as a precaution because I was freshly over RSV and pneumonia. By the time I attended the Jewish National Fund-sponsored Israeli dinner before a Shabbat Service in April, coinciding with Israel's Independence Day, I was able to climb the short flight of stairs to the ballroom by holding on with both hands, then get around with my walker. By Mitzvah Day, I climbed down the longer flight of stairs to the lower level to lend support to the snack-bag assembly line for Commonpoint Queens, with help from my quad cane. I also used the cane and Mike's arm to carefully cross the grass at Cunningham Park to a table at the Lag B'Omer Picnic.

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Sisterhood Corner

We are looking forward to warmer weather since we have had such a chilly spring.

We had our Book Club on Thursday, May 14, 2026. We conducted it on Zoom, and we read *Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Roser. Look for the flyer for the details for our Summer Book Club.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat will be held in person and on Zoom on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a potluck dinner and Oneg. Please look for details in *The Voice* to RSVP to this event. We hope to see all of you there.

Our Rummage Sale was held on Memorial Day. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time at the setup and the sale. We could not have done it without you.

It has been eight years since Deirdre Weliky first began running our Women's Discussion Group. This is the fourth year that she has added the Adult Discussion Group. It has been a wonderful experience for many and has become a part of Sisterhood's bi-monthly events. These meetings have continued on Zoom. Look for details in *The Voice*. Thank you to everyone who participates in these events. Thank you to Deirdre for her dedication to these groups.

Bingo has been a great success! We are now doing hybrid Bingo, where we are in the ballroom in person, and we also run it on Zoom. Thank you to Lori Lustig and Geri Weiss for their continued support to make this event a success. The next hybrid Bingo will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 am. It will be Bagels and Bingo! Come to Temple and don't forget to invite your friends.

This is the time of year when we look forward to our Annual Auction which will take place during the summer. I will continue to give updates as they become available.

Please send in your dues for the upcoming year. The dues are \$36. In case you did not know, anyone can be a Sisterhood member. If you are not a member of our Temple, the dues are \$72. Please let your friends from other congregations know this little tidbit.

Look for details about our upcoming events in the summer and in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Sisterhood and Temple Beth Shalom.

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President



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Adult Education

Thank you to all who are participating in the Defensive Driving Program. The Adult Education Fund made \$85.00. I hope that you find the course fruitful and enjoyable.

Thank you to the Temple Members who continue to contribute ideas for Adult Education, including Karri Kaufman, Charlene Metz, and Michael Smook, which will be reviewed and try to be scheduled over the next few months. 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

The logo for Adult Education, featuring the words "adult education" in a stylized, lowercase font with a yellow background and a black outline.

Religious School

Greetings to my TBS Family. I hope that you have been enjoying the outdoors as the days have been getting nicer and longer. The Religious School Board met on Wednesday, May 20. We discussed the final events that will be happening at the end of this Religious School year.

Thank you to all the families who participated in both Mitzvah Day (May 3) and Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park (May 10). The weather held up both days and everyone had a great time helping the community and enjoying the park.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2025: Seth Bernstein, Matthew Cohen, Damon Ehrlich, and Walter Lothammer. These young men helped lead Shabbat Services on Friday, May 22 with ease and gave very meaningful speeches. May you continue to grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Religious School Closing Exercises were held this year on Sunday, May 31. Thank you to the Religious School Staff for always giving our students a great Jewish education. Thank you to Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow for always leading our students in their Jewish education. Finally, thank you to Geri Weiss for being the heart and soul of our Religious School.

Our next Religious School Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at Panera Bread in the Bay Terrace Shopping Center. We will be making plans for the 2026-2027 Religious School year.

May the upcoming bring you nothing but peace, joy, and happiness.

Erica Bernstein
Religious School Representative



Parents Association

Shalom to our TBS Family. We hope that you are all doing well. Spring is in full bloom and the weather has been looking great.

Thank you to everyone who attended the P.A. Shabbat Service on Friday, May 8. It was a lovely service. Thank you to all the families who participated both in person and on Zoom. You did a fantastic job.

P.A. held its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 17. We discussed how the year went and events for the upcoming year. We held elections for the Executive Board for the next school year.

Parents Association will be having its final event of the year, a dining fundraiser at Jersey Mike's in Fresh Meadows, on Wednesday, June 3. Please see the flyer in The Voice and the weekly Monday blasts for more details.

Our next meeting will be held jointly with the Religious School Board at Panera Bread in Bay Terrace on Monday, June 15 at 6:00 pm.

As we step down as longtime Co-Presidents, we would like to thank everyone for always supporting TBS P.A. over the years. Enjoy the summer and be safe.

Erica Bernstein and
Elaine Larkin
PA Co-Presidents

The logo for Parents Association, featuring the words "Parents Association" in a colorful, multi-colored font.

Summer Services

Yes, it's that time again! Thank you to those congregants who have responded to my plea for leading a summer Shabbat service. This year there are nine service dates! Services will be held in the downstairs double classroom, providing an intimate and informal atmosphere.

Thank you to the Bernstein family, Dara Bernstein, Robin Myers/Charlene Metz, the Lustig family, the TBS Mah Jongg ladies, Larry Gold, Joe deLeon and Matthew Cohen for already saying "Yes, we will lead a service this summer!"

We're hoping to have our Open House on Friday, August 28, which leaves us needing four more leaders.

Where are you?! Please get in touch with me ASAP so I can let you know of available dates.

Thank you,
Geri Weiss
Geriweiss1@gmail.com

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your membership dues!

Reminder statements were
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to pay your dues!

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TBS Sisterhood's
Test Your Jewish Word Knowledge
Bagels & Bingo
Sunday, June 14, 2026



**Join us in person in the TBS Ballroom
or virtually by Zoom**

Bagels/Brunch noshes start at 10:00 am

Bingo will start at 10:30 am prompt!

Bingo cards will display Judaica Words instead of Numbers!

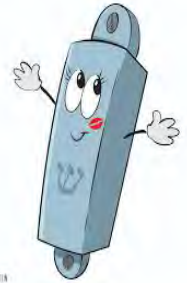
Bingo Card Cost – \$2 /1 card; \$5/ 3 cards

Gift Card Prizes Awarded to Winners

Please RSVP by Wednesday morning, June 10



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15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

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OR Email: natalie@templebethsholom.org

Name _____

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June 10, 2026

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Andrea's Recovery Continues

During the Passover break, our family had Off-Broadway theater tickets to see "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," bought before my accident. I thought we should try to reschedule for a later date. Mike insisted that it would work as-is; he drove into the city, we used the elevator, and a helpful usher said my walker could be stored at the back of the theater once I got to my seat. Of course, upon entry into the complex, the metal detector went off immediately as I stepped through. I calmly pointed to the walker and was left alone.

The same thing happened when I attended the Ben Folds concert with Ben at Tilles Center on the C.W. Post campus during Mother's Day weekend. After security guards removed cones that were blocking most cars from getting close to the entrance so Mike could drop us off, the metal detector buzzed for my cane. Again, I was waved through. I guess my appearance, especially with my metal apparatuses, was not suspicious.

But my most frequent outings are to PT, and the only dreaded part of my sessions has been the bending of the knee, when the therapist coaxes my leg to flex more than I would tolerate doing by myself at home. Even on the strong pain medication I take before these sessions (and don't worry, only before these sessions), the discomfort is sometimes unbearable. Once, after two of my PTs coordinated to try to push my knee to 100 degrees, I felt severe agony for a full day-and-a-half, all the way till my next session. After that, they decided to see how much I could bend it by myself for a week. I did manage to get up to 101 degrees once.

The problem was this progress wasn't consistent. When two different therapists said at separate sessions that I could start bending anytime, I was quietly dismayed because I already was!

My surgeon was similarly dissatisfied. Not because I wasn't working hard, but because my leg had been immobilized for so long, too much scar tissue had developed, making my lower leg and knee incredibly stiff. My doctor at the rehab center, who I also followed up with, said the surgical team did what they had to do to save my leg. Hearing my injuries described that way was a shock.

At this writing, I am about a week away from arthroscopic scar-tissue removal surgery. It will be my third surgery in five months. The goal is to improve my range of motion and reduce the ever-present stiffness and frequent knee and shin pain. Hoping for the best that it will be an outpatient procedure, the plan is for me to go to PT two days later hopefully to see a positive difference.

So, my spring has been as mixed as a healthy bag of greens. I have gotten to go out into the world a bit, see people and get a taste of a more "normal" life again. But I am not yet in the place I had been hoping. Yes, I am disappointed.

(continued from previous column)

Exploring further, though, are any of us in the exact place we've been hoping? We all need to strive for goals, to improve, to have a renewed purpose. I must accept that this is my place in life for now – and that it will get better. It certainly is better than it was a few months ago!

After reading my previous column here looking toward me blossoming in spring, Natalie named a flowering plant on the TBS office windowsill "Andrea" in my honor. Perhaps I am like a plant that is reborn in spring but blooms more fully in the summer. I must remain optimistic; just call me a late bloomer.

Andrea Odintz

Surprise, Surprise!

United States Postal Service rates have gone up again. Thank you to those who have chosen to have their monthly Voice newsletter sent by email, but most of our congregation continues to receive it via USPS. In less than seven years, the price of postage per issue of The Voice has increased almost **53%** from **\$.70 to \$1.07**, with another increase expected in July. (The price of the second ounce alone has risen almost 100% from \$.15 in 2019 to the current \$.29). Nearly 100 copies are mailed of each 11 issues published annually.

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TIME: 5:05pm (Gates open at 4:05pm)

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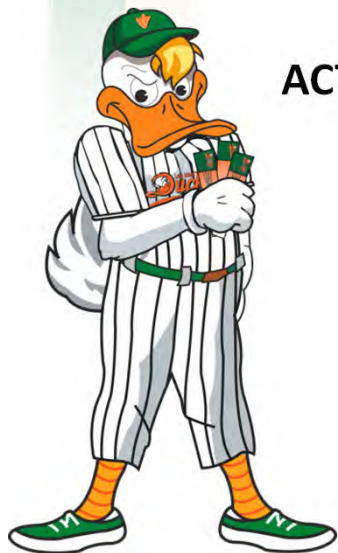
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Mother of Adam Gandelman
Father of Robbie Schecter
Mother of Susan Passaro
Cousin of Diane Shtulman
Grandmother of Eric Bernstein
Mother of Roger Opstbaum
Grandmother of Elaine Larkin
Uncle of Richard Severin

Dave Daitch
Ida Einbinder
Ben Fox
Ruth Gallner
Brenda Gandelman
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Ruth Lang
Hannah Muriel Marcus
Judith Mendelson
Estelle Opstbaum
Elaine Pam
Fequiere Severin

Week of June 12

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Erwyn Glanz
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Estelle Liebrader
Michael Lubliner
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Louis Nerenberg
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Week of June 26

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</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>2</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>P.A. Fundraiser at Jersey Mikes, Fresh Meadows</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sisterhood/ Musical Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 6:00 pm</p> <p>Potluck Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Men's Club Meeting Hybrid 11:00 am</p>	<p>8</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>9</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Bagels & BINGO 10:00 am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Parents Association Men's Club Religious School Planning Meeting Panera Bay Terrace 6:00 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Calendar Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Shabbat in the Park 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
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when we will celebrate the
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