

The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING

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From the Rabbi's desk

I'm freezing. It's been a cold winter. And yet, I know that spring will return, because on the Hebrew calendar, we are in the month of Shevat, which means we will be celebrating *Tu Bishvat*, the birthday for trees. Very often *Tu Bishvat*, the New Year for Trees, falls in conjunction with Shabbat Shira, (Sabbath of Song) and the Torah portion *Beshalach*, which includes the account of the parting of the Sea of Reeds. Moses, Miriam and the Children of Israel rejoice in song after the sea closes up on Pharaoh's army and they are destroyed. We are grateful for being redeemed at the Sea of Reeds, yet we acknowledge that in order for that to happen, many had to die on our account. Should we exult in others' misfortune?

Our sages also wonder how God felt as the sea enclosed on Pharaoh's army. In a midrash found in the Talmud (Sanhedrin 39b) on the 'Song of the Sea' passage in the Torah, we learn that "the ministering angels desired to recite a song before the Holy Blessed One. The Holy One said to them: The works of my hand, (the Egyptians) are drowning in the sea, and you are reciting a song before Me?" Apparently, God is not happy. The angels are not allowed to rejoice in song; only those who actually experienced the deliverance are allowed to celebrate.

This passage, "*Shirat HaYam*" the song at the sea, is recited daily in our traditional morning liturgy, and part of it, the "*Mi Chamocha*" we recite every morning and evening. We are thankful and grateful that we were redeemed. However, we, like God, are saddened that many had to die on our account, and so it is our obligation to repair the world—to work for justice and righteousness. We remember that we were slaves in Egypt and what it was like to be a stranger.

Many communities hold a special musical Shabbat Service on *Shabbat Shira*, which falls on February 8. This year, TBS will as well! Please join us for our **Shared Shabbat Service** on **Saturday** morning instead of our usual Friday evening. Please sign up to take part in the service (an e-mail will be going out). Accompanist David Close will be there, and Cantor Korobow will be singing some new melodies. In honor of *Tu Bishvat*, there will be a special kiddush "lunch" after the service.

Our Religious School students will hold a *Tu Bishvat Seder* on Sunday, February 9, during Religious School.

I am also looking forward to next month as we celebrate Purim. If you would like to volunteer to read the megillah, please e-mail me at rabbi@templebethsholom.org. We will be observing Purim Friday evening, March 14.

"Be Happy, It's Almost Adar!"

Shalom Uvracha,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan

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

Worship Schedule

Friday, February 7th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
ZOOM ONLY Torah Portion: Beshelach
Candles: Renee Katz-Packer
Kiddush: Barry Packer

Saturday, February 8th: Shared Shabbat/
Tu Bishvat Morning Service **10:00 am**
NO TORAH STUDY

Friday, February 14th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Yitro
Candles: Ruth Davidson
Kiddush: Eric Lustig

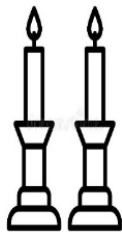
Saturday, February 15th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 21st: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Mishpatim
Candles: Erica Bernstein
Kiddush: Eric Bernstein

Saturday, February 22nd: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 28th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Terumah
Candles: Robin Myers
Kiddush: TBA

Saturday, March 1st: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**



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

★ **Zichronam Livracha** ★

Greg Hofer
Husband of Carol Hofer

Jack Attar
Husband of Michele Attar

From The President

As you all know, because we usually write our articles a couple of weeks before the end of the month, there are notable events we refer to in our articles in the hopes that they actually came to fruition. This article is much more affected by this timing because the Congregation Meeting has not yet occurred, but it will occur by the time The Voice is finalized! So, bearing that in mind, I want to thank the outgoing Board members who have served our Temple admirably – Jim Kettig, Alice Newman, Deirdre Weliky, Elana White, and Sam Rosenberg. I also want to welcome our new Trustees to the Board: Larry Gold, Fran Goldman, Karri Kaufman, Andrea Odintz, Maxine Simon, and Geri Weiss – we thank them for agreeing to work on behalf of Temple for the simple gratification of ensuring our continued successes.

I am also grateful that the 2025-2026 budget passed. As you know it included a modest 5% dues increase, the first one since 2013. As I am entering my sixth year as President, I want to try to make sure that I leave the Temple in as good a financial situation as I possibly can.

I am doing something I rarely do which imparts a lesson from my childhood which I had forgotten about until I read an interesting article in Newsday. Every Sunday there is an item called “Ask the Clergy” that discusses a faith-based question of three different religions. This past Sunday there was a question posed to the Clergy relating to inflation and tithing and whether rising pocketbook costs should affect a commitment to giving to your house of worship.

While I often speak about the need for your financial (and spiritual) support, I never thought of it as something the Bible discusses. As I think you may know, at Temple Beth Sholom we never mention tithing (giving of 10% of one’s income). The Rabbi’s response to the question posed was invoking tithing as it is mentioned in Malachi 3:10 (which as a non-scholar) is a book I never heard of. Regardless of where it is referred to, in short it states, “Bring all the tithes to the storehouse (“treasury”).” That verse basically promises a blessing if this obligation (tithing) is fulfilled. As a child growing up, there were times when my parents really struggled to provide. But my father always donated to various and sundry charities because he felt that what he did have, should be shared. He may not have been religious, but he believed that synagogues needed to exist for generations that followed to be able to have a place to go when the going got tough; we would always be looked at as Jews. His motto has followed me throughout my lifetime. While I am not sure my donating to religious and charitable causes is the reason for my blessings, I do feel truly blessed.

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TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of January 22, 2025

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

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

Ellen & Charles Coleman to thank TBS for their well wishes
Ron & Robin Myers in memory of Jack Attar
Ron & Robin Myers in memory of Greg Hofer
Diane Shtulman in memory of Greg Hofer, husband of Carol Hofer
The TBS Sisterhood Family in memory of Greg Hofer

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

Barry & Renee Katz-Packer to celebrate Uncle Frank Katz's 102nd birthday!
Barry & Renee Katz-Packer in honor of Barry's Bar Mitzvah, January 25, 1975, Parashat Beshalach

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDRabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143

Barry & Renee Katz-Packer in memory of Rabbi's uncle
Barry & Renee Katz-Packer in memory of Greg Hofer
Diane Shtulman in loving memory of her father, Albert Yohay
Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!

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

Lee & Mike Temares in memory of Greg Hofer

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

Fran Goldman and Sam Rosenberg in memory of Greg Hofer
Sharon Haimer in loving memory of her sister, Madeline Daitch
Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us

COOLING TOWER FUND.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

Gloria Shapiro in memory of Greg Hofer, loving husband of Carol Hofer



Celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries

****Eric Bass****

****Valentina Gillin****

****Jody Harkavy****



Celebrate Simchat Shabbat **Saturday, February 8th**, 2025.

February Birthdays

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



Nancy Goldwasser
Jody Harkavy
Steve Levinsky
Sharon Opstbaum
Stephanie Rosenberg
Deirdre Weliky
Sharon Yontef

February Anniversaries

Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg
Brad & Myra Pitt



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: March/April 2025

If you wish to send a greeting to anyone on this list, please check the name(s) and return this list with your check (\$.50 per name - made out to SISTERHOOD, Temple Beth Sholom by **February 15th, 2025**). You can pay for the remaining ten months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.



April Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

Brett & Jean Reichler	3/05__
Fay Schildkraut &	
Don Nelinson	3/16__
Alan & Maggie Berck	3/23__
Bret & Suzanne Fertig	3/25__

March Birthdays

Barbara Gandelman	3/01__
Oliver Gellerman	3/01__
Dorothy Rosenberg	3/06__
Jean Reichler	3/10__
Fran Goldman	3/11__
Nancy Lothammer	3/12__
Susan Ecker	3/13__
Norma Benvenuto	3/14__
Joseph deLeon	3/17__
Erica Bernstein	3/20__
Lillian Tandatnick	3/21__
Robin Myers	3/23__
Michael Gross	3/25__
Leza Lerea	3/26__
Cindy Weiss	3/27__



April Anniversaries

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



Full Name: _____

Phone # _____



Cantor's Corner



Hi everyone! Hope you're all staying nice and warm-the temperature and wind have been quite bracing lately.

I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you all to our Shared Shabbat Service on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00am. Yes, you read that correctly. We are trying something a little bit different-we're having a service with no Bar or Bat Mitzvah on a Saturday morning. It will be Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, so you can count on plenty of music throughout the service.

This will be a Shared Service, so that all (both adults and students) are invited to participate. Would you like to do a reading in English or Hebrew? Perhaps lead the *Kiddush* or *Motzi*, open or close the arks? We can find something for you to do that you'll feel comfortable with.

It will be a Saturday morning, so there'll be none of the problems of rushing home from work or school. There'll be no need to scarf down dinner in order to rush off to Temple. It can be a nice, relaxed opportunity to join your Temple Family and Friends in worship and fellowship.

I would be wholly remiss if I failed to mention that there will be a lovely *Tu Bishvat Oneg* after the service.

By the way, our good friend Maestro David Close will be joining us on keyboard. A perfect scenario on *Shabbat Shirah*. I can't wait to make music again with my old pal and co-conspirator!

I'm signing off pretty quickly this month - I'm still trying to catch up after returning from vacation. And I nearly forgot, mark your calendars for Friday, March 7-Shabbat Across America at 7:30pm as well. There will be a terrific dinner and service (again with David Close).

Please join us in person for both of these events. We promise that the heat will be on, the food will be good, and the companionship will be great! See you then!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow



From The President

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Perhaps you can all try it out and while tithing may not be possible, donate as much as you can, regardless of the amount. And of course, please try to make sure that at least one of those entities to whom you donate is Temple Beth Sholom so that we can continue to be here for you and your families when the need arises.

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

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

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

Your President,
Joy A. Bobrow

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE



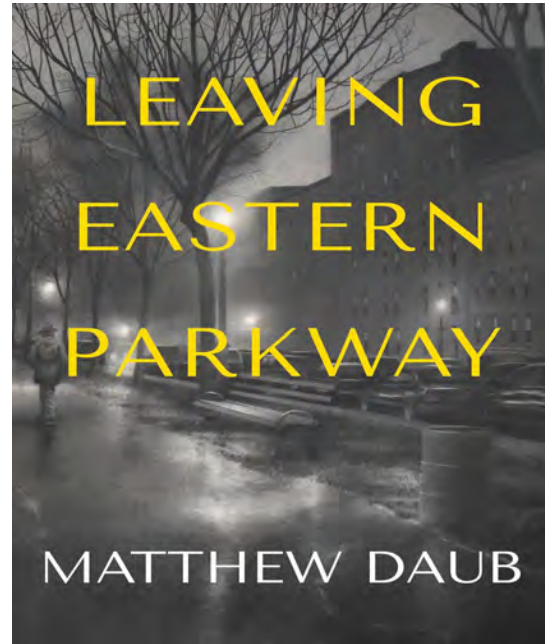
Join us on Friday evening, March 7 as we celebrate the 29th annual Shabbat Across America with a Shabbat Evening Service and a lovely dinner!

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

Reservations are mandatory and must be made by February 20, 2025. Contact the office or Lori Lustig for further information!

TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:
ZOOM BOOK CLUB
Thursday February 13, 2025

BOOK CLUB DATE:
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 13
TIME: 7:30 PM
COPIES OF THE BOOK
ARE AVAILABLE FROM
AMAZON IN PAPERBACK,
HARD-COPY AND
KINDLE VERSIONS.
ZOOM INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW.



Fans of *Demon Copperhead* will root for Zev Altshul on his cross-country journey across the United States.

Brooklyn's Hasidic community of Lubavitchers is turned upside down when family tragedy strikes and everyday life changes forever in the life of Zev Altshul.

He is first placed into the care of the closed and close-knit community where he grew up, but soon realizes he can't stay. His saving grace is handball; it's his gift from God, and the one thing he can rely on as he is shuttled, chased, and abandoned by trusted elders, family, and friends. Even as Zev never fully escapes from the guilt of his choices, he sets course across the United States to discover where loyalty really lies and what it means.

He seeks out his long-lost sister, only to find himself as unprepared for life outside the Lubavitcher community as he was unwilling to remain. Forced out of his second home, Zev plays handball to support himself in the goyische world, but obligations he doesn't fully understand still tie him to Crown Heights and follow him to Chicago and New Mexico threatening always to return Zev to life among the Lubavitchers.

Lyrical, vivid, and thoroughly engaging, this is certainly among the first novels of its kind.

January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 13, 2025. President Joy Bobrow thanked outgoing Board Members – Jim Kettig, Alice Newman, Deirdre Weliky, Elana White, and Sam Rosenberg. She reminded everyone to refrain from raising voices in the sanctuary and to attend the Congregational Meeting on January 22 and Shabbat Across America on March 7. December minutes were approved by the Board as corrected.

Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported we currently have 110 member units. The 2024 annual contribution statements will be mailed out by January 31 and will include dues for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Rabbi Ballan reported services have been going well, but she urged better in-person attendance. On February 8, Shared Shabbat will be on Saturday morning. It will be a musical Shabbat with a special kiddush lunch in recognition of upcoming Tu Bishvat. Cantor Korobow added Religious School is going well and applauded the great Shared Shabbat student participation. The February 8 Saturday morning service will feature David Close.

Charlene Metz, Treasurer, reviewed the December financial report which was approved by the Board as presented. She reviewed the proposed 2025 - 2026 budget for presentation to the Congregation. The proposed budget includes a 5% increase in all categories of membership dues. This was discussed in more detail. The Board voted that the proposed budget, with dues increases, be presented to the Congregation on January 22 for ratification.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, agreed that services are going well. She really hopes the sanctuary is full at the upcoming morning musical Shared Shabbat Service on February 8. Immediately following the service will be a light luncheon including foods celebrating Tu Bishvat. She reported that the Tech Team, (Geri Weiss, Eric Bernstein, Eric Lustig, Joe deLeon) needs to replace the current computer tower with one with a larger operating system capacity. The current computer was set up for use in September of 2021 and has been slowing down over the past year, before and during service Zooming. The current system was entirely donated, and Temple does not have the funds for the purchase of a new one. We now have virtual memberships, and many members rely on the Zoom services and Temple functions. She will bring this up at the January Congregational Meeting and request donations to cover the cost of a new computer, estimated to be around \$1,000.00.

Parents Association Co-President Erica Bernstein reported Game Night is on Saturday, January 25 at 6:00 pm. It will co-sponsor the Religious School trip to the Anne Frank exhibit on Sunday, April 27. She thanked all who participated in the Chanukah Zoom Cooking Event, making doughnuts on Saturday, December 21. The PA donated \$500.00 to Temple.

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She also reported Religious School Students and Staff enjoyed Chanukah-rama on Sunday, December 22. Students participated in the January Shared Shabbat Service on Friday January 3. Upcoming Religious School will hold its Tu Bishvat Seder on February 9, a Purim event on March 16, a Model Seder on April 6, and will visit the Anne Frank exhibit on April 27.

Lori Lustig, Membership Committee Chair, reported preparations are underway for Shabbat Across America Friday, March 7 with catering from Ben's. The cost will be around \$36 per person. Donations for beverages and desserts will be requested. Any other input would be greatly appreciated.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported Book Club will be Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 PM via Zoom reading *Leaving Eastern Parkway* by Matthew Daub. This week's Bingo has been canceled. A breakfast Zentangle Art project taught by Stacy Kroun will be on January 26 at 10:00 am. She thanked Deirdre Weliky for running the discussion groups. Details about Shalach Manot baskets will be in the February issue of The Voice.

President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, stated we are raising the donation price for the use of the ballroom effective for parties booked on or after January 2, 2025. In the summer we will be increasing all our use of building donation fees by small amounts. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported the HVAC equipment has been ordered and start of work is scheduled for mid-March. Work should be substantially complete by the end of May. At that point, assuming no cost over-runs, we hope we can replace the cooling tower but will probably have to raise additional funds to do so.

Eric Bernstein, Men's Club reported Super Bowl Pool Boxes are on sale for \$5 per box. Men's Club donated \$250 to Temple. There was no bowling in January; the next bowling date is Monday February 3 at Jib Lanes at 8:30 pm.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, submitted her report that condolence cards were sent, and touch-base calls were made to a homebound member. The Women's Discussion Group will be meeting on March 12 at 7:30 pm on Zoom with the topic to be announced. President Bobrow reported the next Food Pantry is on January 14.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported the Gala Committee requested anyone with photographs from over the 75 years of TBS to submit them to Eric Bernstein for the montage that is being produced by Jacob Fertig. Beth Dulberg has produced an Ad Journal/RSVP form that will go into the invitations. The deadline for ads is March 15. For those who want to secure their spot, deposit is due by March 1, and full payment and RSVPs are due by April 5. Press releases will start to go out shortly.

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

Friday, March 7, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Join us for Special musical guest Maestro David Close

Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow.

Traditional kosher meal is \$37 per adult. \$15 per child (children's menu)

Reservations MUST be made by February 20, 2025

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

Name: _____ Phone () _____ Email: _____

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

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

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

For further information, contact TBS office at 718.463.4143

Men's Club

Welcome to the month of February! We're halfway through winter; spring will be here soon.

We have a few Super Bowl Boxes available!! \$5 per box!! You have a chance to win \$37.50 if you win the 1st or 3rd Quarter; \$75 for Halftime!! \$100 if you have the final digits of the 4th Quarter!! If you are interested, please email Eric at ericdbernstein@gmail.com. You have up to three days to pay for your box(es) or agree with a payment plan, otherwise they will be forfeited. This link <https://tinyurl.com/TBSSuperBowl> will take you to the available box grid is: As of January 20, there were 29 boxes remaining. The drawing was held on Friday, January 31. Gool luck to all who purchased boxes!

Our next two Men's Club meetings will be on Sunday, February 2 at 11:00 am and Sunday, March 2 at 11:00 am following the PA meetings at Temple and via Zoom. Zoom information will be emailed to you during the week of the meeting.

Andrew Larkin
Men's Club President

Bernstein Bowling Blog

Bowling was cancelled in January, but our league will be returning in February. If you're up for some fun rivalry against others or yourself, come join us at Jib Lanes on Monday, February 3rd at 8:30pm at Jib Lanes. Please reach out to me to stay informed of updates.

Rummage

As we shiver in the cold of this winter, Memorial Day seems eons away. So, while you are staying inside to fend off the frigid temps, why not take the opportunity to sift through your closets and dresser drawers and find the things you no longer use? Bag them up and bring them to Temple on your next visit, as it is never too early for us to collect items for our annual **Memorial Day Rumage Sale!** Someone somewhere will be happy to have them!

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!



Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter, and we have had many cold days. I hope that you are keeping warm.

The Women's Discussion Group will meet on March 12 at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Deirdre for continuing these groups for our members.

We had a great time at our Sisterhood event on January 26. We learned how to do Zentangle. Thank you to Stacy Kroun for teaching it to us and to Geri Weiss for organizing the event. We are looking forward to more events like this.

Please join us on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 pm when we will be discussing *Leaving Eastern Parkway* by Matthew Daub. We hope to see you there!

We hope to see you at our next Bagels and Bingo on Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 am. Invite your friends to join in the fun!

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

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

If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep Rummage in mind. You can drop your gently used, clean clothes to temple for the May Memorial Day Rummage Sale.

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

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President



**Why not host an Oneg or sponsor a Shabbat Service?
It's a great way to celebrate a simcha or loved one!
Call the office for details
718 463 4143**



ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TBS Sisterhood's HYBRID BINGO!



Sunday, March 9, 2025
Join us in person in the TBS Ballroom!
or virtually by Zoom

Brunch noshes start at 10:00 am
Bingo will start at 10:30 am prompt!

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

Gift Card Prizes Awarded to Winners

Please RSVP by Wednesday morning, Mar. 5

**See the tear-off below for important
RSVP Information**



Cards can be emailed or sent to you via the USPS.

Questions? Contact Natalie at 718 463 4143

OR Email: natalie@templebethsholom.org

If You Don't Have A Computer You Can Play By Phone

Name _____

RSVP before
Mar. 5, 2025

Check either In person Hybrid

Number of Bingo Cards Wanted _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ or use zelle!

Email Address _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!

Telephone number _____



RSVP

****If coming in person – do you need your cards printed?*****

Adult Education

Dear Temple Members and Friends,

Thank you to Max Fevola for his informative and engaging lecture on "Financial Planning: Plan, Protect, and Prosper." Max supported my philosophy that financial planning is essential after health. After all, without good health, managing finances becomes impossible.

Additional Key Takeaways were:

Clarify Your Goals: Define both short-term (e.g., buying a car) and long-term (e.g., retirement) financial objectives. Understand what truly matters most to you.

Boost Savings and Investments: Create a budget to track income and expenses. Identify areas where you can reduce spending and increase savings. Develop an investment strategy that aligns with your risk tolerance and financial goals.

By dedicating the time to create and implement a comprehensive financial plan, you can gain control of your finances, achieve your desired goals, and build a more secure future for yourself and your loved ones.

Share Your Expertise! If you have a topic you'd like to explore within our Adult Education program or if you possess expertise in a particular area, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2025.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chairman

AdultEducation

Parents Association

Greetings TBS Family! We hope that the secular year of 2025 has been treating you well. Parents Association held a hybrid meeting on Sunday, January 12.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Chanukah Zoom Cooking Event on Saturday, December 21. This year's Chanukah recipe was for sufganiyot (donuts) created by Jamie Geller. The sufganiyot were delicious.

PA's annual Game Night is coming up on Saturday, January 25 starting at 6:00 pm. Come join us for a fun night with great food. Please see the flyer in The Voice and weekly email for more information.

Parents Association made a donation to Temple Beth Sholom of \$500.00. We want to thank our TBS Family for always supporting us in our activities and dining events. Your support means a lot to us.

Our next hybrid PA meeting will be on Sunday, February 2 at 10:00 am. Be safe and stay warm!

Erica Bernstein and Elaine Larkin, Co-Presidents

Parents
Association

Religious School

Greetings TBS Family! We hope that everyone is enjoying the new secular year of 2025. Religious School Board Met on Zoom on Wednesday, December 11.

Religious School had its annual Chanukah-rama event on December 12. Thank you to everyone who made the event a special one for the children.

Our January Shared Shabbat Service was held on Friday, January 3. Thank you to all the past and current students who helped lead the service. As always, you did a great job.

The next Shared Shabbat Service will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 am. This will be a special service that coincides with a Tu Bishvat Oneg. Please read The Voice and emails for more details about this special event.

Here are some upcoming Religious School/Hebrew School Events, so mark your calendars:

Annual Tu Bishvat Seder - February 9 10:00 am
Annual Purim Event - March 16 10:00 am
Annual Model Seder - April 6 10:00 am
Visit to Anne Frank Exhibit - April 27. Tour is 11:50 am

Our next Religious School Board Meeting is on Wednesday, February 5 at 8:00 pm via Zoom. Stay warm and be healthy.

Erica Bernstein and Elaine Larkin
Religious School Board Members

Get Ready for Tu Bishvat!

On **Saturday February 8, 2025**, Rabbi and Cantor will lead a special

Shared Shabbat Musical Morning Service along with the students and young adults from our congregation and Maestro David Close.

Friday February 7, 2025 is now a *Zoom only* service.

Saturday February 8, 2025 is our hybrid *Shared Shabbat Service* at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

A Kiddush Lunch will follow with some Tu Bishvat specialty foods.

Please R.S.V.P. to Natalie in the office, so we can determine how many mouths to feed!



Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



*Join us on
Wednesday evening, March 12, 2025
7:30 pm via Zoom*

TOPIC: Hope

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

**Zoom information will be provided in the email on
Monday morning, March 10, 2025**

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**

Scoop's Schmooze

For those who have read "Scoop's Schmooze" since its monthly inception to *The Voice* almost eight years ago when then President and my friend Adam Gandelman and I discussed me writing a column; you know that numerology and bashert have read deeply into my stories. This includes last April when I was researching the TBS website for a future story, and it came to me that we should be, and would be, honoring Rabbi Ballan's 15 years on the bimah, 60 years of the dedication of our sanctuary and 75 years of the existence of Temple Beth Sholom in our upcoming May 2 and 3 Temple Beth Sholom Gala Weekend, that we hope to see everyone at. What magical milestones.

And, for me personally, 2025 will be full of milestones. Shortly after you receive this copy of *The Voice* will be Shabbat Shira. The weekend of February 8 will feature a Saturday Shared Shabbat Service with Parsha Beshalach, which just happens to be the longest Haftorah of the year. I know that because on January 25, 1975, I stood on the bimah of Temple Beth Am in Randolph, Massachusetts celebrating my bar mitzvah with my parents, sister, family, and friends. Yes, for those who sit within earshot of me during services, just think of the irony---my bar mitzvah being on Shabbat Shira.

My ceremonial service was presided over by Rabbi H. Joseph Simckes, who, ironically, one year later became the Rabbi at the Hollis Hills Jewish Center, and Cantor Tom Berkson. And, coincidentally, that is the same Rabbi Simckes who, a year before he retired in 2005, hired a B'nai mitzvah tutor named Sharon Ballan.

One can always find special milestones in a day, a month or a year. 2025. Look back at this opening paragraph for Temple Beth Sholom's milestones. Not to mention the August 7 birthday of Temple Beth Sholom matriarch, Betty Zimmermann, when she will become a centenarian.

For me, along with this year being the 50th anniversary of my bar mitzvah, Renee's mom, Rose, turns 90 our son, Ethan, will be getting married, and our little niece, Madison, will be a full-fledged adult when she turns 21 in September.

Milestones can be individual and personal, or they can belong to a family or a group. Or they can be an emotional part of the world.

You see, the month of January is a milestone month for peace. Along with the ceasefire to the October 7, 2023 Israel-Hamas War, featuring the January 19 emotional release of Romi Gonen, Doron Steinbrecher and Emily Damari; in 1973, the United States and Vietnam signed their cease fire agreement on January 27; which is also Auschwitz Liberation Day.

If you look hard enough you will find a special meaning in every day, in every month, in every year.

Barry Packer
Ways & Means Chairman

MILESTONE

January Board of Trustees Meeting

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported Maximillian Fevola, Financial Coach, Consultant, and Equitable Advisor, will lecture on Sunday, January 19 at 10:00 am. His presentation, "Financial Planning: Plan, Protect, and Prosper," promises to be both informative and engaging, in-person and on Zoom.

Volunteer Security Team Update was provided in detail by Past President David Chenkin. They met with our neighborhood coordinating officers Vikram Angadi and Michael Petronzio to let them know about our member volunteer security team, trained by the Community Security Services (CSS), and to provide them with information on CSS for their files. The officers suggested we meet the crime prevention officer from the 109th Precinct to discuss the security measures we are planning, and this security audit should be arranged later this month. Good and Welfare was shared, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff,
Recording Secretary

Pulpit & Ritual Committee

We have been holding our Shabbat and Holiday Services in person in the sanctuary. All congregants are encouraged to come in out of the cold of winter, the awakening of spring, the warmth of summer, and the colors of autumn.

Having said that, we hope to see you at our exciting Tu Bishvat/Shared Shabbat Service and light lunch/Oneg on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 am,

We have an amazing technical team that works hard to ensure a spiritual experience via our Zoom capabilities.

We understand that lately there have been technical issues during Shabbat Services. The current computer equipment was donated in September 2021 and has been slowing down over the past year, giving the Zoom operators much agita before and during services. It is apparent that we need a new computer (tower only) with a larger operating capacity. At this time, Temple does not have the funds for the purchase of a new computer. It is important to maintain the system for those who rely on having the Zoom option for services and Temple Functions.

We are respectfully requesting donations to help cover the cost of a new tower. For those who have already donated, thank you.

All donations received in excess of the cost of the computer will be added to the Temple's General Fund.

Thank you in advance.

Pulpit & Ritual Committee

**Purim is Coming!
It's Time to Order Your
Movie Night Themed
Shalach Manot Baskets
And Purim Greetings**



The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom requests that you fulfill the opportunity to follow the mitzvot of Purim this year while supporting Israel:

**Rejoice by listening to the Purim story on Fri. Mar. 14, 2025
during our Shared Shabbat service at 7:30 pm**

**Order gift packages known as Shalach Manot by Fri. Feb. 28, 2025
Give Tzedakah (charity) to TBS from this fundraiser**

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

Donation of \$18 – You will receive our traditional bag of Purim goodies, and your name on a Purim greeting card sent to all TBS member families.
Don't forget to order extra bags to give to family and friends!

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

Distribution of baskets/bags will be at Temple on:

Fri. March 14, 2025 at Purim service, 7:30 pm
Sun. Mar. 16, 2025 during Religious School from 10 am to 12 pm
Call the Temple office to make other arrangements for pick up.



What a wonderful way to honor your Temple friends while supporting our synagogue.
All orders must arrive at the Temple office by Fri. Feb. 28, 2025, Attention: Shalach Manot

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

Check off desired donation

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_____ Purim Greeting only - \$18 enclosed

Email/Phone # for contact information

☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS February 2025 ☆

Week of February 07

Alfred Bamberger
Marcelle Cohen
Bob Dorfman

John Eckman
Albert Greenberg
Celia Horowitz
Fred Kahn
Bessie Koorse
Betty Lash
William Lillian

Abraham Needleman
Sanford Tishcoff
Norman Tolson
Judith Vogel
Jules Weiss

Uncle of Fran Goldman
Sister-in-Law of Michele Attar
Husband of Ruth Dorfman
Father of Eliot Dorfman
Father of Al Eckman
Cousin of Pamela Weston Abrams
Sister-in-Law of Miriam Scharf
Observed by Temple
Grandmother of Nancy Goldwasser
Aunt of Pamela Weston Abrams
Stepfather-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman
Step-grandfather of Eliot Dorfman
Father of Lori Lustig
Uncle of Gail Tishcoff
Father of Marla Tolson
Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser
Cousin of Fay Schildkraut

Week of February 14

Maryann Bluj
Donald Mendelson
Hugh O'Donnell Jr.
Sidney Person
Michael Rambo
Martyn Weston
Morris Yohay

Relative of Andrew & Elaine Larkin
Grandfather of Eric Bernstein
Grandfather of Valerie Gellerman
Father of Ruth Davidson
Father of Rachel Heisler
Grandfather of Pamela Weston Abrams
Uncle of Diane Shtulman

Week February 21

Belle Horowitz
Gertrude Horowitz
Irving Horowitz
William Leff
Myron Liebrader
Anna Pomerantz
Seymour Scharf*
Rose Shenkoff
Frances Simon
Harold Zeamans

Grandmother of Andrew Liebrader
Mother of Mitchell Horowitz
Father of Mitchell Horowitz
Father of Anne Horowitz
Father of Andrew Liebrader
Observed by Ned Steele
Husband of Miriam Scharf
Grandmother of Steve Levinsky
Mother-in-Law of Maxine Simon
Grandfather of Anne K. Pepper

Week of February 28

Morton Alperin
Tinalia Belaure
Fred Gandelman
Margot Gold
Seymour Koppelman
Samuel Lutin
Sam Ostrofsky
Sylvia Sandler
Alvin Wilichinsky

Father-in-Law of Iris Bass
4x Great Grandmother of Richard Severin
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Dinner & Dancing

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Coming Soon!

Looking forward to sharing the
celebration together!

We are preparing a journal for our 75th Gala Celebration.
Please see the Gala Journal advertising form in this issue of The Voice
to have your greeting included.

The Journal is a major fundraiser for this event. We would appreciate it if you
would share the form with your local businesses, encouraging their participation.





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FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am
2 Religious School 10:00 am Parents Association Meeting 10:00 am Men's Club Meeting 11:00 am	3 Pulpit & Ritual Committee Meeting Zoom only 7:30 pm Bowling Jib Lanes 8:30 pm	4 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	5 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Religious School Board Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm	6	7 Shabbat Service ZOOM ONLY 7:30 pm	8 Shared Musical Shabbat and Tu Bishvat Luncheon 10:00 am
9 Academy 10:00 am Religious School - Tu Bishvat Seder 10:00 am	10 Membership Committee Meeting Zoom only 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm	11 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	12 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	13 Sisterhood Book Club Zoom only 7:30 pm	14 Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm	15 Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am
16 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	17 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	18 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	19 NO HEBREW SCHOOL	20	21 Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm	22 Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am
23 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	24	25 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	26 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	27	28 Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm	

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The next Shared Shabbat will
be **Saturday, February 8**
when we will celebrate the
birthdays and anniversaries for
the month of February.



FEBRUARY

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