

The Voice

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DECEMBER

BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

PA CHANUKAH COOKING EVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

CHANUKAH-RAMA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

LIGHT FIRST CHANUKAH CANDLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

BOWLING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

CHANUKAH BINGO &

COOKIE SWAP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

BUILDING CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

JANUARY

BUILDING CLOSED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

BOWLING

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ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

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CONGREGATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHABBAT SERVICE AND

TU BISHVAT LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

SAVE
the
DATE



Chag Urim Sameach!

From the Rabbi's desk

(continued from previous column)

We'll celebrate the Festival of Lights together at our **Chanukah Shabbat Service on Friday, December 19**—a joyful, musical evening with accompanist **David Close**. Bring your **chanukiyot and candles** so we can fill our sanctuary with the radiance of shared light and song. The joy continues...join us for Chanukah Pajamakah Havdalah on Saturday, December 19 at 4:30 pm. Wear your favorite PJs as we end Shabbat with Havdalah, light the 7th candle, and enjoy some latkes and sufganiyot together. I will be reading a Chanukah story for the younger children; activities will include Chanukah crafts, games, and music.

May the lights of Chanukah inspire us to bring more warmth, compassion, and justice into our world. And may the glow of our candles illuminate not only our homes, but also the hearts of all who dwell within them.

Chag Urim Sameach—may your Festival of Lights be filled with peace and joy.

Shalom u'vrachah,

Rabbi Sharon Ballan

As we step into the month of Kislev, we once again prepare to greet the season of light. December brings the year's longest nights, when the days grow short, and the air carries the stillness of winter. In that quiet, we turn our hearts toward the flames of the Chanukah candles—small lights that have carried our people through the ages.

This year, Chanukah arrives just as the days begin to lengthen again, reminding us that renewal is always possible. Each night we add a candle, not only marking the miracle of the oil but embodying the teaching of Beit Hillel: *"We increase in holiness, but do not diminish."* Every added flame represents hope, courage, and faith that light can always grow stronger than the darkness around us.

Our tradition teaches that light is not only physical but spiritual. The glow of the *chanukiyah* calls us to nurture our own inner light—the spark of the Divine that burns quietly within each of us. In a world that can feel fractured and shadowed by uncertainty, the message of Chanukah feels especially urgent: even a single light can dispel great darkness.



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

Worship Schedule

Friday, December 5th: Shabbat Service **6:00 pm**
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Candles: Fay Schildkraut
Kiddush: Joy Bobrow

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

Friday, December 12th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Service – Reading by Matthew Cohen
Torah Portion: Vayashev
Candles: Renee Katz-Packer
Kiddush: Barry Packer

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

Friday, December 19th: Shared/School Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Miketz/Chanukah
Candles: Nancy Lothammer
Kiddush: Raymond Jasen

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

Friday, December 26th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
ZOOM ONLY Candles: Barbara Gandelman
Kiddush: Adam Gandelman

Saturday, December 27th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**



☆ *Zichrona Livracha* ☆

Ada Schwartz
Mother of Lori Kwait
Mother-in-Law of Neal Kwait
Grandmother of
Allison, Jennifer, and Matthew Kwait

From The President

To my Temple Family

I am happy to say that winter, Chanukah (and as important, Bazaar) are just around the corner!

A gentle reminder for the umpteenth time, that Bazaar is only a few days away – December 6 and 7. We need bakers, Angels (\$\$\$) as well as all hands-on deck to set up and sell at Bazaar. Beth Dulberg and Elana White continue to outdo themselves with the incredible baskets – you MUST stop by and see them, and of course purchase tickets to win, win, win!! You must be in it to win it!

The crisp, brisk chill that is in the air, reminds us that we will all soon be able to warm ourselves up with Chef Adam's butternut squash and/or mushroom barley soup (vegan this year)! Don't forget to pre-order your soup and please send in your money to buy your raffle chances!!

It is wonderful to see our Religious School and Hebrew School students, confirmation class and post-confirmation participants participate in our Shabbat Services. Your children's Religious School education should NOT end after their Bar/Bat mitzvah. Please encourage your children to continue in our Religious School and ultimately be confirmed. Everyone leads busy lives, and our children are involved in many extracurricular activities. Nonetheless, time should be made for their continued learning. In these crazy times, it is so important that our children be exposed as much and as often as possible to our wonderful history, customs and traditions.

Let's do this TBS, you know we can. Please let us know when you can volunteer at Bazaar – we really need everyone – no amount of time that you can volunteer is too little!!

I can in no way do justice to all the exciting events going on at TBS. So, for the sake of brevity let me just say "thank you all and keep up the incredible work."

My family and I hope you had a yummy Thanksgiving. We wish a very Happy Chanukah to you and your families, and a healthy and happy New Year.

Your President,
Joy A. Bobrow



Sponsor a Shabbat Service (supports Temple) or Oneg (supports Sisterhood). It's a great way to remember or honor a special person – or event!

Call the office for details...718 463 4143.

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Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!

Celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries



Vicki Belsky* *Joel Kaufman* *Miriam Scharf
Fay Schildkraut* *Diane Weiner



Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, December 5th, 2025

December Birthdays



Vicky Belsky
 Eric Bernstein
 Edward Carroscio
 Beth Dulberg
 Stacy Kroun
 Suzanne Fertig
 Max Fevola

Kathleen Flug
 Jessica Galub
 Daniel Harkavy
 Rachel Heisler
 Seth Hellman
 Joel Kaufman

Donald LaRosa
 Mikayla Lonborg
 Jonathan Reichler
 Adam Rosenberg
 Miriam Scharf
 Fay Schildkraut
 Diane Weiner



December Anniversaries



Geri Weiss & David Chenkin
 Roger & Sharon Opstbaum
 Ben & Myra Pitt



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: January/February 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 **December 15th, 2025**. Lori Lustig and Robin Myers will be handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that they will be delivered properly.



February Birthdays

Deirdre Weliky	2/05__
Stephanie Rosenberg	2/06__
Sharon Yontef	2/06__
Stuart Belsky	2/16__
Walter Costanza	2/18__
Jody Harkavy	2/23__
Steve Levinsky	2/24__
Sharon Opstbaum	2/25__
Nancy Goldwasser	2/27__



January Anniversaries

Jeannette & Steven Fishman
1/13__

February Anniversaries

Ben & Myra Pitt 2/14__

Andrea Odintz & Michael
Rosenberg
2/20__

January Birthdays

Gail Tishcoff	1/02__
Francine Klimavicius	1/05__
Diane Shtulman	1/05__
Neal Kwait	1/07__
Jan Katz	1/09__
Amy Edelstein	1/13__
Rochelle Sarrantonio	1/16__
Eric Lustig	1/18__
Maggie Berck	1/19__
Jeffrey Galub	1/24__
Karen Carroscio	1/24__
Barry Packer	1/27__



Full Name: _____

Phone # _____



Cantor's Corner



Each Friday evening, we come together for Shabbat worship. Whether in the sanctuary or from home via Zoom, we follow along through the service in the *siddur* or in the special booklet provided.

For many of us, the “signposts” of the service are the “songs” we sing. The songs/words are, in fact, prayers taken from different sacred texts. The service moves along fairly quickly, so that there may not be an opportunity for you to read the translations. What is it we’re singing about?

Let’s look at one of the texts we often sing at the beginning of the service - “*Hinei Ma Tov*”. This text appears on page 3 (among other places) in our very own *Siddur Beit Shalom*, translated as “How good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to live together.”

The “lyrics” are from the first verse of Psalm 133, and in more complete form are “*Hinei mah-tov umah na-im, shevet achim gam Yachad.*” That translates to “behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers/siblings/people to dwell/sit together in unity.”

As we know from our own experience, we often sing a musical setting of *Hinei Ma Tov* at Temple gatherings other than services. It has come to emphasize the value, pleasure and goodness of peace, unity and community.

Notice that I said that we sing a musical setting of *Hinei Ma Tov*. As I’m sure you’ve realized over the years, the words of our prayer books can be sung to many different tunes or melodies. This is a notion that we’ll explore in future columns. For now, keep in mind that any and all of these melodies sound much, much better WHEN WE ALL SING TOGETHER. I’m looking forward to doing just that on Friday evening, December 19 during the Shabbat/Chanukah Service. Start warming up those singing voices!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow



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

Contract Geri Weiss
geriweiss1@gmail.com



Fall is here. Winter is coming. Time and Mother Nature have called all our beautiful flowers back into the earth. Thank you for contributing to our colorful flowering tree this year. We look forward to the warmth of springtime to sprout new flowers and leaves!

Elana White and
Beth Dulberg

Bazaar Corner 2025

It’s almost here! **BAZAAR 2025** is right around the corner. We will open the doors on Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 pm and on Sunday, December 7 at 11:00 am.

Set-up in some rooms has already begun. If you can donate some time - no matter how much - your assistance would be greatly appreciated so that we can avoid the pressure of “crunch time” before the doors are set to open!

If you have time to give during Bazaar operating hours, please let us know - we will find a spot for you!

Joy Bobrow and Barbara Gandelman
Bazaar Co-Chairs

BAZAAR 2025



Many thanks to all of you who gave the gift of life by donating blood at our November Blood Drive.

It’s a mitzvah!

November Board of Trustees Meeting

President Joy Bobrow reported on the Rabbi's contract, as it expires at the end of June. We're now in "Bazaar mode." We have had some wonderful in-person events this past month. We should all try to attend the various in-person events as well as Shabbat Services. Temple has received a bequest from the estate of Betty Levin Zimmermann, and we received a check from Evan Cohen for the Bazaar in memory of his brother Jeff Cohen. Natalie will be sending *The Voice* to all writers for proofreading to assure all information is correct. Temple cannot underwrite the entire food bill for events, so fees must be attached to flyers with RSVP information. The Board agreed to close Temple on the day after Thanksgiving to give custodial staff the day off. October. The next food pantry is on November 18.

Meeting Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported as of October 31, our number of member units is 109, with the additions of Joseph Gandelman and Adam Rosenberg. Treasurer Charlene Metz reviewed the October Financial Report, which was approved by the Board as presented.

Rabbi Sharon Ballan reported services have been going well. The recent Men's Club Shabbat was especially well-attended. Adult Hebrew continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, except on the third Tuesday of each month, when it meets at 8:15 pm following the Healing Service. The next Healing Service will take place on Tuesday, November 18. This year's Confirmation students bring thoughtfulness and energy to every session. Introduction to Judaism now has seven participants since opening the class to the broader congregation. It meets on Mondays at 6:15 pm and has become a wonderful opportunity for learning and connection. Anyone in our community is welcome to join. Shabbat morning Torah Study meets each Saturday following services. She took a moment to speak about communication particularly with members who may need support. She relies on our community to help inform her if anyone needs her to reach out. She stated "Part of being a welcoming and caring congregation is ensuring that no one feels forgotten or alone. Each of us can play a role—by making a phone call, offering a ride, or simply sharing a kind word." Rabbi shared that she sees hospice patients at Parker Jewish Institute, which continually reminds her "of the sacred importance of presence and compassion in all we do." Cantor Jerry Korobow reported services and Religious School have been going well. David Close was with us on November 7, and will return on Friday, December 19, (Chanukah), February 6 (Board Installation), and June 5. He is waiting to find out if Maestro Close is available for the morning of January 31. Akiva (Peter) Wharton will join us on March 13 (Shabbat Across America) and May 8 (Parents Association/Religious School Shabbat) in 2026.

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Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, reported the November 21 Shabbat Service will be on Zoom only, led by Cantor and Deirdre Weliky. Eric Bernstein will be the Zoom host, as Rabbi will be attending the Big Shabbat at the Javits Center. She reported that in March, six months prior to a new Mi Shebeirach list, a request-for-donation letter will be sent – any donation will be voluntary.

Lori Lustig, Membership Committee Chair, presented Diane Janoff, Shine (Sunny) Han, with her daughter Sharon and Alicia Lawlor, with her daughter Julia. The Board unanimously approved their memberships.

Elaine Larkin, P.A. Co-President, reported on the recent Panera Bread Fundraiser and reported the annual Chanukah Zoom Cooking Event is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 pm, making vegan chocolate cupcakes from author Melinda Strauss' new kosher cookbook *Eat Jewish*. She reported that the Religious School Board discussed the newly formed Sunday School class for Pre-K through 2nd grade students being taught weekly by Geri Weiss, assisted by Karri Kaufman and Lori Lustig. Chanukarama is on Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 am.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the Election Day Rummage Sale was a great success. She thanked Adam Fertig, Joy Bobrow and all the volunteers. Book Club is on Thursday, November 20 at 7:30 via Zoom to discuss *Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki. Hybrid Bagels, Bingo and Cookie Exchange will be on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am.

Recording Secretary Gail Tishcoff reported that at the October Congregational Meeting six additional committee members were elected. The Nominating Committee (Erica Bernstein, David Chenkin, Eva Heisler Karri Kaufman, Jim Kettig, Stacy Kroun, Janet Krupit, Lori Lustig, Andrea Odintz, Fay Schildkraut and Geri Weiss) will meet Tuesday, November 18.

Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported installation of the new boiler is substantially complete but it cannot be turned on yet due to the chimney needing a new metal liner. That work should only take a couple of days. The engineers and expediter have not yet completed Building Department paperwork. We expect that to be done this week. Air conditioning, demolition of the old equipment was completed but prior to completing the work, they are waiting for a separate Work Permit required by NYC. We expect the engineers and expediter to also provide that this week. He discussed options to temporarily heat specific building areas while we wait.

Andrew Larkin, Men's Club President, reported on Bowling (Monday December 15 at 8:00 pm) and congratulated the World Series boxes winners. He thanked all who participated in the Men's Club Service. The annual Men's Club Veterans Day Breakfast took place November 9, and he thanked Eric Bernstein for organizing it. The Turkey Trot is scheduled on Friday, November 28 at 10:00 am, meeting in the Fort Totten parking lot at Little Bay Park.

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Men's Club

I would like to wish everyone Season's Greetings. I cannot believe it's the holiday season. I would like to take the time to thank everyone in the Temple Beth Shalom Community for standing tall and doing everything possible to keep our temple running. Have a happy and healthy Chanukah! I'm looking forward to a successful 2026!

On Friday, November 28, we had our annual Turkey Trot, which took place by the Fort Totten entrance to Little Bay Park. Thank you everyone who attended. I would like to thank Eric Bernstein for creating the flyer.

Our next two hybrid Men's Club Meetings will take place Sunday, December 21 and Sunday, January 11 at 11:00 am following the Parents Association Meetings. Zoom information will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Andrew Larkin
Men's Club President

Bernstein Bowling Blog

Time for our last strike of the year!

Our final bowling league night for 2025 is scheduled for Monday, December 15th at 8:00 pm.

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

Want to join us for the final evening, or become a part of the league we've been running since 2016? Send me an email at EricDBernstein@gmail.com. It is important that you e-mail me so that if there are any future changes to the schedule, you are made aware.

See you on the lanes!

Eric Bernstein

Religious School students with welcome signs emulating our forefather Abraham



Sisterhood Corner

I hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving with your family. As I took a moment to reflect on all that I have to be grateful for, my family and my Temple Family always came to mind! I am grateful that I can call Temple Beth Shalom my second home. My life would not be the same without them!

As we finish celebrating Thanksgiving, we are in full swing for another great Bazaar event. Please consider volunteering for set-up or for the event or even for both! We always appreciate all the help that we can get. The Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7. There will be vendors and booths for you to buy merchandise. There are baskets with fantastic prizes, thanks to Beth Dulberg and Elana White. Please support Temple by buying Chef Adam's soup and getting raffle tickets. Please see the flyer for more details and call the office if you can volunteer. We look forward to seeing you at this yearly fundraiser, which is so important to help our Temple.

We had a Book Club event on November 20. It was great to see so many Sisterhood members there. Our next Book Club will take place on Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 pm. Stay tuned for the next book that we will be reading.

Our Rummage Sale was once again a great success thanks to the tireless efforts of Adam "The Man" Fertig and Joy Bobrow and all the volunteers who came to help for set-up and at the day of the Rummage Sale. We raised nearly \$1,100 and Sisterhood will be donating \$2,500 to Temple. I thank each and every one of you because it could not happen without the people who volunteer.

Our Adult Discussion Group will take place on January 14 and the Women's Discussion Group will take place on March 10. I am so happy that these groups have been so successful. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her dedication to the groups and our Temple.

Our next Bagels and Bingo will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am in the ballroom. It will be an in-person event. Join us for a special Chanukah Bingo and a Sisterhood Cookie Swap. Please invite your family and friends to this fun-filled event. See the flyer for details.

I hope that you take a moment to enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones. As we say goodbye to 2025, my hope is that 2026 brings joy to you, your family and our Temple Family!

Happy New Year!

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President





TBS Parents' Association 2025 Zoom Channukah Cooking Event

Saturday, December 13, 2025 6:00 PM

RSVP to Parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org

to get the Zoom information by Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Ingredients

- 1½ cups (180 g) all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (200 g) granulated sugar
- ½ cup (50 g) unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 1 teaspoon of baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon of baking powder
 - ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup (180 g) semisweet chocolate chips, divided
 - ½ cup (120 ml) boiling water
 - ½ cup (120 ml) non-dairy milk
- ¼ cup (60 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon white vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C/gas 4) and prepare three 6-cup, 2½- inch (6.5 cm) muffin pans with paper baking liners
- 2 In a large bowl, add the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder, and salt; whisk to combine.
- 3 In a glass measuring cup, add ¼ cup (45 g) of the chocolate chips and the boiling water.
 - a. Let sit until the chocolate chips have softened, 2 to 3 minutes.
 - b. Whisk until smooth.
- 4 In a medium bowl, add the melted chocolate, milk, olive oil, vinegar, and vanilla, whisk until smooth and thick. Add the chocolate mixture to the flour mixture and whisk until smooth. Fold in ½ cup (90 g) of the chocolate chips.
- 5 Scoop ¼ cup (60 ml) of the batter into each paper liner. Top with the remaining ¼ cup (45 g) chocolate chips.
- 6 Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 15 to 18 minutes.
- 7 Let cool until the muffins can be handled for about 10 minutes, then transfer the cupcakes to a wire cooling rack to cool completely, about 1 hour. note the cupcakes can be stored at room temperature in an airtight container for up to 3 days and in the freezer for up to 3 months. makes 18 cupcakes

Adult Education

Dear Temple Members and Friends,

Thank you to all who attended the Adult Education Breakfast and a Movie featuring "Bad Shabbos."

If you missed the event—or if you enjoyed the movie and wish to share it with family and friends during the holidays—it is available on various streaming platforms.

I am currently researching events for the spring. In the meantime, I hope you and your families enjoy the Temple's upcoming fall and winter programs.

Please feel free to send any suggestions for Adult Education programs my way by contacting me at EricDBernstein@gmail.com.

Best,
Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chairman



Religious School

Greetings everyone. I hope that you're all doing well. The Religious School Board met on Wednesday, October 22. We discussed the newly formed Sunday School class for PreK-2nd grade students being taught weekly by Geri Weiss. She is being assisted by Karri Kaufman and Lori Lustig.

We are in the process of preparing for Chanuka-rama, which is being held on Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 am.

Our next Religious School Board Meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, December 17 at 8:00 pm.

Be safe, be warm and be well.

Erica Bernstein
Religious School Board Member



Our new youngest Religious School Class
learning about creation



Parents Association

Shalom to our TBS Family. We hope that you're all doing well.

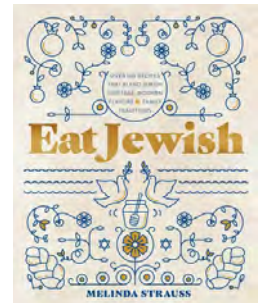
Thank you to everyone who supported the Panera Bread fundraiser we had on November 3. It is greatly appreciated. We will inform the Board how much was raised when we get that information.

For the month of December, we will be having our annual Chanukah Zoom Cooking Event on Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 pm. We will be making vegan olive oil chocolate cupcakes from author Melinda Strauss' new kosher cookbook *Eat Jewish*. Please see the flyer in The Voice and the Monday email blasts for details.

The next P.A. meeting will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am. It will be in person and on Zoom.

Be well.

Erica Bernstein
Elaine Larkin
Co-PA Presidents



Rummage

- Another successful sale! The weather was wonderful and even though fewer donations, we still did pretty darn well! Thanks to our Rummage set-up volunteers: Adam F., Barbara G., Ellen C., Eric B., Eric L., Farida R., Janet K., Jemma V., Joy B., Karri K., Raymond J., Sharon H., Sunny H., and Svetlana K. and our behind-the-scenes gal. Many thanks, too, to those who volunteered on the day of the sale: Adam F., Bonnie W., Joy B., Lori L., Stacy K., and our behind-the-scenes gal. All unsold merchandise has been donated to a veteran's organization, making lots of room for new donations over the next six months! We hope to see you all in May for our Memorial Day Sale.

RUMMAGE SALE

Temple Beth Sholom invites you to join us for
Chanukah Pajamakah Havdalah
Saturday, December 20 • 4:30–6:30 PM

Come in your comfiest pajamas and join us as
we bring in the light of Chanukah together!

Featuring:

- * Havdalah to end Shabbat
- * Chanukah candle-lighting
- * PJ Library Story Time with Rabbi Ballan
- * Fun craft project
- * Latkes, sufganiyot, and light snacks

Everyone is welcome — perfect for families with children!

\$5 per person • Free for children under 2

RSVP by December 12 • (718)463-4143 • rabbi@templebethsholom.org



Scoop's Schmooze

It was mid-afternoon on Monday, November 3, when Renee and I, traveling Route 95 North, between my old stomping grounds of Fredericksburg, Virginia, which is where my first professional endeavor happened as Mary Washington College's Sports Information Director, and our home here in Flushing, put in our daily call to my parents. This was the last leg of our journey that started the previous Thursday and took us to Charlotte, North Carolina.

In the midst of our conversation, reflecting on our previous four days, Mom and Dad proudly said that these few days were filled with us performing mitzvot. And I responded that it is just who we are, what we learned throughout our lifetimes and who we learned it from. For what we did was an honor; and, given the opportunity, I hope that everyone else would do what we did.

The main reason we initially headed to the Tar Heel state was for a memorial service for Renee's ex-mother-in-law, Joyce, who a month earlier ended her battle with cancer. And, yes, you did read our relationship with her correctly; as this was a woman, who, around winter holiday time, annually performed her own mitzvot by driving from North Carolina to New York to celebrate the joy with her family, including Renee, Ethan and, yes, me, too.

On the way down, we stopped in Elkton, Maryland to bring lunch to Viola, the soon-to-be 96-year-old mom of my most wonderful friend Larry, who sadly we lost exactly two years ago at age 57. For almost 40 years, Viola was like a second mom to me.

After lunch with Viola, and her niece and nephew, Celestine and Lorenzo, we hit the midway point and stayed the night in Fredericksburg, which is where we would also stay on the way back. Friday morning's journey brought us into Charlotte allowing us enough time to relax ahead of Saturday's memorial service for Joyce. After the service, where Renee fulfilled a family request by elegantly singing "Somewhere Over The Rainbow", we headed back to our hotel. I reached out to one of my longest-term friends, Dave, someone whose friendship dates back to kindergarten. Dave drove two hours to our hotel, and we spent a couple of hours together reminiscing and sharing deep conversations that took us to the end of our Saturday.

And while Dave and I have been friends for almost 60 years, on our way home, when we re-visited Fredericksburg, we were so fortunate to share dinner with another very special friend who we have known about one-tenth as long as I have known Dave; yet who has left a mark on the lives of not only Renee and myself, but on many people who are reading this---as we spent a wonderful few hours with TBS member Ruth Davidson.

Viola. Joyce. Dave. Ruth. While people may say what we did were mitzvot, the impact that these people have had on our lives were performing mitzvot in their own right. While a mitzvah is life's easiest task to accomplish, it is also the most meaningful.

Barry Packer
Ways & Means Chairman

November Board of Trustees

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Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported several get-well cards were sent and some touch-base calls were made. The Women's Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

Gail Tishcoff, Blood Drive Chair, reported there are already more than 15 people scheduled for the November 23 Drive. She will be meeting with Janet Krupit and Joe deLeon to make recruitment calls. Geri Weiss, Lori Lustig, and Joe deLeon said they will try to be available to man the Drive from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm after Gail leaves. The code to credit your donation if you give elsewhere is #11320.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported the 75th Anniversary press release should be done soon. He is reaching out to new vendors for competing in next year's Chicken Soup Cook-Off and for raffle prize donations.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported there was a great turnout for the recent "Bad Shabbos" movie. It is available on different streaming platforms. He is working on events for the spring.

Bazaar Committee Co-Chair Joy Bobrow reported on Bazaar 2025 (the first weekend of December– Saturday evening, December 6 - 5:30pm to 9:30 pm and Sunday, December 7 - 11:00 am -7:00 pm.) At least five vendors are lined up and they are still trying to get more. Please pre-order your soup and buy your "raffles." She reported on the food line-up. The committee needs help setting up our booths and volunteering at Bazaar. We need a new chairperson for clothing – please consider helping Temple and offer to chair that booth. Beth Dulberg and Elana White have been "working like demons" on the baskets. She thanked Barry for already getting loads of gift cards and special items for the baskets. Attendees will be informed that bags are subject to search. Joe deLeon of the Security Team reported there will be security measures in place during the Bazaar. Joy added the NYPD 109 Pct. has been notified and if possible requested police presence.

Good and Welfare was shared. The Rabbi and Cantor were excused from the meeting. The Board was advised that a renewed contract for the Rabbi will need to be negotiated and presented at the January Congregational Meeting for ratification. Motion was raised that the Contract Committee meet with Rabbi Ballan to negotiate with her to retain her as Rabbi. Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary



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Week of December 5

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 Leila Miller Cousin of Lillian Tandatnick
 Max Weiss Grandfather of Geri Weiss
 Paul Woliner Father of Susan Ecker

Week of December 12

Sadie Adler Observed by Temple
 Paul Edelstein Grandfather of Amy Edelstein
 Irving Fertel Father of Maxine Simon
 Pearl Fradkin Mother of Andrew Fradkin
 Louis Glanz Grandfather of Robin Myers
 Constance Hofer Mother-in-Law of Carol Hofer
 Ida Kaiser Mother of Linda Fuentes
 Isidore Katz Husband of Rose Katz
 Father of Renee Katz-Packer
 Friend of Lillian Tandatnick
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 Alice Shapiro Father-in-Law of Maxine Simon
 Bernard Simon Mother of Michael Susman
 Elaine Susman Daughter of Herta Tishcoff
 Carol Tishcoff Sister of Gail Tishcoff

Week of December 19

Stanley Belsky Father of Stuart Belsky
 William Bruckner Brother of Herta Tishcoff
 Uncle of Gail Tishcoff
 Bernard Kwait Father of Neal Kwait
 Tyrell Mastropaolo Brother of Norma Benvenuto
 Louis Scharf Brother-in-Law of Miriam Scharf
 Flora Stein Grandmother of Karri Kaufman
 Dr. Barry Weiner Brother of Diane Weiner

Week of December 26

Rosita Alexander Grandmother of Larry Gold
 Joseph Attar Father-in-Law of Michele Attar
 Walter Bullock Grandfather of Nancy Lothammer
 Gladys Bamberger Mother of Fran Goldman
 Arlene Cavallo Stepmother of Barbara Gandelman
 Jules Gillin Father of Marchel Gillin
 Greg Hofer Husband of Carol Hofer
 Kathy Kamen Sister of Jody Harkavy
 Max Kupferberg Observed by Temple
 Lillian Morris Aunt of Pamela Weston Abrams
 Eva Myers Grandmother of Ron Myers
 Silvia Weiner Mother of Reva Hollander

Week of January 02

Jack Attar Husband of Michele Attar
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 Gertrude Farber Mother of Dorothy Rosenberg
 Grandmother of Eric Rosenberg
 Hyman Feirberg Father of Lynn Goldenstein
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	<p>1</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism Zoom only 6:15 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 6:00 pm</p> <p>Pizza Dinner 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p> <p>BAZAAR 2025 5:30 – 9:30 pm</p>
<p>7</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>BAZAAR 2025 11:00 am – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism 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>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</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>P.A. Chanukah Baking Zoom only 6:00 pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Religious School Chanukah-rama 10:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation class 10:00 am</p> <p>Light first Chanukah candle</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism Zoom only 6:15 pm</p> <p>Bowling Jib Lanes 8:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 8:15 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p> <p>Religious School Board Meeting via Zoom only 8:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Shared Religious School Chanukah/ Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p> <p>Chanukah Pajamaka & Havdalah 4:30 pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Religious School 10:00 am</p> <p>P.A. Meeting hybrid 10:00 am</p> <p>Sisterhood Bingo & Cookie Exchange 10:00 am</p> <p>Men's Club Meeting hybrid 11:00 am</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO ADULT HEBREW CLASS</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>28</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NO ADULT HEBREW CLASS</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>			

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