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# Newsletter

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### Services and events

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| April 2  | Passover – 1 <sup>st</sup> Seder   |
| April 3  | Passover – Temple <i>Sholom</i> Community Seder                          |
| April 6  | <i>Shabbat</i> Service 8pm – no dinner (note this change for April only) |
| April 13 | <i>Shabbat</i> Service, 8:00 PM  |
| April 14 | <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Julie Weinstock - 10AM                             |
| April 15 | <i>Yom HaShoah</i> Community Service 7:15PM at Bellerose Jewish Center   |
| April 20 | <i>Shabbat Torah</i> Service, 8:00 PM                                    |
| April 21 | Service and <i>Torah</i> Study, 10 AM                                    |
| April 27 | <i>Shabbat</i> Service, birthday blessings, 8 PM                         |

(See the calendar for our complete schedule – **Adult Yoga** on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm, *Leisure Club*)

### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Marty and I went to Philadelphia for a quick, overnight "vacation" at the end of February. We went to see the *Tutankhamun* exhibit at the Franklin Institute. *Tutankhamun* was the boy king of Egypt who died a mysterious death at a young age. He was born into the tumultuous time of his father's rejection of multiple Egyptian deities for a monotheistic god and his own reclaiming of that hierarchical divinity. His father's god was not the God of Israel, but one that was already part of the Egyptian pantheon. Interestingly, given the time period (14<sup>th</sup> century BCE), our ancestors were probably in servitude during these events. We also saw a complementary exhibit of this historic period at the *University of Pennsylvania Museum of Art and Archeology*.

We took another couple with us, our cousins, and had a lovely time despite the snow that fell that Sunday. On Monday we went to the Jewish Museum of Philadelphia and lunched with former congregants who live in the area. We met them at my first rabbinic job after ordination, and they are dear friends.

Not only did we learn history and admire the artifacts at the exhibits, though we did not think they compared to the *Tutankhamun* exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the late '70s, but I came away with the realization that so many of you are privy to. Marty and I had the luxury of time to visit a place, and to see friends, rather easily. Now, I can really appreciate that with Marty's retirement, and my

schedule, this whole "new world" is open to us. Like so many of you, we have the leisure to be with friends and family during the day and not just cram them in after work. It is indeed sweet to have the time for those one wishes to be with, for this adds wholeness and balance and joy to our lives.

As I always urge you to think Jewishly in your secular life, you will want to know that in doing the above you are acting on a principle of our heritage. You know the word *shalom* means peace, hello, goodbye. But the word *shalom* actually comes from the word *shalem* to be whole. We need to work toward our own wholeness and fullness of body and spirit and to foster that in others

As you read this, *pesach* is a few days away. This is a major holiday on our calendar and the time when many families make sure they gather for *seder*. Incorporated into the *hagaddah* are these words: I will send you *Elijah* the prophet, and he will turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents...(Malachi 3: 23-24). I would like us to extend that idea so that we work to open our hearts to all our family and friends and help each of them realize *shalem*, the totality of their own potential.

*Keyn y'hi ratzon*, this is God's will and may we work toward that day.

A *zeesen pesach*, *Chag pesach kasher v'samayach* - a wonderful *pesach* to all of you.

***Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker***

On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Julie Weinstock will declare herself *Bat Mitzvah*. By custom, she becomes an adult in the household of Israel as we, her congregational family, bear witness. Therefore please plan on attending this milestone event in the life of our congregation.

If you need to reach Rabbi Becker in an emergency you can call her at: 212 865-5050. **Do not set the time of a funeral, at which you want her to officiate, before contacting her.**

On the third Saturday morning of each month at 10am, we have an informal service, followed by a sweet *kiddush* and we continue with *Torah* study. You don't have to know Hebrew for these sessions to learn and enjoy *Torah*. You are cordially invited to join us.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

After the horrific snow, sleet and ice storm of Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the sun finally came out in preparation of Sisterhood's breakfast that Sunday, an event that everyone present thoroughly enjoyed. A full report is on another page of this Newsletter.

Despite the unwelcomed arctic blast we have experienced, Spring is still making its way for all to enjoy. Passover will be here and our Community Seder, the second night, is an occasion to be enjoyed and shared by members and guests. Be sure to call the office to make your reservation.

One of the major annual events at Temple is our end-of-the-year Journal and the accompanying social, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. With our usual chairperson, Maxine, unable at this time to render her excellent leadership of this special day, it behooves all of us to join in bringing this together. Suggestions as to what type of celebration should we have - where shall it be held - who will be our honoree are most welcomed. Of course, the solicitation for ads to the Journal is of vital importance, it being the main source of funds for the year. Literature will be forthcoming shortly elaborating on the procedure for obtaining ads. Volunteers to help bring the project to a fruitful conclusion are urgently needed. Call Dawn in the office, or call me at home, 718-343-4239, if you can help in any way, or have a recommendation.

*Sholom,*  
Ruth Gerver

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

This is in your hands as we celebrate *pesach, haz'man v'simchat herutainu*, the

season and the joy of our freedom. We had our school *seder* and have been preparing our students for participation in their home *seders*. Please call upon your children to share their knowledge at your table. Reinforce what we do in class; let your child show off his or her pride in our heritage.

We are looking forward to our final Saturday morning program on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am and the school trip on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. **Please *rsvp* to me for each of these events.** I cannot finalize the May 6<sup>th</sup> trip until I know you are coming.

Rabbi Becker 212 865-5050 [rskb@aol.com](mailto:rskb@aol.com)

***Pesach* is coming soon! Our congregational family will observe second night *seder* on Tuesday, April 3rd. \$36 per adult/\$18 for post *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, pre *Bat/Bar Mitzvah* FREE. Call Dawn at the Temple office to make a reservation.**

## SISTERHOOD

Our breakfast on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> was a big success and was attended by over 40 people who braved the cold and the snow to hear Dr. Sally Drucker's program, "Will the real Jewish mother please stand up?" Dr. Drucker's discussion of the Jewish mother throughout the ages was informative and entertaining. The film and audio clips used enhanced the program and there were many a tear shed listening to Sophie Tucker's rendition of "My *Yiddishe* Mama". The food was delicious and a good time was had by all.

Karla Osuna  
Sisterhood Representative, for  
Dale, Gerty & Maxine, Sisterhood Co-Pres.

Sisterhood would like very much to thank the following Sisterhood Ladies for working on the Friday Night *Onegs* during the past months:

Shelley Bearak, Dale Demner, Harriet Dubow, Hermine Elias, Dacia Horowitz, Karla Osuna, Mae Rossin, Joan Schuster, Trudy Strominger. We would also like to thank anyone else who has come into the kitchen to help. We could use more help and if you'd like to help please call Gerty Wolf.

Thank you in advance.

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**ONEG:**

Mae Rossin 718-359-0297  
Dale Demner 718-343-8037

The *Oneg* on April 20<sup>th</sup> will be sponsored by Stan and Ann Strauss in honor of their wedding anniversary and in memory of the people of *Kolin*, Poland.

The *Oneg* on March 30<sup>th</sup> was sponsored by Raymond Hensen in loving memory of his wife, Beverly, the mother of Judy, David, and Gail.

**Sponsoring an *Oneg Shabbat* is really easy. Just call Dale Demner at 1-718-343-8037 and pick a *Shabbat* date. Share your *simcha* with all your friends at the Temple. The cost is \$50 (without a sheet cake). The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$35.**

The flowers on the Bima on March 23<sup>rd</sup> were donated by Sam, Mae, and Douglas Rossin in honor of the birthdays of Hermine Elias, Lawrence Abraham, Molly Rogers, Dale Demner and Dawn Rose, our great office secretary.

"May you all celebrate many more birthdays in health and happiness - and also get well wishes to Maxine Baden."

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**Reminder: Our *Yom HaShoah* Community service is *Sunday April 15th at 7:15pm* at Bellerose Jewish Center. You can be listed as a sponsor in the service booklet for \$18. Please get your checks (made out to Bellerose Jewish Center) to our Temple Office as soon as possible.**

In observance of *Pesach* the **Temple Office will be closed** on Tuesday April 3rd and Wednesday April 4th and Monday April 9th. Dawn Rose, Temple office secretary, will be away April 5-11.

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**NEQJCC**

NEQJCC LEGISLATIVE FORUM 2007 at The Samuel Field Y, SUNDAY, APRIL 22 at 9:30 AM

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Please send me your e-mail addresses (if you haven't done so yet), for our mailing list.

Thank you Annette



**HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO...**

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| Harold Abramowitz | Maxine Baden  |
| Jerome Furst      | Rose Geringer |
| Danielle Jacobs   | Lori Kisting  |
| David Kramer      | Vicki Nieter  |
| Junko Savage      | Jessica Sher  |
| Andrew Spiegelman | Anne Sundack  |
| Marc Turin        |               |

**HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY TO...**

- Debbie & Harold Abramowitz
- Rabbi and Marty Becker
- Bernard & Lorraine Bragin
- Mollie & William Rogers
- Harvey & Joan Schuster
- Ann & Stan Strauss

(If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know)

**YAHRZEIT DONATIONS**

**In Memory of:**

**Remembered by:**

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Sarah Goldman       | Hermine Elias              |
| Ethel Brooks        | Karla & Orlando Osuna      |
| Max Smith           | Fran B. Smith              |
| Beverly Hensen      | Hensen-Weiss-Diorio Family |
| Max & Mabel Smith   | Jessica Sher               |
| Irving Jacob Demner | Dale & Jerry Demner        |
| Julius Hensen       | Hensen Family              |
| Charles Greis       | Gus Greis                  |

***If your Yahrzeit donation was received after we went to press, it will be included in the next issue.***

### GENERAL FUND

- Donation from Nat & Florence Ginsberg for Maxine Baden's return to good health and complete recovery
- Donation from Nat & Florence Ginsberg in memory of Henry Stein, father of Joanne Haiby

### SISTERHOOD ONEG FUND

- Donation from Hermine Elias and Philip Kaplan in honor of March Birthdays. (March 23<sup>rd</sup> *Oneg*)
- Donation from Ruth Gerver, who is grateful for her granddaughter Joelle's speedy recovery. (March 9<sup>th</sup> *Oneg*)

### LARRY WOLF FUND

- Donation from Marion P. Suekoff and Alan Suekoff in memory of Jack Snyder

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Donation from Raymond Hensen and family in loving memory of Beverly Hensen.
- Donation from Phil Kaplan in honor of the birthdays of Eric Rosenthal, Hermine Elias, and Sam Rossin
- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Rabbi Jodi Cohen-Gavarian on her appointment to Temple Israel in Miami
- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Gary Savage for his excellent temple newsletters
- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Dawn Rose for her first-rate public relations abilities

### BUILDING FUND

- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Annette & Mel Gerard for their faithful service over the decades

- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Bill & Mollie Rogers for their dedication to our Temple over the years

### GERARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Marty Becker for his quiet, helpful assistance in so many ways
- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin in honor of Sam & Mae Rossin, cheerful givers and helpers behind the scenes

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### EXTRA!! EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

There are Hollywood Scouts trying to get to sign up our Wonderful! Marvelous! Purim Shpiel Production at the Temple on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. If you missed this Fabulous Purim Feature, directed by our own Top Director, Rabbi Becker, and the Religious School Students, Emily Butera, Nathaniel Greene, Mathew Greene, Ryan Schwickrath, Adam Strominger and Julie Weinstock.

They were joined by our own Songsters Karla & Orlando Osuna, Dave & Mark Rand, and Barbara Fleisher who sang and accompanied them on the guitar. The *Purim* songs were delightful, the words told the story of *Purim* with leading parts, *Mordecai*, *Esther* & *Haman* all put to the tunes of current musical hits such as No *Purim* Like Our *Purim* (No Business Like Show Business) Now That I Know You (Getting to Know You) You Go *Esther* (Hello Dolly) and many other tunes.

We didn't have any Oscars to give to our entertainers, they never arrived from the "Gold Mine Sculptures", they were too busy with the Oscars. Everyone enjoyed the Pizza and *Hamentashen* and goodies supplied

by Sisterhood. Sorry for the folks who missed it.

If we're lucky, maybe we can ask for a return engagement NEXT *PURIM!*

Watch your local Newsletter for details - *Purim* 2008.

**Temple Member Murray Leff, Published Author**

Murray Leff, member of Temple *Sholom* for over 50 years is having his book published. Called "**Lens of an Infantryman**", it features photos he took of front line infantry action during WWII. As a soldier in General Patton's Third Army, he saw action as a rifleman in Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge and the conquest of Germany. With a camera hidden under his field jacket he took over 100 pictures which have never been published before. Ask your local librarian to get the book. The publisher is: **McFarland & Company, Inc.** Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640

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**IS YOUR CHILD IN TEMPLE SHOLOM'S RELIGIOUS SCHOOL? ARE YOU CONSIDERING SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SLEEP-AWAY SUMMER CAMP?**

If your child is in the Temple's Religious School, and you expect to send him or her away to summer sleep-away camp oriented toward Reform Judaism, then the **TEMPLE SHOLOM GERARD CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND** may be able to help financially.

There are criteria to be followed for any prospective applicant. If you are interested, please contact Mel Gerard, through the Temple office for details and

an application. Completed applications should be turned in by May 15, 2007.

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**NORC-WOW News**

*NORC Support Group meetings in the Social Hall, also arthritis exercise classes - see the calendar for the complete schedule.*

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**A Reminder!**

Memorialize your loved ones by putting up a bronze *yahrzeit* plaque on our memorial board in the sanctuary. In this beautiful way your loved ones will be remembered by you, and the *yahrzeit* will be recognized each year at services by the Rabbi.

You will be notified in advance of the anniversary date each year, so that you may attend.

The price of each engraved plaque is \$150. If you desire a 24-inch plaque at the bottom of the board, the cost will be \$1000.

For further information on any plaques call Harriet Peaceman at (718) 343-6444

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**Phone Squad List**

To all congregants: Our e-mail communication list is now in place. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL DAILY. All those who haven't given me their e-mail address will get a phone call.

Annette: 718-347-1965

**The Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 20th. Leave all contributions in the Newsletter mailbox or email to [newsletter@templesholom.info](mailto:newsletter@templesholom.info) THANK YOU, Gary Savage**

If you have Internet access and can read the newsletter on your computer instead of getting a copy via the post office, send a note to [newsletter@templesholom.info](mailto:newsletter@templesholom.info) and we will e-mail you when the newsletter is ready. It will save us time, printing costs, and postage.

**Bring in your used inkjet and laser cartridges - all brands. It's an easy fundraiser. Our recycler, Cartridge World at 2052 Hillside Avenue, pays us for each cartridge.**

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Please call the Temple on the first of each month if you want to keep a name(s) on the "get-well-list" recited at Friday services. Names are listed for one month only and are not carried over. Call at any time to add names.

NOTE: The *mishebeirach* list is published each week in our *Shabbat* service booklet. Please be sure any name(s) you list may be made public.

If you would like to add a name to be read publicly but prefer to keep the identity unknown, you can submit the name in Hebrew e.g., *Yitzhak ben Avraham v'Sarah*. In this way the name can be said publicly but the identity will remain private.

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**Sisterhood's Ongoing Mitzvah Projects** -- Please bring in any old eyeglasses. Sisterhood is continuing to send them on to needy people through *New Eyes for the Needy* a non-profit, volunteer organization. Since its founding in 1932, New Eyes has helped over 7 million poor people by recycling used glasses overseas and purchasing new prescription eyeglasses for needy Americans. Please also bring in old watches, broken costume jewelry, single earrings, pins, broken necklaces. These are used for many different projects for handicapped workers. Ask your friends and relatives for any of these items. There is a container for these

objects on the magazine rack in the Social Hall. Our grateful thanks to all who have been putting used eyeglasses and miscellaneous jewelry into the container.

If you have small shampoos, lotions, shower caps, mouthwash that you get from hotels and your other travels, could you bring them to Temple? There is a box marked for these items. Gerty Wolf will take these items to the Ronald McDonald House for the children and their families. Thank you in advance.

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**Clothes Needed** for needy families - distributed to the community by the Jewish Community Council of Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Clothes must be clean and put in plastic bags or, if they are on hangers, they can be distributed that way. Please do not make the bags too heavy to handle. No shoes.

Please call Charles Fine (Gerty Wolf's friend) at 718-225-4272. He will make arrangements to deliver them to Brooklyn. Thank you.

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**Remember - Rechargeable Batteries** should not go into the trash - they should go to battery recycling. You can bring them to the battery recycling box in the Temple office. Regular batteries are no longer made with dangerous chemicals and can go into the regular trash.

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