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Friday, Aug 07      8pm *Shabbat* service  
Friday, Aug 14      8pm *Shabbat* service  
Friday, Aug 21      8pm *Shabbat* service  
Friday, Aug 28      8pm *Shabbat* service

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, Roni and I were invited out to a small dinner celebration and we were told by the couple hosting the dinner that it would be a small, intimate gathering and that we would know everyone there except for one person we had never met, but we may have heard something about. As the date grew closer, we learned some additional details of this person's life, but what intrigued me was how he turned his life around after being convicted of armed robbery and sentenced to a stretch in prison when he was a young man.

When this heretofore unknown guest arrived at the table, we were introduced, and because this person is Jewish I was introduced as the President of our Temple which immediately got a reaction from the just seated guest.

"Very tough job" the guest remarked with a knowing smile but then asked the question that almost everyone asks when they hear the surname Trolio, "So how did that happen?"

Being seated at the far end heads of a long table we started to talk with our voices barely able to wade through the unrelated conversations of the seated guests until we found ourselves leaning so far forward that we were likely blocking the view of those seated adjacent to us. "So how is your Temple doing?" the guest asked and sensing my chagrin when I said, "Not so good... we can't seem to find a Rabbi..." he got up, walked down to where I was seated and he pulled up a chair.

"So tell me what happened with your last few Rabbis?" the guest inquired as if to get some insight as to the root cause of why I seemed to angry and upset in almost equal parts. "It seemed like they didn't know what we wanted..." I said trying to summarize a complex situation into a clear and concise description, "maybe we should have spelled out what we wanted more clearly in our contract, even we thought

it was clear and our attorney thought it was clear... and doesn't the Congregation get to determine the way it wants to worship anyway?"

That elicited a mild chuckle from the guest. "I don't even have a contract where I am now", the guest said with a sense of accomplishment, "I told them that if they do not like what I am doing, they should just fire me. The successful Rabbis I've known seem to be able to give the congregation what they want and need as they provide spiritual leadership... the 'my way or highway' approach never seems to work."

"You should be able to find a Rabbi, especially now..." the guest continued in a voice that trailed off as if thinking of a way to help ease my consternation...

"We can get a Rabbi", I replied almost defiantly, "But I think, and I am hoping our committee thinks that we should be looking for someone special... Someone that doesn't look at this as a business... someone who won't take a 'my way or the highway' approach with our congregation because we won't stand for it any more... someone who feels like they have been called to be a Rabbi; maybe a holy person or someone more spiritual... the first round of interviews felt like the Gong Show because if the Rabbi mentioned the word business, and a lot of them did... they should have been gonged right out of there..."

With that, thankfully, the guest robustly chuckled at that characterization as I was beginning to feel that I could have talked on that subject uninterrupted until at least closing time or possibly until breakfast the next day.

"I have been told that the term 'called' is used only by Catholics to describe priests", I continued once the guest's chuckling subsided.

"There's nothing wrong with having a calling... you could use inspired or moved if you want, but called works..." the guest said confidently. "During my time as a guest of the State of New York, I felt like I was called or inspired to turn my life around, to go to school... to sing... go back to school to do what I do now... called may not just be a Catholic thing..." as the guest's voice trailed off queuing up the next question.

"What does the Committee think?" the guest asked. I said that many in the committee thought that what I was after may no longer exist. Some thought that being a Rabbi may be nothing more than just another career to most... nothing loftier; nothing holier; nothing more spiritual... being a Rabbi is just like working at anything else. I went on to tell the guest that if that were actually true for all Rabbis, I would be more upset than I am now and that this whole experience has possibly been the most painful I have had as President of our Congregation.

After the guest filled me in on some of the extraordinary things that happened to him during 68 years of life, my sense was that he was warming up some words of inspiration, some words of encouragement. The tales that he told were of life

altering events which switched this guest's life from moments of great darkness into the light of life's rich pageantry.

"Don't give up trying to find your type of Rabbi, Paul" the guest firmly encouraged, "they do exist... the certainly do exist... you will find one..."

With those words we both got up; Roni joined me as the three of us stood together waiting to say good-bye.

"It was great meeting you, Rabbi", as the guest hugged Roni and me as if we were old friends. Roni and I are now new friends of the guest, Rabbi Michael Weisser, formerly a Cantor and someone who many of you already know.

Shalom,  
Paul

### News from the Temple Office

**Friday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>**, following Shabbat service, an Oneg Shabbat was held to thank Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker and Marty Becker for their spiritual guidance these many years and wish them a future filled with God's blessings. Phil Kaplan supplied a beautiful fruit platter, Dawn Oakley and Robin Spiegelman generously contributed towards this event and Sisterhood provided everyone with the Rabbi's favorite . . . a delicious chocolate cake.

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. . . Not only did the sun finally break through outdoors, our Social Hall radiated with happiness, pride, nostalgia, old friends and new promises. Our annual Journal Luncheon, this year in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was well attended by Temple members, NORC officials and political dignitaries. Tribute was paid to Stan and Ann Strauss for their many years of devotion to Temple Sholom and Stan and Michelle graciously shared some of Ann's talents with us, which decorated the room. NORC WOW, a program of the Samuel Field Y, was also honored and awarded a plaque for their services and programs available to the Seniors living in our community.

**Good and Welfare** - Many of our members ~parents and grandparents alike~ enjoyed many personal celebrations. There were a myriad of graduations ranging from Nursery School through College. Roni & Paul Trolio's son, Mitchell became engaged to Liz Ocana, Sue & Richie Blum's granddaughter received her Hebrew name, Dacia Horowitz and family celebrated her mom's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Joel Friedland became a grandfather for the second time this year, a granddaughter, Arianna Matilda, thanks to daughter Alyssa and son-in-law Dave Cary. Mazel Tov to all . . .

Members attending Shabbat services during the month of July were privileged to experience a diversity of lay readers; Stan Strauss, Nat Ginsberg, Dennis Baltuch, Mae & Sam Rossin and Barbara and Fred Fleisher. The beautiful voices of Orlando Osuna and

Barbara Fleisher led the congregation in song. To all, thank you so much for making Shabbat even more special.

Roni & Paul Trolio hosted a beautiful Oneg Shabbat on July 10th in honor of Ruth Gerver's birthday. To add to the festivities Ruth's family surprised her when they joined the celebration. Happy Birthday to Ruth and many, many more.

And now for a BIG oops, and an even BIGGER apology! In our last newsletter we inadvertently mentioned Selma Leff was on the mend after breaking her foot . . . the problem was Selma never broke her foot - it was Esther Printz. While Selma enjoyed the many "get-well" telephone calls from our members, and Esther thought it was such a "coincidence" they both had the same injury, we were fortunate they both handled the snafu with grace and humor. Thanks, ladies we appreciated your laughs.

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Share your news with us - call the Temple office or e-mail us at [TempleSholom263@aol.com](mailto:TempleSholom263@aol.com). We will be happy to include your information in our next newsletter.

We are updating the Yahrzeit book and ask you to please submit any names we may have omitted this year, or to include new names and dates for listing.

Once again we are asking for current contact information, i. e., e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers. It is important we be able to reach you as quickly as possible in case of an emergency.

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**Happy Birthday to...**

Jonathan Blum	Susan Blum	Alyssa Friedland	Stan Strauss
Annette Gerard	Raymond Henson	Hannah Kormas	
Harriet Peaceman	Esther Printz	Dede Silverston	
Ryan Schwickrath	Alex Turin	Arlene Yarwood	

**Happy Anniversary to...**

Richard & Susan Blum  
Florence & Nathaniel Ginsberg  
Peter & Lori Kisting  
Murray & Selma Leff  
Gary & Junko Savage

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

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Abe and I would like to thank everyone for the many get-well telephone wishes and visits during his recent hospitalization. Abe is back home and feeling much better. He claims the chicken soup I made him was responsible for his quick recovery. So much for the advances in modern medicine!

Hannah

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My sincere thanks to Roni and Paul, and to all my Temple friends who joined in to make my birthday celebration so special!

Ruth Gerver

DONATIONS to GENERAL FUND

- Ruth Gerver In honor of the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the new Temple Sholom
- Ruth Gerver In celebration of the engagement of Roni and Paul Trolio's son, Mitchell to Liz
- Dacia Horowitz To wish Wilma Davis good health
- Florence & Nat Ginsberg In honor of Stan Strauss, a devoted friend of Temple Sholom
- Florence & Nat Ginsberg A speedy recovery and good health to:  
Matthew Printz; David Kramer; Peter Kisting  
Selma Leff; Susanne Greis; Esther Printz
- Florence & Nat Ginsberg Congratulations and best wishes on your Simcha to:  
Abe and Hanna Kormas - in honor of Elise's marriage to Matt Tobler  
Sue & Richie Blum - in celebration of the arrival of their granddaughter, Emma Brooke
- Dawn Oakley Oneg Shabbat for Rabbi Becker
- Roy Weitz Congratulations on Temple Sholom's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Robin Spiegelman Oneg Shabbat for Rabbi Becker

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	In Memory Of	Remembered by	In Memory Of
Harold Peterfreund	Edna Natkowitz	Robert Printz	Arthur Printz
Abraham family	Betty Abraham	Esther Printz	Sophie Goldstein
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Ruth Gerver	Harry Tenser	Maxine Baden and family	Joseph Laufer
Harold Peterfreund	Shirley Peterfreund	Alice Gilgoff	Henry Gilgoff
Rosalind Rosenkrantz	Sol Berkowitz	The Dubows	Bernard Frommer
Michael Rosenkrantz	Sylvia Rosenkrantz		
<b>LARRY WOLF MEMORIAL FUND</b>			
Gerty Wolf & Family	Ruth Weisser	Gerty Wolf Family	Bob Wolf



# In Remembrance

## **August 8 – August 15**

Frank Luben  
Simon Goldenberg  
John Price  
Adolph Blumberg  
Meyer Gellman  
Joseph Holzman  
Isac Sher  
Rose Breslin  
Emma Goldfluss  
Maxwell H. Samuels  
Victor Fidler  
Estelle Schoenberg  
Blanche Levy

## **August 30 – Sept. 5**

Isadore Goldberg  
Sherman S. Paur  
Irving Broder  
Ida Peaceman  
Cary Silverston  
Matthew D. Peaceman  
Charles Lobl  
Bessie Abramowitz  
Mel Gerard  
Louis Wickstein  
Bessie Kravitz

## **Sept. 20 – Sept. 26**

Maurice Bookbinder  
Anne Weinstein  
Rose Farber  
Leonard Freed  
Ben Kaplan

## **August 16 – August 22**

Lena & Julius Israel  
David Klein  
Rebecca Harik  
Herb Simon  
Edward Wool  
Harry Fink  
Solomon Stone  
Jack Urban  
Leonard Laufer  
Senta Mahler  
Augusta Stark  
Max Weisser

## **Sept. 6 – Sept. 12**

Rose Tenenbaum  
Phillip Wasser  
Pauline Wolf  
Esther Pulver  
Wolf Fernbacher  
Michael Fischer  
Sidney Slive  
Murray Schoenberg  
Sheila Goldfluss  
Bertram Berger

## **Sept. 27 – October 3**

Julia Asch  
Rose Goldberg  
Esther Nagler  
Debra Crayne  
Albert Judas  
Bernard Wigdor  
Dorothy Levine  
Anna Sheinbach  
Rae Weiner  
Julius Klein  
Morris Sheingold  
Samuel Grossman  
Henry Friedman  
Jennie Ullman

## **August 23 – August 29**

Louis Gwirtman  
Patti Geringer Gelman  
Leonard C. Holzer  
Herman Cohen  
Leo Fischer  
Harry Sundack  
Ida B. Marnay  
Sol Farber  
Marstella Unger  
Syd Wayne  
Goldie Rogoff Green  
David Wagman

## **Sept. 13 – Sept. 19**

Arthur Haas  
Bessie Saffner  
Sidney Grossman  
Rose Lebowitz  
Helene F. Alfieri  
Benjamin Katz  
Herb Roth  
Esther Grossman  
Victoria Seinfeld

The Deadline for the next Newsletter is Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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 unless you call. 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 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 made public but the identity will remain private.



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