

Feb 2008 **Newsletter** *Shevat/Adar 5768*

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### Services and Events

Friday, Feb. 1 *Shabbat* service 6:30PM, Dinner 7:30pm

Friday, Feb. 8 *Shabbat* service 8pm

Sunday, Feb. 10 Adult Ed. Program 10am

Friday, Feb. 15 *Shabbat Torah* service 8pm

Saturday, Feb. 16 *Shabbat* service followed by *Torah* study 10am

Friday, Feb. 22 *Shabbat* service 8pm

Friday, Feb. 29 *Shabbat* Healing service 8pm

### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Between Dec. 10 and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> I was in San Diego attending the 69<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Union for Reform Judaism, the Biennial Convention. As the program book says: I studied, worshipped (with 5000 other Reform Jews!), learned and laughed.

Marty and I arrived early in the week to visit with family on the West Coast and were thoroughly relaxed and ready for little sleep, lots of workshops and late night entertainment - all hallmarks of a Biennial - when the convention began.

One morning I attended a worship service for "women only" held concurrent to the "men only" one in the next room. This service in *kol isha*, the voice of a woman, was filled with readings and thoughts chosen by my female colleagues for their special appeal. It was a moving service.

I found interesting the workshop and materials on Sacred Aging, responding to the longevity revolution among the population at large and among Reform Jews. As a "baby boomer" myself I am part of how we will view the "new" older adult (pamphlet: Sacred Aging, URJ).

From the many informational booths, I took material on DNA testing for potential wedding couples; however this may be of interest to all of us given the strides scientific discovery is making.

Marty and I also visited the many vendors of Judaica who are always present at the Biennial.

I studied with scholars of Reform Judaism. My Rabbinic Alumni Association hosted Dr. Reuven Firestone on "Religion, Culture, Nationalism and Violence: A Crisis of Identity among Muslims and Jews in the Middle East and West.

Marty and I saw and heard actor Michael J. Fox as he was honored with a Maurice N. Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award for his work to develop a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

We attended the presentation and panel discussion, *Of Supreme Importance: The Roberts Court, Fundamental Freedoms and the American Jewish Community*. An outstanding law professor from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law-Boalt Hall, Goodwin Liu, whose primary areas of expertise are constitutional law, education policy, civil rights, and the Supreme Court joined Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the lobbying arm of Reform Judaism located in Washington, DC for this program. Rabbi Saperstein, who is also an attorney, teaches seminars in First Amendment, Church-State Law and Jewish Law at Georgetown University Law School.

I had a wonderful lunch with women colleagues sponsored by the Women's Rabbinic Network (WRN) that featured the co-editors of the newly published *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*. These scholars taught from the new book and introduced us to its possibilities for usage.

I attended a forum entitled: *Progressive Religion Speaks to our Nation's Toughest Moral Dilemmas*. Rabbi David Saperstein presented along with Albert Vorspan, Vice President Emeritus, Union for Reform Judaism, whose expertise was Social Justice, Social Action when he was with the Union, and Reverend Jim Wallis, President and Executive Director, Sojourners/Call to Renewal, Washington, DC. Wallis is the author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*. They spoke of religion in politics, Iraq, economic justice, and America's culture wars in a far ranging discussion.

One evening we heard from Reverend Rick Warren, Pastor, Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, CA. We have much to learn from him not just in the way his religious tradition treats people - Saddleback Church has more than 200 ministries serving the church and community, but because he welcomes 20,000 people to his church each weekend. He is the New York Times best selling author of *The Purpose Driven Life*.

The closing program of the convention was an address entitled: Jewish Muslim-Dialogue given by Dr. Ingrid Mattson, President, Islamic Society of North America. The president of the URJ, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, spoke at the annual convention of ISNA, where 30,000 Muslims heard him a few months ago. He was the first Jew ever invited to do so. At the time Rabbi Yoffie extended an invitation to Dr. Mattson to speak to us about her organization and its goals of helping all of us to better understand Islam and its believers in their goal of living peacefully in this world as one of its major religions.

And then there was *Shabbat*. Even in the cavernous San Diego Convention Center my colleagues could make a sanctuary. And when 5000 voices came together in our liturgy it was warm and spiritual.

The next Biennial is in 2009 in Toronto. I'm looking forward to your being there with me.

### ***Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker***

A call for prayer books - if you have any blue *Gates of Prayer* at home that belong to the Temple, please return them. We are in need of them. If you have any Red *Torah Commentaries* that belong to the Temple, we would like those back too. Thank you.

Rabbi Becker is only at the Temple Office part time. Please call at her home office: 212 865-5050 or send her an e-mail (rskb@aol.com), to make an appointment with her or to change an appointment you have with her

If you need to reach Rabbi Becker in an emergency call her at her home office.

**PLEASE 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 - please RSVP to Dawn in the office.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It has been over three weeks since all of you received an update on our activities for moving our congregation forward. That update focused in on only the marketing activities involved with selling our building; what that transaction could look like including how we would transition into a new building without an intermediate move; and our ability to attract a short term mortgage or bridge loan used to help accomplish all of this.

What we did not discuss then but will now is the strategic plan that we believe will help our congregation into the future. We believe that this plan's success is dependent upon at least four financial thresholds:

1. Total selling price of all of our property - the School plus the Temple
2. Total amount of cash invested and the net income that these investments could generate
3. Approximate operating overhead (budget) for our new home based on historical data only
4. Accrued expenses and other expenses associated with selling our real estate as well as acquiring and renovating our new Temple.

When we looked at developing this strategic plan, we started by identifying what the optimum result would look like. We were able to identify the optimum result by reviewing what took place at the congregational meeting of November 27. The big takeaway of that meeting was that the overwhelming majority of us wanted to end our struggle by moving our congregation into a less stressful and more stable financial environment. Over 81% of us agreed that the optimum result would be achieved by selling our property and moving to a more economical Temple home.

We then identified the conditions that would give us this result. We theorized that if we were able to invest enough cash from the sale of our Real Estate that would provide a significant enough return on our investment to cover operating budget; we would no longer be operating in an unstable financial environment. If this theory proves practical, we would be able to operate our Temple - or close to it - without being completely dependent on collecting membership dues, contributions or other fees from all of you.

So you can imagine, once we do receive dues, fees and contributions; and add that to the income generated from our investment, we could operate our Temple without worrying about deficits and without the ongoing threat of having to close our doors. We could then

look forward to operating in an environment where we could sponsor educational, spiritual, entertainment and even fund raising programs without fear of "breaking the bank" in the process. In other words, we could continually impact our community in an environment of educational and spiritual growth. Isn't that what a Jewish Congregation is all about? Isn't that what we as Jews are all about?

All of this seems "easier said than done" but what we have been looking at over these past months is the financial framework that could very well provide us the opportunity that we have all been looking for - a positive change to financial stability.

#### Operating Expenses for a new Temple Should Drop

According to Nat Ginsberg's latest update, we can expect operating expenses for the Temple year ending June 30, 2008 to total anywhere from \$220 - \$230,000. I think we can probably concede that due to the inefficiencies of our building's operating systems and the disproportionate size of these structures versus what we actually need, we can probably assume that once we move to a more efficient structure building our overall operating expenses will likely be reduced by a minimum of 10% making our new operating budget \$198 - \$207,000. We should all realize, that we are paying for bloated operating systems for a school building that we are using a total of about 20 hours per week; a Temple building that we are using about 16 - 20 hours per week; and a total operating budget that includes six months of disproportionate support of the North Side School that ended on December 31, 2007 by court order.

#### The Investment Level Needed to Create Income to Cover Our Operations

When we began to examine income potential from a variety of investments, we decided to look at the organizations like ours who are actually involved in these types of investment activities. We did not think that we would get a realistic view relying on the summaries provided by sales people from the leading investment or brokerage houses.

According to our attorney Byron Dresner who has first hand insight into these investments for not only the Flushing Jewish Community Council as its President, but for the numerous congregations he represents, he estimates that based on what we are asking for our property, versus the acquisition and other expenses after the building is sold, we should be able to make a suitable investment, even in this down market, that will just about cover our operating expenses. In an up market, we should be able to do substantially better.

Byron is willing to show us all of the investment blend illustrations that he has at his immediate disposal provided by different investment firms without revealing the clients who "own" the investment. Byron has also been the President of his congregation for 30 years, and is well versed in congregational investment strategies. When the time comes and an investment committee for Temple Sholom is named, our first order of business will be to

spend some time with Byron who will be able to give us tremendous insight into a virtual dashboard of current investment strategies employed by different investment firms that are yielding excellent returns for substantially similar organizations.

#### Listing of Real Estate transaction and other accrued Expenses

We also need to realize that there are certain accrued and other expenses associated with selling our Real Estate, and here they are:

1. Purchase and renovate a new home for our congregation that will allow us not only to survive but thrive in a less stressful economic environment. (Approx. \$1,000,000)
2. Retire the loans from the Rogers family; the congregation and from the Lynne Esta Grossman and Larry Wolf funds. (Approx \$75,000)
3. Pay off all of our debts including bills from Byron Dresner and his associates that have accrued during the sales process of our buildings; the eviction process of the North Side School an other accrued account payable debts. (Approx \$25,000)
4. Real Estate Commission and other related expenses (Approx \$150,000)
5. Additional Expenses - Legal, Closing and Additional Costs plus Moving (Approx \$100,000)
6. City and State Transfer Taxes - must be paid regardless of non-profit, religious corporation status (Approx. \$100,000)

Total of items 1 - 6: \$1,450,000

#### A Selling Price that Could Provide Long-Term Financial Stability

In order to eliminate the financial stress on our congregation not only over the short term but into the future, we need to invest enough cash to generate the requisite income to take care of our operating expenses in a new facility. Therefore, it is important to get as much as possible for the Temple, within reason, so that we can take reach our goal of financial stability.

We have been examining what would be an acceptable selling price and we have defined the following criteria for acceptance:

1. An offer that allows us to move reasonably into a new and renovated facility as well as one that;
2. Allows us to pay all of our transitional and other accrued expenses and;

3. An offer that is high enough that will allow an investment level that will give us a return on investment great enough to substantially pay our operating expenses going forward.

Selling our building under these conditions obviously does not mean the end of anything other than existing in a facility that is economically unfeasible for this congregation. Selling our building under these or similar conditions is the first step into the future of this congregation; the first step into the future of one of the last remaining independent Liberal Reform Congregations in this entire area; and the first step into the future of coming up with the next great idea that we have been talking about since September - finding alternative ways to fund our congregational community's infrastructure and activities.

Turning this plan into a reality takes just one buyer with one bid that meets our selling criteria. Even though that has not happened yet, we are growing in confidence that it will especially after receiving an early round bid that is giving us an indication that the bids for our building and property are starting to increase.

Turning our plans into a reality will take patience, persistence, and courage along with a healthy dose of prayer supporting our increased sales activity which will surely result in starting us on our way to a very rewarding and exciting future.

Shalom,  
Paul

Here is the continuing calendar for  
Tuesdays:

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

By the time you read this we will have celebrated *Tu B'Shvat* with a *seder* and marked the *Bar Mitzvah* of Adam Strominger. It is hard to believe we will meet for only four more months this school year.

Here is the continuing calendar of Saturday programs at 10am:

Feb. 9  
Mar. 1  
April 5  
May 3

There is NO school Feb. 19th for Presidents' Week break.

Other than the above we continue meeting every Tuesday between now and April 15. We will be off April 22<sup>nd</sup> for *Pesach* vacation. We are back again on April 29<sup>th</sup> and finish our year on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please reserve Friday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, for a special *Shabbat* service honoring our students on their achievements.

As always, I welcome your calls and/or e-mail for any question or clarification.

Please: if you know your child will be absent leave a message on the Temple answering machine for me. It is obviously helpful to know not to expect a student.

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**\*\*\*\*\*SISTERHOOD NEWS\*\*\*\*\***

Although Sisterhood has been on hiatus from specific activities, the three Co-Presidents have been conferring and planning during these winter months. We want to pass some of these plans on to you.

We have set a Sisterhood meeting for Wednesday, March 12 at 8PM. It will be an old fashioned meeting discussing future events and finances. We welcome and encourage all your input so please save the date and join us for business and a video program about women and how they enjoy themselves. Of course refreshments will be served. A flier detailing this March 12 meeting will be included in next month's newsletter.

March 15, a Saturday, will be another exciting day for Sisterhood as we are going to take part in a Shabbaton arranged by WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) at Temple Rodeph Sholom in Manhattan. We have made arrangements for round trip transportation from Temple Sholom and back with a van from Allies. Those of us who attended the Shabbaton two years ago remember an enjoyable and

stimulating day with many other Sisterhoods from all over New York State. The topic for the day is "Reform Is A Verb" exploring the changes and back to tradition in Reform Judaism. If you are interested in joining other Sisterhood members in an exciting learning experience, please call Gerty Wolf at 718-347-8171 ASAP to reserve a place.

Our trip to the Holocaust Resource Center in Glen Cove is still in the works. Because of other Temple Sholom calendar commitments, we have not finalized a date. As soon as we do, you will be informed.

In the meantime, stay warm and healthy.

Maxine, Gerty, and Dale Sisterhood Co-Pres.

We Stand Corrected:

If you have already received a new Sisterhood membership list, please note the following corrections:

Selma Leff's address is 82-16 250<sup>th</sup> St. Bellerose, NY 11426

Suzanne Greis is the correct name (not Susan)

Any other corrections, please contact one of the three Co-Presidents.

Please remember to bring your Sisterhood Dues of \$36 for Temple members and \$50 for non-Temple members.

Adult Education Program

On Feb. 10 we are continuing Rabbi Becker's most stimulating and thought provoking three-session study course entitled: "One

Heart, Two Homes - Israel and the Sacred Identity of American Jews." for all our Temple members. The material presented will give us an opportunity for exploring cultural, historical, spiritual, emotional and religious ties between Israeli and American Jews. It promises to encourage much discussion about our personal feelings regarding Israel.

The dates are all Sunday Mornings with a light breakfast included. The two remaining dates are: February 10, 2008 at 10AM, and March 9 at 10AM. There will be a \$3.00 charge to offset the cost of the breakfast. Please let Dawn in the Temple Office know if you are coming or call Maxine Baden at 718-631-4696 to reserve or ask questions. Please join us for study and discussion. This study course is open to your friends and neighbors. We have to know that you are coming so we can prepare properly. It will be a pleasure for our Temple family to learn together.

**ONEG:**

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

The Oneg on January 11 was sponsored by Paul & Roni Trolio in honor of cousins Bob and Debra becoming grandparents.

The Oneg on January 18 was sponsored by the Stromingers in honor of Adam's becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

The Oneg on January 25 was sponsored by Stan & Ann Strauss "who are tired of Paul saying the Oneg is sponsored by Sisterhood!"

**SISTERHOOD ONEG FUND**

Donation from Jerry Furst and Dacia Horowitz for the gracious and tireless amount of effort put in by Sisterhood

**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.**

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**Happy February Birthday to...**

Debbie Abramowitz	Dennis Baltuch
Janet Friedland	Stu Jacobs
Pam Sabel	Benjamin Savage
Gary Savage	Fran Smith
Susan Turin	Judith Weinstock

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

**YAHREZIT DONATIONS**

**In Memory of:    Remembered by:**

Dena Gorochow	Muriel Gorochow
Jeannie Nachshin	
	Fran Smith & Jenny Smith
Elias Goldfluss	Ida Goldfluss
Estelle Dawley	the Hensen Family
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Janet M Holzer	Suzanne Greis
Jessie Demner	Dale & Jerry Demner
Lorraine Hirsch	Dale & Jerry Demner
Harry Brooks	Karla & Orlando Osuna
Yetta Greis	Suzanne & Gus Greis
Florence Bernstein	
	Maxine Baden & Family
Irwin Goldstein	Dacia Horowitz
Clara Klien	
	Harriet Peaceman & Family
Lillian Schoen	Hermine Elias
Eva Schoen	Hermine Elias
Selma Furst	Jerome Furst

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

### GENERAL FUND

- Donation from Ruth Gerver in memory of Grover Clark
- Donations in memory of Hannah Printz: from Nat & Florence Ginsberg, Maxine Baden, Shirley Snyder
- Donation from Ruth Gerver in honor of Adam Strominger becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*
- Donation from Abe & Hanna Kormas on the engagement of nephew Amir to Lilly
- Donation from Abe & Hanna Kormas in on the loss of Eileen Schwartz's brother Myron
- Donation from Steven & Nancy Lerner in memory of Mel Gerard
- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz with best wishes to Adam Strominger on his *Bar Mitzvah*
- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz to wish Happy Birthday to Mae Rossin
- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz to thank Paul Trolio for being President of Temple Sholom
- Donation from Muriel Gorochow with best wishes to Adam Strominger and his family on his *Bar Mitzvah*
- Donation from Muriel Gorochow with *mishebeirach* wishes for Barry LeNoble and Barry Senate

- Donation by Rabbi and Marty Becker in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Adam Strominger
- Donation from Abe & Hanna Kormas in honor of Adam Strominger's *Bar-Mitzvah*, to Debbie and Harold Abramowitz in honor of their grandson's *Bar-Mitzvah*, and in honor of Dawn our wonderful secretary

Donations to the *General Fund* in memory of Henry Sundack have been made by the following people:

- Ruth Gerver
- Mae, Sam, & Douglas Rossin
- Karla & Orlando Osuna
- Maxine Baden
- Nat & Florence Ginsberg

Donations to the *General Fund* in memory of Jan Dubow have been made by the following people:

- Ruth Gerver
- Dale & Jerry Demner
- Nat & Florence Ginsberg
- Mae, Sam, & Douglas Rossin
- Debbie & Harold Abramowitz
- Karla & Orlando Osuna
- Maxine Baden

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Donation from Dacia Horowitz and Jerry Furst with wishes for "ever increasing happiness" for Mae Rossin on her birthday
- Donation from Jerry Pasternack
- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz in memory of Hank Sundack

- Donation from Alice Gilgoff in appreciation of Rabbi Becker
- *Donation from Mae, Sam & Douglas Rossin* to thank Rabbi Becker for conducting such a wonderful service at Adam's *Bar Mitzvah*
- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz for "Nothing but Nets"

**THE LARRY WOLF FUND**

- Yahrzeit Donation from Gerty Wolf and Bonnie Cipolla in memory of Benjamin Horn, Frances P. Horn, Milton Wolf, and Jeanie Levin

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Thank you to Barbara Fleisher for your kind donation of a chanukiah (chanukah menorah).



To Temple *Shalom*:

The Family of Hannah R. Printz Acknowledges with Grateful appreciation your kind expression of Sympathy.



***In Celebration of Us***

We witness acts of **determination**, **persistence** and **patience** all the time. They occur all around us in our personal and business lives; when we go out in public, or when we stay in watching a

newscast on television; when discussing politics or the lack of humanity among some politicians in the political process; when witnessing sporting events or everyday human events.

So often the most profound examples of determination, persistence and patience are found in people right next to you; in your own homes; in your own congregation; and in your own lives. What struck me when kicking off this campaign, "**In Celebration of Us**" was that even though we have all been challenged by difficult issues during the past several years, over the past several months the outpouring of hope; the outpouring of support; and the outpouring of confidence has bred another quality which I have seen in all of you; **Courage**. And that, my friends, has inspired my patience, has inspired my persistence and has inspired my determination to work as hard as possible alongside all of you to affect a positive outcome for the future of our congregational family.

You have the courage to try something new; the courage to go off on a path where the outcome is not assured; and you have the courage to believe that as a new day dawns it is filled with opportunity and hope. Life is indeed beautiful and our congregation would like to thank those below who have already contributed to our "**In Celebration of Us**" campaign, and those who would like to contribute in the future.

- Hermine Elias
- Karla and Orlando Osuna
- Barbara Sher
- Barney and Lorraine Bragin
- Maxine Baden
- Dennis Baltuch and Michelle Pruskin
- Suzanne and Gus Greis
- Philip Kaplan
- Jerome Furst and Dacia Horowitz
- Etta Roth
- Fran Smith
- Stuart and Judith Weinstock
- Roni and Paul Trolio
- Sam, Mae and Douglas Rossin
- Raymond Hensen

Jack and Robin Spiegelman  
Robert and Esther Printz  
Ida Goldfluss

If we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies and contact Dawn at the office and she will add your name to this list. Just please identify your contribution as one for the "In Celebration of Us" campaign.

Paul Trolio  
PaulRoni@nyc.rr.com

I am polling you for any interest in a hockey night to see the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. They are the minor league team for The NY Islanders. The tickets are real cheap (around \$10 or so), they play a decent game, the arena is about an hour away by car, and it would be a lot of fun.

If you are interested, I will pursue a group rate. If possible, we could make it a small fundraiser. We would need a few people to volunteer to drive.

Let me know how you feel about this.

Jerry Demner

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The **Leisure Club** meets on Tuesdays. Call Grace at 718-343-2299

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**NORC-WOW News**

NORC Support Group meetings in the Temple Social Hall on Fridays 9:15 to 11:30.

Arthritis Exercise classes on Fridays at 10:30AM.

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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 is \$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 in place. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL DAILY. All those who haven't given me their e-mail address will get a phone call.

Ruth: 718-343-4239

**The Deadline for the March Newsletter is FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>. Leave all contributions in the Newsletter mailbox or email to [newsletter@templeholom.info](mailto:newsletter@templeholom.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@templeholom.info](mailto:newsletter@templeholom.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 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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**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 given, please continue to donate.

In addition - 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. The Jewish Community Council of Crown Heights, Brooklyn collects and distributes clothes. Clothes must be clean and can be put in plastic bags or on hangers. 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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