

June/July '09 **Newsletter** *Sivan/Av 5769*

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****Temple Luncheon June 28th****

Friday, June 05 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:30pm dinner
Friday, June 12 8pm *Shabbat* Service w/Torah
Saturday, June 13 10am Shabbat service and Torah study
Friday, June 19 8pm *Shabbat* service
Friday, June 26 8pm *Shabbat* service
Friday, July 03 8pm *Shabbat* service
Friday, July 10 8pm *Shabbat* service
Friday, July 17 8pm *Shabbat* service
Friday, July 24 8pm *Shabbat* service
Friday, July 31 8pm *Shabbat* service

From Rabbi Becker –

At this time I need to remind you that the reprinted services and blue folders I have made available to the congregation are the intellectual property of my colleagues who gave me their original work to use. Therefore please return to me, or destroy, any copies of services or "blue pew folders" you have as these belong to me. They are not the property of the Temple and may not be used by the Temple after I leave.

Thank you,

Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker

Rabbi Becker is only at the Temple Office part time. Please call at her home office: 212 877-3036 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 (the second Saturday in June), 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 the office.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Two years ago almost to the day and just prior to the Annual June Meeting of the Congregation, our President Ruth Gerver announced that we were presented with a bid to buy just the school building, a bid which was accepted by our Board of Trustees. Less than a month later, this bidder backed out. This occurred only a few months after a previous bidder with an accepted offer strung the Congregation out for almost a year and instead of closing on the deal, they backed out for reasons that are still not clear. These two fallen deals left our newly elected slate of Officers and Board Members with very few alternatives as they thought they would be executing on a plan that included selling the school building and not the Temple Building.

What ensued was pure and utter chaos.

There was meeting after meeting of the Board and the Congregation. Leadership and other committees and many of us began to wonder which meeting would be our last. Without a solid plan for moving forward the only option that we would be left with was to close.

In two short years, what we have accomplished together has been nothing short of spectacular. We were finally able to build a consensus among us and adopt a plan that would enable us to move forward economically. We were not only able to mortgage our Real Estate to buy a new Temple site and create cash flow to continue as a congregation; but we are within a week of submitting our petition to the NY State Attorney General's office and the Courts to sell our existing property. Because of your courage, insight and tenacity, we were able to accomplish all of this during the worst economic recession in 80 years.

But how are we going to move forward spiritually?

One reason why we have experienced so many issues with worship and ritual is that the consensus building techniques that we have all used to build our survival plan need to be utilized to build our Holy Plan - how we want to worship, how we want to pray. Simply put, if we have not decided and detailed our Holy Plan as a congregation we create the possibility that others will decide for us. The Holy Plan for a congregation is developed primarily by the Ritual Committee of the congregation with the Rabbi acting not only as the spiritual leader but as a facilitator or consultant. Even though the Rabbi may have his or her own views on Ritual, the congregation is the architect of this plan, because purely from a practical point of view, a congregation should not have to change its Holy Plan for each new Rabbi.

The Rabbi Search is close to completion.

Over the past month we have met several potential candidates who would like to serve as our Rabbi with resumes ranging from decades of experience to the best and brightest of a new generation of Rabbis. All of the candidates who are under serious consideration agree with the concept that the Congregation's Holy Plan will be developed by the congregation in the Ritual Committee. They have been fully briefed on a number of key issues that are important to us including those that may have caused a breach within the congregation in the past. Everyone serving on the committee seemed to have their own vision of what our new Rabbi should be. It appears that there is agreement among the committee of whom our next Rabbi will be.

How much longer will this all take?

Our own Stan Strauss suggested that our moving date should be October 11, 2009 which is Simchat Torah. He thought that it would be tremendously appropriate that we start the day with the Torahs in our present ark and once we take them out, march them down 80th Avenue 10 blocks to our new Temple's ark and continue the service. It is a terrific thought and it would indeed be wonderful but my sense is that even if we prayed the Shema 18 times a day it will be difficult, but not impossible. As far as deciding on and engaging a Rabbi, we really need to wrap this up by next week. It will be difficult but not impossible.

Based on what we have all been through over the past 2, 5 or even 10 years, I am beginning to realize that there aren't too many things that are impossible for this congregation... and that feeling will serve us well in the months and years ahead.

Shalom,
Paul

News from the Temple Office

Please update your contact information, including e-mail addresses.

*******SISTERHOOD NEWS*******

This article is being written before our Sisterhood End of The Year Dinner on May 27th, 2009.

We are definitely sure that it will be successful and everyone will have had an enjoyable time. Uncle Bacala's food is very good and our entertainment a little

different from usual will make all our members feel contented.

Thank you Shirley Snyder and Muriel Gorochow for a job well done.

Since this dinner is our wrap-up for the season, we can look forward to next season starting September. In the meantime, Sisterhood is on hiatus and the two of us must wind down and take a well needed and deserved rest

However, we ask and hope that sometime during the next three months you give Sisterhood some thought and think how YOU can help Sisterhood get started again

in September. Perhaps you will think about giving us some help and support - we cannot do it all ourselves.

Will you help us set up for any of our events? Will you plan with us as the Temples' moving day becomes a reality? There will be lots for Sisterhood to do in a new building. Will you help us with fitting into a new location?

We sincerely hope you will contact us during the summer months to tell us you will.

Have a good summer - Stay safe and sound in whatever you do, and please plan to participate in Sisterhood. We need you!

Your tired Co-Presidents

Maxine Baden
718-631-4696

Gerty Wolf
718-347-8171

OOPS!! We thought the Newsletter was going to press so we rushed our review prematurely on our Sisterhood End of the Year Dinner.

We thank Shirley and Muriel for a very Special evening. The food was delicious and Muriel Kaufman reminded us of many nostalgic times we all had in the Catskills that can never be repeated. There were many laughs and poignant memories we enjoyed.

Thanx again, Gerty & Maxine

Our year-end Sisterhood dinner of May 27 at Uncle Bacala was well attended and enjoyed by all (so I was told!)

Thank you Mollie Rogers for treating everyone to wine to celebrate her Mitzvah. Their Grandson is getting married. Mazel Tov.

Our entertainment was provided by Marilyn Kaufman and was well received.

Thank you Muriel Gorochow for taking reservations.

And - a special thank you to all who attended

Shirley Snyder

Sisterhood's Ongoing *Mitzvah* Projects are listed in subsequent pages.

THE BIG EVENT JUNE 28th, 2009

Are you ready for an inspiring but funfilled afternoon on Sunday, June 28th, 2009 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm?

The food will be great - the entertainment super, the speeches short and sweet and of course the rapport between everyone attending, will be absolutely great.

To be ready, your ads must be in by June 10th - date moved up as we have much to do to get this 60th Anniversary Journal into print.

Your reservations and check for Luncheon should be at Sherry's desk in the Temple no later than June 15th.

Remember we are honoring Stan, and Ann Strauss (in memoriam) for their years of hard work and dedication to Temple Sholom, - an honor well deserved. There will also be a presentation of an Award to NORC-WOW for their outstanding service to our Community.

Of course, we will celebrate Temple Sholom's 60th Anniversary in a most memorable fashion.

See you all on June 28th.

ONEG:

Mae Rossin 718-359-0297

Dale Demner 718-343-8037

April 17 The Oneg Shabbat was given by Debbie & Harold Abramowitz in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and in celebration of Harold's 77th birthday.

April 24 The Oneg Shabbat was given by Maxine Baden in thanksgiving for her daughter-in-law Gail's recovery from heart surgery and to honor all April birthday celebrants, including herself.

May 1 The Oneg Shabbat was given by Phil Kaplan in celebration of his wife Helen's birthday and their 62nd wedding anniversary.

May 22 The Oneg Shabbat was given by the Jewish Chocoholics, wishing everyone a sweet Shabbat.

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 \$60 (without a sheet cake). The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$35.

Happy Birthday to...

Catherine Abrams Michelle Pruskin

Pearl Grossman Peter Kisting

Jack Leff	Daniela Printz
Matthew Printz	Judy Diorio
Douglas Rossin	Paul Trolio
Aileen Zim	Barbara Fleisher
Ruth Gerver	Kevin Lynch
Ian Healy	Jason Healy
Gary Rosenthal	Mae Rossin
Andrea Sabel	Dawn Oakley

Happy Anniversary to...

Larry & Nancy Abraham

Sheri & Stuart Jacobs

Philip & Helen Kaplan

Matthew & Daniela Printz

Robert & Esther Printz

Barbara & Gary Rosenthal

Paul & Roni Trolio

Jeanne & Stephen Levine

Mae & Sam Rossin

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

We wish to thank all for their help and support in this very trying time. Ann felt that Temple Sholom was always Family.

Stan and Michelle Strauss

News From the Office -

Congratulations to Sue & Richie Blum on becoming first-time grandparents, via Sari & Matthew Blum, with the arrival of Emma Brooke on May 4th.

Abe and Hanna Kormas' daughter Elise was married on May 3rd to Matt Tobler. Congratulations!

On the mend . . . Selma Leff broke her foot, and Susanne Greis broke her hand. Happy to report both are healing nicely.

. . . Get well wishes to Peter Kisting and Dave Kramer, both recuperating from surgery

. . . Matthew Printz is recovering from a stroke at Glen Cover Hospital's Rehab Center and making great progress. Keep up the good work, Matty.

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Share your news with us - call the Temple office or e-mail us at TempleSholom263@aol.com. We will be happy to place the 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.

YAHRTZEIT DONATIONS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Remembered by:</u>
Herman Fink	Donald Fink
Joseph Greenfield	Dale & Jerry Demner
Irving Baden	Maxine Baden & family
Morris Peaceman	Harriet Peaceman & family
Howard Peaceman	Harriet Peaceman & family
Lawrence Friedland	Joel Friedland
Jerry Friedland	Joel Friedland
Angela Shear	Jessica Sher
Helen Hensen	Ray Hensen & family

Rhoda Leff
Sarah Chester
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Morris H. Sher
Fred Breslin
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Murray Leff
Harold Abramowitz
Maxine Baden & family
Jessica Sher
Harriet & Gerald Dubow
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If your Yahrzeit donation was received after we went to press, it will be included in the next issue.

GENERAL FUND - Donations

In Memory of Ida Goldfluss

**Debbie & Harold Abramowitz
Etta Roth
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Muriel Gorochow
Mae, Sam & Douglas Rossin
Shirley Snyder
Florence & Nat Ginsberg
Dale & Jerry Demner
Harriet Peaceman
Gerty Wolf**

In Memory of Ann Strauss

**Joan & Harvey Schuster
Harriet Peaceman
Dale & Jerry Demner
Mae, Sam & Douglas Rossin
Debbie & Harold Abramowitz
Sherry Newman
Maxine Baden
Karla & Orlando Osuna
Florence & Nat Ginsberg
Ruth Gerver
Muriel Gorochow
Shirley Snyder**

Karla & Orlando Osuna

Mazel Tov to the Kormas family on Elise & Matt's wedding

Debbie & Harold Abramowitz

Mazel Tov to the Kormas family on Elise & Matt's wedding

Lorraine & Barney Bragin
To maintain prayers for a speedy
recovery for their friend Alice
Selestsky

Karla & Orlando Osuna
In honor of Debbie & Harold
Abramowitz's 50th anniversary

Muriel Gorochow
In honor of Debbie & Harold
Abramowitz's 50th anniversary

Maxine Baden
In honor of Debbie & Harold
Abramowitz's 50th anniversary

Joel Friedland
In celebration of the arrival of
Emma Brooke Blum

Muriel Gorochow
Wishing a happy birthday to
Shirley Snyder
Wishing a happy birthday to Marty
Becker
Wishing a happy anniversary to
Karla & Orlando Osuna
Wishing a happy anniversary to
Rabbi Shelley Kovar and Marty
Becker

Shirley Snyder
In memory of Bob Travers

Rose Moskowitz
In memory of Howard Drucker

Lorraine & Barney Bragin
Thanks, Sherry

Fran Smith
In commemoration of the sale of
Our Temple Building and in
anticipation of our New Temple
Sholom.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Debbie & Harold Abramowitz
To say "thank you" for special prayers
Bruce Abrams
Yahrzeit of father, Robert E. Abrams

LYN ESTA GROSSMAN FUND

In memory of Ann Strauss
Gerty Wolf & family
In memory of Barbara Carmel
Gerty Wolf & family & Charles Fine
In memory of Rose Cipolla's family
Rose Cipolla's family
In memory of Annette Chertoff
Gerty Wolf & family & Charles Fine
Yahrzeit of Ida Weisser
Gerty Wolf & family
Yahrzeit of Samuel Wolf
Gerty Wolf & family
Yahrzeit of Pearl Wolf
Gerty Wolf & family
Yahrzeit of Lena Weisser
Gerty Wolf & family
Yahrzeit of Joseph Weisser
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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.

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

Temple Sholom Ladies

If you have any kind of yarn that you do not need, please call Annette Gerard, 718-347-1965. She makes lap robes for the patients at Parker hospital and has run out of yarn. Thank you in advance.

**The Deadline for the next Newsletter is July 23rd. Leave all contributions in the Newsletter mailbox or email to 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 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.

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.

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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