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# Newsletter

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## Temple *Sholom* of Floral Park

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*Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker*  
*Ruth Gerver, President*

*Annette Gerard, Exec. Vice President*

### Services and events

- May 4      **Shabbat Across America: *Shabbat* Service 6:30PM, Dinner 7:30PM**
- May 11      ***Shabbat* Service, 8:00 PM**
- May 18      ***Shabbat Torah* Service, 8:00 PM, student participation and recognition**
- May 19      **Service and *Torah* Study, 10 AM**
- May 22      ***Shavuot* study, service, *Yiskor*, 7 PM**
- May 25      ***Shabbat* 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

Once again it has been my good fortune, as Rabbi of this congregation, to be a guest at a special gathering at City Hall in Manhattan. On Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Marty and I were in the City Council Chamber at the *Yom HaShoah* Holocaust Remembrance program to honor the Rescue of Children from the Holocaust. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell, someone I know from my childhood in Riverdale, was to be the host. Unfortunately he had a family emergency that precluded his attendance. However our Councilman, David Weprin, participated. We had a chance to greet David at the conclusion of the evening.

I will tell you that I have some discomfort over the observance of a religious commemoration in secular space however much I appreciate the Council's attention to marking the horrific injustice that befell our people. But it is also true that as soon as I received my invitation I planned on going.

There were musical selections by a cellist, remarks by some Council people, wonderful singing by a mixed-voice young person's choir from The Yeshiva of Flatbush, and magnificent chanting by the Cantor of Fifth Avenue Synagogue, Joseph Malovany. Among the dignitaries present, a representative from The Simon Wiesenthal Center was recognized.

The guest speaker was Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Nearing 80, she spoke of her experience so long ago in the *kindertransport* that saved her life. She helped us understand that these saved children still had much to fear, and that life was very difficult for them. Many were orphaned as she was, and some Jewish rescuers treated them poorly. But we know what she made of her life and she shared with us that follow up studies of the group she was with record that they too became productive adults. Many married early to re-create the families they lost. Given Dr. Westheimer's accomplishments, she got the requisite laugh when she told us she had never obtained a high school diploma!

The end of the program was a tribute to the survivors who were present. They came forward, lit candles, and assembled in front of us to join the Cantor in the "Partisan's Song". Though many were elderly and frail, two women caught my eye as they strongly, even boldly, sang those words. We stood silently, immediately following, to hear the Cantor chant *El Molei Rachamim*, those words that ask God to comfort our dear ones in the Eternal Presence.

And there was food! A delicious kosher meal was set out all around the balcony of City Hall just outside the Council Chamber at the end of the evening.

*Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker*

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

April was a busy month for Temple: We had a festive and lively Community Seder to start the month, followed by the delightful *Bat Mitzvah* of Julie Weinstock, the visit of Carol Prager from London, England, with her

fascinating talk on our *Kolin Torah*, culminating in the moving *Yom HaShoah* commemoration held at Bellerose Jewish Center.

May, too, looks exciting, with the *Shabbat Across America* on May 4<sup>th</sup> (make your reservations quickly), Mother's Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and *Shavuot* on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Before we know it, we will be at Memorial Day, time to start thinking about vacations.

It is also time to concentrate our efforts on the success of our 2007 Journal and luncheon in honor of Barbara Rosenthal. Be sure to circle your calendar for June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Information is going out on a regular basis to keep you apprised. Please respond ASAP with your ads so that this Journal will be the best ever, and a tribute to our Maxine who is guiding this event from her Rehab center.

Make this Journal and luncheon a memorable occasion, and with your cooperation, it will be!

*Shalom,*  
Ruth Gerver

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS**

Our year is coming to a close. But before then -

We meet on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to watch the Salute to Israel Parade. Meeting place and time: 1pm at Fifth Avenue between 70 and 71<sup>st</sup> streets on the park side of the Avenue near 70<sup>th</sup>

Our last day of class is May 16<sup>th</sup>

Our school service, with participation by students, and honoring their accomplishments, is Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

I will see you before then, but as this is the last school column until late summer, I hope you all have a wonderful relaxing summer vacation when our learning year ends. And try not to forget all we have studied this year!

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

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**ONEG:**

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

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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**SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA**

BE A PART OF THE UNIFICATION OF ALL SYNAGOGUES ACROSS THE AMERICAS. TEMPLE *SHOLOM* IS ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF SYNAGOGUES SHARING THIS JOYOUS *SHABBAT* ON MAY 4, 2007.

RABBI BECKER HAS PREPARED A SPECIAL *SHABBAT* SERVICE AND A SPECIAL *SHABBAT* DINNER WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL *SHABBAT*.

CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR FRIDAY MAY 4, 2007. DINNER IS \$15.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$8 FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER.

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**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO...**

Nancy Abraham	Joel Friedland
Helen Kaplan	Mark Rand
Selma Rosen	Glen Rosenthal
Etta Roth	Adam Sabel
Shirley Snyder	Steven Spritzer
Anne Strauss	Daniel Turin
Allen Zim	Marty Becker

**HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY TO...**

Kevin Lynch & Bernice Siegel  
Karla & Orlando Osuna  
Michael & Marilyn Spritzer

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

**Yahrzeit Donations**

<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b>	<b><u>Remembered by:</u></b>
Norman Elias	Hermine Elias
Leonard H. Schoen	Hermine Elias
Lawrence Friedland	Janet & Joel Friedland
Jerry Friedland	Janet & Joel Friedland
Anne Leah Orenstein	Muriel Drew
Morris Sher	Jessica Sher
Bella Sher	Jessica Sher

Max Zim	Cynthia & Allen Zim
Ted Slive	Dale & Jerry Demner
Anna & David Slive	Dale & Jerry Demner
Ida Sheingold	Cynthia & Allen Zim
Milton H. Fogel	Lorraine & Barney Bragin
Rose Cipolla's loved ones	Gerty Wolf
Mariann D. Kovar	Rabbi & Marty Becker

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

### GENERAL FUND

- Donation from Karla & Orlando Osuna in memory of Sarah Chester, sister of Harold Abramowitz
- Donation from Rabbi and Marty Becker in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of Julie Weinstock
- Donation from Florence & Nat Ginsberg in honor of the birth of Shai Gerard, first great-grandson of Annette and Mel Gerard
- Donation from Hermine Elias in honor of Maxine Baden's birthday and return to good health

### LARRY WOLF FUND

- Donation from Gerty Wolf in memory of her husband, Larry, her father, Samuel Weisser, and her sister, Rose Halper

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz "Thank you Rabbi for being there for us"
- Donation from Abe & Hanna Kormas in memory of Sarah Chester, sister of Harold Abramowitz
- Donation from Abe & Hanna Kormas in memory of Marilyn Shendell's mother
- Donation from Abe & Hanna Kormas in honor of Maxine Baden's and Sam Rossin's speedy recovery

- Donation from Mae Rossin & family in memory of Sarah Chester, sister of Harold Abramowitz
- Donation from Mae Rossin & family to "thank the Rabbi for giving us the honors this past Friday. It was much appreciated."
- Donation from Hermine Elias in honor of the birthdays of Helen Kaplan, Glen Rosenthal, and Joel Friedland
- Donation from Hermine Elias in memory of my beloved "Mike"
- Donation from Jerome Furst

*Dear Rabbi Becker,*

I must thank you for including my brother, Milton, my mother, Fannie, and father Louis in the *Yahrzeit* list that is read in the Temple. There is an obvious sincerity that I greatly appreciate. I would be remiss in not commenting on the dignity and warmth of your funeral service for Harold and Debbie Abramowitz's sister, Sarah.

Sincerely,

Jerome Furst

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**Mae Rossin** is spearheading a Temple effort to raise funds to help feed Jewish children in Ethiopia. This program is organized by **The North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry**. You can feed one child for one full year for \$72, but contributions of any size are greatly appreciated. The collection box for contributions will be in the Social Hall, or you may give them directly to Mae Rossin.

For more information on the NACOEJ, you can call their offices at 212-233-5200, or go to [www.nacoej.org](http://www.nacoej.org)  
Thank you.

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**Dear Rabbi and my extended Temple Family,**  
Thank you for all your calls, prayers and concerns. Some of you mentioned that you or one of the members of your family were not well. I do hope they are starting to feel somewhat better. I thought I was moving upward and was at "Recovery Road" when suddenly it would appear I have taken a few steps back. I am moving towards obtaining the name of another doctor because I still don't seem to be getting better and feel like I am getting worse. I wish the best to you and your families and hoping you are well. Hope you had a nice Passover . I miss all of you and hope to be back soon.  
Much love,  
Nancy Abraham

A request:  
If anyone knows of a good upper cervical chiropractor locally, please contact Nancy Abraham (718) 464-7006.

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*To Abe & Hanna Kormas:*  
**Thank you! for making a donation to the Rabbi's Fund for Sam's speedy Recovery.**  
*Sincerely,*  
*Sam, Mae & Douglas Rossin*

*To Barney & Lorraine Bragin:*  
**Thank you! for your very kind message in the March Newsletter regarding our continued help to this very viable Temple.**  
*Sincerely,*  
*Sam, Mae & Douglas Rossin*

**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 June Newsletter is May 21st. 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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