

May 2008 **Newsletter** *Nisan/Iyar 5768*

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Services and Events

Friday, May 2 *Shabbat* service 6:30PM, Dinner 7:30pm

Saturday, May 3 Religious School Program 10am

Sunday, May 4 *Yom HaShoah* Observance 11am

Friday, May 9 *Shabbat* service 8pm

Friday, May 16 *Shabbat Torah* service 8pm

Saturday, May 17 *Shabbat* service followed by *Torah* study 10am

Friday, May 23 *Shabbat* service 8pm - Birthday blessings and Student participation

Friday, May 30 *Shabbat Healing* service 8pm

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

On May 8, 3 *Iyar*, all Jews - Israelis, and those of us in other lands, will rejoice on the 60th birthday of Israel's statehood. There are many activities to mark the occasion. Make sure you are part of the festivities as we give thanks for this miracle.

THE DECLARATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL May 14, 1948

On May 14, 1948, on the day in which the British Mandate over a Palestine expired, the Jewish People's Council gathered at the Tel Aviv Museum, and approved the following proclamation, declaring the establishment of the State of Israel. The new state was **recognized that night by the United States** and three days later by the USSR.



ERETZ-ISRAEL [(Hebrew) - the Land of Israel, Palestine] was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, *ma'pilim* [(Hebrew) - immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation] and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood. In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodore Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the [Balfour Declaration](#) of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the [Mandate of the League of Nations](#) which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle of the freedom- and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE DECLARE that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate being tonight, the eve of Sabbath, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), until the establishment of the elected, regular authorities of the State in accordance with the Constitution which shall be adopted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the 1st October 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the People's Administration, shall be the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, to be called "Israel".

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighbourliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream - the redemption of Israel.

PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE "ROCK OF ISRAEL", WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE CITY OF TEL-AVIV, ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14TH MAY, 1948).

David Ben-Gurion

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Mordekhai Bentov

Yitzchak Ben Zvi

Eliyahu Berligne

Fritz Bernstein

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Mordekhai Shattner

Ben Zion Sternberg

Bekhor Shitreet

Moshe Shapira

Moshe Shertok

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Yom Huledet samayach - Happy birthday Israel! Long may you live and thrive.

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 the office.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

You were scheduled to receive this newsletter at the beginning of the month but it was delayed because of the package that you received or will soon receive that requests that you vote "Yes" to approve a bridge loan for our Temple.

On May 6th by a vote of 13 - 1, the Board of Trustees of Temple Sholom, decided to accept the bridge loan commitment of a private mortgage banker to provide funds to acquire the new Temple Sholom; the funds to modify its structure from a home to the new house of our worship; and the operational funds to help us bridge time from now until we close on the sale of our present facility to a suitable buyer. We have accepted one proposal to buy our property and are lining up back-up offers to insure that this sale will occur within the next several months.

We are now asking for your vote of "Yes" to sustain the approval of our Board of Trustees of this bridge loan for the acquisition and the conversion of a home located at 79-15 254th Street into our new Temple Sholom. This fits almost perfectly the criteria that 82% of you indicated was your preference during the congregational meeting: sell our entire building and re-locate in the same

neighborhood. We now have the ability to re-locate in the same neighborhood and we are getting closer to selling our Temple and School buildings.

Over the past 8 months, the Board of Trustees has conducted the most comprehensive financial analysis ever undertaken by Temple Shalom in recent memory which was undertaken to clearly identify all of the options available to us including keeping both of our buildings; keeping one of our buildings; continuing on with a financial "hand to mouth" existence and of course the plan that the vast majority of us selected - a plan which we are able to begin implementing now.

A "Yes" vote insures that we will be together as a congregation for a long time in our new Temple; a "No" vote means we will inform the Attorney General of our intent to suspend with an eye toward ceasing the operation of Temple Shalom as of June 30, 2008 purely and simply because we will have accumulated debt that we have no reasonable expectation of being able to repay. In the large envelope you recently received, we have summarized the terms of the loan; an approximate time line for this plan's implementation; and an overview of our future financial strategy regarding this transaction.

The most important item that you have likely received in connection with this plan is the ballot that we would like you to return to the Temple as quickly as possible. Your ballots will be opened and counted on Sunday morning May 18th beginning at 11:00 am and you are invited to come to the Temple Social Hall at that date and time to watch this process as it is undertaken and completed. We expect that it will take no more than 30 minutes to announce the vote tally.

If you vote "Yes" to approve the decision of the Board of Trustees for the bridge loan, we will begin the forward looking and essentially enjoyable process of planning for our new Temple home - and we can assure you that we will keep you informed and we will be seeking your input during every step of our journey.

Please join us in voting "Yes" to continue on as a congregational family long into the future in our new Temple home.

Shalom,

Paul

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Hello all,

I hope everyone had a wonderful *pesach*. Our school *seder* was a success – our students read the Hebrew from the *haggadah* beautifully.

We meet for only one more Saturday morning at 10am. Please remember attendance is mandatory on:
May 3rd

We continue meeting every Tuesday between now and May 20th when our school year comes to a close.

Sunday May 18 is our annual school trip.

Friday evening May 23rd is a special *Shabbat* service when our students lead us and we honor their achievements.

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

Please: on any Tuesday 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.

Rabbi Becker
212 865-5050 home-office
rskb@aol.com

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

As we approach the summer months, we begin to wind down our activities, therefore, Sisterhood has set its last event for the season - our annual Year End dinner with good food, entertainment and of course -

the good company of our Sisterhood members. This event will take place on Wednesday evening, May 28 at 6:30pm at Uncle Baccala's restaurant on Jericho turnpike in Garden City Park - across from the Waldbaum's shopping center. The cost is \$30.00 per person payable in advance. Make sure to mark your calendars for May 28 and join your Sisterhood friends for a great evening out. A flyer has already been sent to you concerning all the details.

When sisterhood resumes in the fall, we are not sure where or when. However and wherever, Sisterhood will be ready to accept any necessary challenges to see Temple Sholom grow into the future. Of course we will need a great deal of help and we are counting on all of you, our Sisterhood members for your unlimited support. During the past few years, except for the Journal Lunch, any fund raising done at Temple was under the aegis of Sisterhood. We did our best to make it as successful as possible. We hope and pray that with your continued support, we will be even more successful.

Maxine, Gerty and Dale Your Sisterhood
Presidents

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

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

2008 - 59th Annual Journal

Luncheon at Towers on the Green
Sunday June 8, 2008, 1PM to 5PM.
Honorees - Ruth Gerver & Byron Dressner.

Contact your friends and business associates for their participation. Your support is needed for this Journal - be an advertiser or even an anonymous donor and 15% of your ads will go towards the cost of our luncheon which will be a bountiful and scrumptious Dairy Buffet costing \$70 per person. Deadline for Journal ads is May 28, 2008 with no exceptions. Mark your calendars for June 8, get ads, make a luncheon reservation and join your Temple family to celebrate 59 years of Temple Sholom. Any questions, call Maxine 718-631-4696.

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

Happy May Birthday to...

Nancy Abraham	Joel Friedland
Helen Kaplan	Mark Rand
Glen Rosenthal	Etta Roth
Adam Sabel	Gerson Sabel
Shirley Snyder	Ann Strauss
Daniel Turin	Marty Becker
Allen Zim	

Happy April Anniversary to...

Kevin Lynch & Bernice Siegel

Karla & Orlando Osuna

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

Special Thanks to Florence and Nat Ginsberg, Dale and Jerome Demner, Hanna and Abe Kormas, Maxine Baden, Hermine Elias, Ida Goldfluss, Shirley Synder for their contributions to our General Fund in memory of my mother, Anne Stein. Janet Friedland and family appreciate your thoughtfulness.

To the Officers and Board of Trustees, Rabbi and Marty Becker, and those Temple Members who paid their respects to my mother, Anne Stein, Your comforting expression of sympathy during *Shivah* was greatly appreciated by Sam Stein, Janet Friedland, and Lynne Larkin.

Yahrzeit Donations

In Memory of: Remembered by:

Charles Greis	Gus Greis
Ethel Brooks	Karla & Orlando Osuna
Ida Scheingold	Cynthia & Allen Zim
Gertie & Hyman Dworetzky	

The Abraham family

Milton Furst	
Fannie Furst	
Louis Furst	Jerome Furst
Lillian Koslow	
Arnold Koslow	
Bernard Koslow	Roni & Paul Trolio
Anne Orenstein	Muriel Drew
Beverly Hensen	Ray Hensen & family
Morris Sher	Jessica Sher
Hy Poland	Janet Poland
Joseph Greenfield	

David Slive

Anna Slive

Dale & Jerry Demner

Sarah Chester

Debbie & Harold Abramowitz

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

GENERAL FUND

- Donation from Ms. Susan Noreika in memory of Melvin Gerard
- Donation from Ariel and Maria Rackman
- Donation from Ida Goldfluss in memory of Selma Rosen
- Donation from Maxine Baden in memory of Anne Stein
- Donation from Etta Roth in memory of Selma Rosen
- Donation from Shirley Snyder in memory of Anne Stein
- Donation from the Kaplan & Rosenthal families in memory of Marcus Ruckenstein
- Donation from Hanna & Abe Kormas in memory of Anne Stein
- Donation from Dale & Jerry Demner in memory of Anne Stein
- Donation from Hermine Elias in memory of Anne Stein
- Donation from Shirley Snyder to say thank you to Hermine Elias
- Donation from the Kormas family to thank Susan & Richie Blum for their work on the wonderful *Shabbat Across America* dinner
- Donation from Jerome Furst to thank Rabbi Becker for her kindness, friendship, and informative sermons
- Donation from Jerome Furst and Dacia Horowitz in honor of Debbie & Harold Abramowitz's anniversary and Harold's birthday

LARRY WOLF FUND

- Donation from Gerty Wolf & Bonnie Cipolla in memory of Larry Wolf
- Donation from Gerty Wolf & Bonnie Cipolla in memory of Samuel Weisser
- Donation from Gerty Wolf & Bonnie Cipolla in memory of Rose Halper
- Donation from Jayne Richman wishing her Sisterhood friends a Happy Mother's Day

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In the April Temple Newsletter, "Purim at Temple Shalom" was written by Jerry Furst.

From the NEQJCC

Sunday May 18, 2008 - 13 Iyar 5768

Legislative Forum 2008: "Real Property Tax Reform"

9:30 a.m. at Samuel Field Y

58-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362

For information, call (718) 225-6750x247

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 - 16 Iyar 5768

The Changing Faces of Jewish Queens: Rising to the Challenge

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Central Queens YM-YWHA, 67-09 108th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375

Sponsored by the Queens Jewish agency Coalition (QJAC)

Sunday, June 1, 2008 - 27 Iyar 5768

Salute to Israel Day Parade

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on 5th Avenue from 57th to 79th Streets, Manhattan

Parade Theme: The Story of 60, honoring the inspirational story of Israel

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.

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

The Deadline for the June/July Newsletter is May 20th. 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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