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Newsletter

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Services and events

November 3 6:30 PM *Shabbat Services*, 7:30 PM Dinner
November 10 6:30 PM *Shabbat Services*, 7:30 PM Dinner
November 17 Honoring Veterans and *Shabbat Torah Service*, 8:00 PM
November 18 *Torah Study* 10AM
November 19 Sisterhood Fashion Show Brunch
November 20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple *Sholom*, 8pm
November 24 *Shabbat Services - 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

This month I share with you an abridged version of a sermon I gave at the holidays, as some of you asked for copies.

In light of the events of this summer, and the threats to security and existence Israel constantly faces, on Yom Kippur morning, I asked: "What if Israel didn't exist?"

For some answers, I found an Israeli self-promotional website: Israel21c.org and, as I always speak about Israel during the holidays, I want to share what I read there. The site concentrates on education and innovation in science, health, medicine, the patenting of ideas for global good and much more - and all this with an eye toward moral integrity, even if the state of Israel doesn't always live up to our highest ideal.

For instance:

Have you been reading about the controversy surrounding the unhealthy look of models in the fashion industry? Israel will now require models to have a healthy body weight to enter the field and they will need to see a nutritionist.

Do you eat bananas? 20% of the world's supply comes from Israel and they are trying to make them healthier.

Israeli scientists are working on a new epilepsy treatment. I find this of particular interest because, I learned, that in the US if you have had even one seizure in your lifetime, you cannot ever get a driver's license.

Israel is already well known for infertility treatment.

Warren Buffett, the second richest man in the world, invested in an Israeli metals company that is following a moral calling - expanding into the Galilee to promote peace. Both the company and Buffet think that Israelis and Palestinians working together to alleviate poverty and forge a good economy may be a pathway to living in understanding between these two diverse peoples. Of course the business end of the company is highly successful too.

The world is eating more Jaffa oranges and olives.

There are more women in medicine, industry, and government in Israel than in most countries.

There are more languages spoken in Israel than in most places in the world.

Israelis are winning Nobel prizes in diverse fields.

Hebrew University brings in more money from the patenting of new ideas than does Harvard.

Israel has more engineers per capita than any other nation.

Israeli scientists are working on turning water into fuel. In the future the naturally occurring hydrogen in water may be used to power those things that now need gas from oil.

Israeli police and Mossad, the Israeli equivalent of our CIA, now have a 100% success rate of preventing terrorism aboard airplanes that extends back 3 decades. They have developed a polygraph-like instrument that identifies questionable persons for possible security breaches but is not in any way discriminatory with regard to nationality or ethnicity.

Israeli humanitarian efforts have helped around the globe during the world's worst disasters.

Israel is a center of high technology - outside of California they are the software capital of the world.

100 Israeli companies are on the NY Stock Exchange.

Israelis are producing and exporting coffee and chocolate that ranks with the best in the world.

And still I believe in the words on the t-shirt I bought 20 years ago in Jerusalem - it had an Israeli jet fighter on it and said, "Don't worry America, Israel is behind you".

Israel is our bastion - the phoenix from the ashes of the Holocaust.
Israel is the place where we see the potential of all those we lost.
Israel is the spiritual center of all of Judaism.
Israel is the Jewish heart.

This is a day to contemplate what it means to be a Jew.
This is a time to support Israel, though not blindly, but always with our hearts because we couldn't imagine a world without Israel.
Because "What if Israel didn't exist" is not an option.

At the beginning of a new year on the Jewish calendar, *G'mar hatimah tovah* - may you, by your own actions, and love of being Jewish and support for Israel, be sealed for a good year.

By the way: please remember, per my October column, the times and format of *Shabbat Services* are changing. See you November 3rd and November 10th at 6:30pm for an early service followed by dinner. This will be our *minhag*, our new custom, every month from now on - the first two weeks of the month are early services at 6:30pm with dinner afterward; 8pm services for the remaining weeks of each month.

Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker

If you need to reach Rabbi Becker in an emergency you can call her at: 212 865-5050. 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.

Special Torah study Saturday, Nov. 18, using an excerpt from *The Torah : A Women's Commentary*, about to be published by the Women of Reform Judaism.

Please attend the November 20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple *Sholom*, 8pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Holy Days have come and gone, but the added presence, voice and personality of Cantor Spenadel will remain a joyful memory for all of us. Let us all hope that we may enjoy having Cantor Spenadel at future services.

The month of November is a quiet month basically, closing with the joint Thanksgiving service. This year, Temple *Sholom* is hosting this delightful event, and I urge all members to make a special note on their calendars to attend. It is always musically beautiful, and uplifting to share this occasion with our neighbors. Future information will be forthcoming.

November will also be the start of innovation in our *Shabbat* service, which Rabbi Becker had explained, in a previous issue of the newsletter. While change is not always easily accepted,

let's give this a chance. It might be better than you think!

Shalom,
Ruth Gerver

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

As we begin our third month together, we are developing a rhythm. We learn Hebrew during our first hour, take a break for snack, and then we learn the stories of the Bible, or about a holiday or some Jewish history.

By the way, snack consists of pretzels, cookies and apple or grape juice or water. The students have let me know their preferences - please advise me of any concerns you have.

Because of our one-day-a-week schedule, our students are given Hebrew homework. It is really a matter of practice that will make them proficient at reading prayer book Hebrew - our overall goal - so that in the future they can attend any worship service and participate. Please help by asking your child to spend just a few minutes a day, really a few minutes a day not an hour (!), reviewing Hebrew letters and vowels. By this time your child should have a Religious school text at home to read.

You are invited to the next Saturday morning Family program on November 4, at 10am. Please let me know if you can attend.

As usual, please don't hesitate to be in touch by calling me at the Temple Office, or at my home office: 212 865-5050 or through e-mail: rskb@aol.com

Rabbi Becker

SISTERHOOD

Here it is, November and time again for our Annual Fashion Show co-sponsored again with Lake Success Jewish Center's Sisterhood to be held at their center.

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend our Annual Fashion show on Sunday November 19, 2006 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Doors will open for shopping with new vendors' tables and when the show ends at 1 PM there will be another hour until 2 PM for your shopping pleasure. Last year, the Fashion Show was our largest fundraiser and this year's event has all the ingredients to be as successful as the previous one. First of all, our wonderful models are doing it again - Ruth Gerver, Dacia Horowitz, Barbara Rosenthal, Joan Schuster and Shirley Troup with an additional welcome to Vicki Nieter who is joining the others. They all deserve our support. Secondly, this year's fashions are being presented by Lord & Taylor - Manhasset. Last but not least, we have chosen a delectable menu for your brunch enjoyment. We guarantee a good time, so please join us on Sunday November 19. The cost is \$28. And we encourage you to bring your friends, family and neighbors. Shopping from 10 to 11, Brunch and Fashion Show, 11 to 1PM, and more shopping until 2PM

In order to make this a tremendous financial success, we need your help - we are in dire need of Raffle Prizes and we are counting on our members to help us get them. Please look around your home - in your closets and dresser drawers for gifts you received but never used or something you bought and left unused. You can ask your hair dressers, your favorite restaurants or stores for gift certificates. WE can turn everything into money for Temple. Everyone at the Fashion Show buys raffles and because they do, our fund raising efforts are rewarded. Last year, because of Fashion Show

receipts, we were able to give Temple a substantial contribution from Sisterhood. Please call your raffle prizes into Gerty Wolf ASAP so she will have time to wrap them before the show. Please also call Gerty with your reservation by November 14th.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this enjoyable event. After the Fashion Show, we will fill you in on our Gala Chanukah celebration in December.

Dale, Gerty & Maxine, Sisterhood Co-Pres.

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.

The beautiful flowers on the *bimah* at Yom Kippur were donated by Mollie and Bill Rogers in loving memory of their parents.

Please send me your email addresses (if you haven't done so yet), for our new mailing list.

Thank you Annette

Religious School is in session. Contact Rabbi Becker for details.

Please check your email daily for Temple chain messages. If you do not have email, you will be contacted by phone chain. This is the most

efficient way to be in touch with all of our members

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO...

Justin Ahiyon	Jerome Demner
Harriet Dubow	Melissa Edwards
Nathaniel Ginsberg	Ryan Healy
Murray Leff	Rebecca Lynch
Karla Osuna	Joan Schuster
Marilyn Spritzer	Harry Yarwood
Nancy Zim	

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO

Selma & Sidney Rosen
Robert & Susan Turin
Arlene & Harry Yarwood
Stuart & Judith Weinstock

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

Yahrzeit Donations

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Remembered by:</u>
Leonard Schoen	Hermine Elias
Family of Rose Cipolla	Rose Cipolla
Sidney Slive	Dale & Jerry Demner
Anne Weinstein	Dale & Jerry Demner
Samuel Grossman	Muriel Gorochow
Morris Sheingold	Cynthia & Allen Zim
Ida, Rivka, Sarah, Chava and Yale	Phil Kaplan
Jules L. Gerver	The Gerver Family
Lt. Solomon Weisser	Gerty Wolf and children
Rose Wolf	Gerty Wolf and children
Sally Weissman	Lovey & Burt Lowatsky &
Julius Weissman	Natalie Weissman

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

GENERAL FUND

- Donation from Barney and Lorraine Bragin to memorialize the passing of

Claire Tyretsky, mother of Arlene Leitstein

- Donation from the Rossin Family to thank Joel Friedland and Richard Blum for all the honors that they gave to the Rossin family and the congregants. "Because of both of you the services went very smoothly."
- Donation from Shirley Snyder in memory of Jack Schuster and in memory of Irving Jankowitz
- Donation from Mae and Sam Rossin to wish Dacia Horowitz and Gerty Wolf belated Birthday wishes and may they celebrate many more in the future.
- Donation from Susan and Gus Greis "thank you for the honors given to us during the *Yom Kippur* services"

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Donation from Mae and Sam Rossin "Rabbi Becker, your New Year's Services were very inspiring and spiritual and thank you for providing my nephew's children with a lovely service."

GERARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Donation from the Gerard family

SISTERHOOD ONEG FUND

- The *Oneg* on Oct 20th was sponsored by Philip Kaplan and Barbara Rosenthal in honor of their birthdays

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Temple Member Murray Leff, Published Author

Murray Leff, member of Temple *Sholom* for over 50 years is having his book published. Called "**Lens of an Infantryman**", it features photos he took of front line infantry action during WWII. As a soldier in General Patton's Third Army, he saw action as a rifleman in Northern France, the Battle of the bulge and the conquest of Germany. With a camera hidden under his field jacket he took over 100 pictures which have never been published before. Ask your local librarian to get the book. The publisher is: **McFarland & Company, Inc.** Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640

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NORC-WOW News

Attn: Parents of Teens

Do you have a teenager 14 or older that would like to provide snow-shoveling services to the seniors in their community? The teen will be paid a stipend and hopefully learn to appreciate the importance of community volunteerism and helping those in need.

Call 718-347-2244 for details.

NORC is giving free Flu shots on Dec. 6th 9:30 - 12 noon at HSBC Bank. Call 1-718-347-2244 for appointment.

NORC Support Group meetings in the Social Hall November 6, 13. All meetings are 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

Arthritis exercise class at Temple *Sholom* Weds. 10-11 AM

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.

Flash! Let's expand our "TREE OF LIFE" in the lobby. Through the month of November plaques can be purchased at 50% off the original price
Size A - originally \$250 will now be \$125; Size B - originally \$500 is now \$250; Size C - originally \$750 is now \$500, Size D - originally \$1000 is now \$500. Here is a great opportunity to honor someone you care about in a special lasting way for everyone to see and admire.

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 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 December Newsletter is November 21st. 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 on, or add any name(s) to, the "get-well-list" recited on Friday evenings of the month. Names will not be carried over.

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.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT OUR SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE

To benefit the Northeast Queens and Western Nassau Communities. Sponsored By: Bellerose Jewish Center, Lake Success Jewish Center Marathon Jewish Center, Temple *Sholom* of Floral Park, Young Israel of New Hyde Park,, Young Israel of Hollis Hills/Windsor Park.

~~~~~TO BE HELD AT: ~~~~~

THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF NEW HYDE PARK

264-15 77TH Avenue

Sunday, November 12th , 2006

9 AM to 2:15 PM

BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Free babysitting will be available. If you have any questions or for more information contact: Joe Varon, 718-552-6449

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*Sunday December 17, 2006 - 26 Kislev 5767*  
NEQJCC/Y Chanukah Party, time to be announced/ date to be confirmed at Samuel Field Y, 58-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, NY

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