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****Erev Chanukah is December 11****

Friday, November 6	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, November 13	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, November 20	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, November 27	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, December 4	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, December 11	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, December 18	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm
Friday, December 25	<i>Shabbat service</i>	8:00pm

Sunday, November 15 - Semi-Annual Blood Drive co-sponsored by Temple Sholom held at the Young Israel of New Hyde Park, 264-15 77th Ave, New Hyde Park

Sunday, November 22 - the Queens Jewish Community Council is sponsoring a program titled "**Preserving the Jewish Presence in Queens**" at Queens College. Rabbi Martin Schloss of the Board of Jewish Education of NY; Michael Miller of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York; Byron Dresner, who has either been President or co President of the Flushing Fresh Meadows Jewish Center for 30 years as well as our Attorney; and Paul Trolio have been invited to address this first annual Symposium. There are a very limited number of invitations available to this program so please contact Paul Trolio if you are interested in attending... and hopefully, there will be some spots left for those wishing to attend.

Monday, November 23 at 8pm - The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service this year is being sponsored by Temple Sholom at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with Our Lady of Snows and St. Paul's Lutheran Church participating beginning at 8:00 pm at St. Paul's located at 262-22 Union Turnpike in Floral Park.

Saturday, December 12 - SAVE THE DATE for our **Gala Family Chanukah Party** to be held from 7pm to 10pm at Ben's of Bayside in the Bay Terrace Shopping Center. Reservations with payment must be received no later than December 7th at the Temple Office.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It has been a long time since I have looked forward to Friday nights as much as I look forward to them now.

It is not just because we have two very talented, inspirational and apparently deeply spiritual people on our bimah. It is because these two talented, inspirational and apparently deeply spiritual people have come together and are able to lead us in prayer with one voice.

I write "apparently deeply spiritual" because I am not talented enough to look into someone else's soul and accurately assess what they are feeling - but what I am able to do is to assess how successful people are at coming together to build a team.

We have all seen collections of very talented people come together; many of whom are likely among the very best at what they do; yet they do not always succeed together. You can ask the New York Yankees about the truth of this statement during the years between when they last won the World Series in the year 2000 until a week or so ago. They had the best collection of talent in baseball yet they didn't win the World Series for 9 years

Everyone reading this letter likely knows and everyone who has been to services since we moved temporarily to Temple Torah surely knows what I am talking about. We can assemble the best management team; to build the most beautiful Synagogue; with the most robust endowment; attracting virtually all of the non-affiliated Jews in our area to join us; while eventually insuring that all who want to worship with us can regardless of their ability to pay; yet for me nothing compares to having a team on the Bimah that provides inspirational and impactful spiritual leadership every week.

I have been swept away by these services; I want to continue to be swept away and I am pretty sure that all of you want to be swept away too.

Rabbi Joshua Plaut and Cantor Josée Wolff have not only agreed to be our Rabbi and Cantor for at least the next few months but they have already created a team that is dedicated to show us what is possible and to bring back what we have been missing for a very long time. After experiencing the possibilities of how spiritually stimulating every Friday Night can be I never want to return to where we have been as a congregation.

I am certain that over the next few months, Rabbi Plaut, Cantor Wolff and we as a congregation will be assessing not only the ongoing potential but the possibilities of what the future could and ultimately will hold for all of us. We are in a unique position of being able to thoughtfully and carefully assess our spiritual leadership options and over the next period

of time because we are not being pushed by a deadline to make a decision that might not be in the best interest of all of us.

I realize that this letter has been written almost purely from my own perspective because I can not assess with anything close to absolute certainty what your opinion of all of this is; because as you already know, I am not talented enough to peer into your soul to know what is truly in your heart.

Shalom,
Paul

News from the Office

Where to begin . . . *Free Ticket Giveaway?* . . . *The High Holy Days?* . . . *Our Move?*

The first word to come to mind in describing the environment in the office while all three events were happening simultaneously would be **frenetic** - another would be - **invigorating** and the final word would be - **Positive!**

The High Holy Days

Over 150 new worshippers beyond our members walked through our Temple doors after seeing our offer for tickets to High Holy Day services, without charge, in their local newspapers. Their expressions of appreciation were overwhelming. These were not people simply looking for something for nothing. These were people, fellow Jews, all with a history of belonging to Temples in the past - all with a tale as to why they're no longer affiliated. Each story was sadder than the next. A recurring theme spoken by many of these new worshippers were of their long term relationships with their former Synagogues ("my children were Bar/Bas Mitzvah there"). Those relationships ended due to recent financial setbacks that made it impossible to continue. The lack of tolerance exhibited by the Boards of many of the Temples we heard about from these new worshippers was regrettable. Many of these people felt that they were "forced out" once they could not pay their dues.

There were some, who admitted without shame; that many Synagogues were charging such an exorbitant amount for the holy day tickets, that they felt that they could not spend so much money as they were already cutting back in all areas of their lives just to make ends meet. Some were unhappy with conflicts resulting within their previous Temple as a result of a recent merger. Others were looking for a new Temple to join and liked what our ad had to say about the philosophy of our Congregation, which fell in line with their beliefs. In total, some 400+ tickets were distributed. Attendance was up for the High Holy Day services, as were donations to the Temple and Kol Nidre pledges.

During the time between *Selichot* and *Rosh Hashanah*, *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* and *Yom Kippur* and *Simchat Torah*, the telephone momentum was almost as busy as it was during the week our ads first appeared. These were calls from people who attended services and simply had to express their feelings about their experience at Temple Shalom. The comments were so heartwarming I wish there was a true way to convey the words - enjoyable, comfortable, welcoming, family and the one word used the most was spiritual. All were looking forward to

returning for the next service, some asked about membership fees, other to again say "thank you" for the uplifting experience and the generosity of the members of Temple Sholom.

Moving Out

For those of you who haven't moved in the last 40 years, you don't have to read any further for this is a paragraph you can't relate to. For those of you who have I know we have your sympathies. What a job! Three floors of furniture, books and papers to be sorted, 40 years worth of "goodies" stored in the attic and a move-out date upped two weeks led to a very hectic schedule, indeed. Without the help of the many committees; without the help of the schleppers who brought cartons to hold our treasured belongings; without the many volunteers who held the hands of those who were wringing theirs, this would have been an impossible situation.

Many of you who called the office during this time spoke with anyone who had a free hand; Muriel Gorochow, Mae Rossin, Michelle Strauss or Nancy Abraham. These ladies gave so generously of their time to not only respond to the never-ending ring of the telephone, but file papers, stuff Kol Nidre cards, stuff mailings, type label lists and help pack. . . Dale Demner attacked the library with the help of Hanna Kormas, Karla Osuna and our "share person" Michelle Strauss. Barbara Rosenthal and her dad, Phil Kaplan, continued in the library after Dale left on vacation to finish up the cleaning up and clearing out. Annette Gerard, too, was "penciled" in for her share in the final phase of preparing the Kol Nidre pledge cards. Thank you all so much for your assistance, support and positive energy. And, because of the great job you did, you need to make sure to get lots of rest between now and the time we move into our new Temple home; you know we'll be looking for you when we have to sort, file, stuff, type and unpack.

Services and Our Temporary Office

Until we take possession of our new Temple Sholom *Shabbat* services are being held each Friday at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary at Temple Torah on Little Neck Parkway in Little Neck. During this time there will be no Shabbat dinners on the first Friday of each month.

The Temple office is temporarily located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, directly opposite our previous building. We have a private entrance down the 263rd pathway, next to the first set of double doors on the left. Our telephone number is still 718-343-8660 and our mailing address is Temple Sholom 262-22 Union Turnpike, Floral Park, New York, and N. Y. 11004. You are all invited to stop in and say hello.

*****FOR SISTERHOOD*****

by Karla Osuna

To be sung to the tune of
"Thanks For The Memory"

Thanks for the memory
Of Temple functions past.
Sisterhood friends that last,
The meetings and the onegs
Even the Yom Kippur fast.
Thank you so much.

And thanks for the memory
Of all the fun we had.
The good times and the bad.
The breakfasts and the parties
That can leave us feeling sad.
Thank you so much.

And thanks for the memory
Of Sisterhood members who
Didn't make it through.
They're gone but not forgotten

By me and I know by you.
Thank you so much.

But soon...
We will make new memories.
As Sisterhood goes forth together
Any storm we'll weather.
In our new home
No more to roam.
Our friendships will last forever.
Thank you so much.

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

October 8, 2009 - Sisterhood's paid up membership party was a great night - one we will remember for along time. The ambience was great and our members were very happy to be with each other. The food was delicious and everyone just dug in and enjoyed every bit. We enjoyed delightful entertainment. Barbara Fleisher and Karla Osuna sang and had everyone joining in to familiar medleys - English and Hebrew. The highlight of the entertainment was Karla's parody of "Thanks for the Memories", an ode to Temple Sholom which is printed in this newsletter for everyone's pleasure. We remembered and recalled so many happenings at Temple Sholom-Union Turnpike building and we recalled with laughter and good cheer, Molly Rogers told us stories of the early days in the building and Nancy Abraham and Trudy Strominger remarked how happy they were to celebrate Bat and Bar Mitzvahs in our congregation with our temple family. Dede Silverston described the feelings of warmth and outreach to her and her family in a terrible time of need. Many of us will carry these memories in our own minds and hearts and they will be a basis for new memories in our new building.

Sisterhood aims to keep in touch through the months of building and until we will be able to meet together as before.

We urge you to join us for Friday night services at Temple Torah. Services at Temple Torah have been absolutely wonderful thanks to Rabbi Plaut and our visiting cantors.

We are getting use to a new type of Oneg.

If you weren't at our paid up party and did not pay your dues, I urge you to do so by sending a check to Shirley Snyder at the temple. The dues remain at \$36.00 each and we need and want all our temple ladies to be members of Sisterhood.

After many years of dedicated service to temple and Sisterhood, Dale Demner has resigned as Oneg chairperson. She did an outstanding job with Onegs but is ready to take on other duties to help temple. We thank her very much and wish her well in all her coming endeavors. Muriel Gorochow is our new Oneg chairperson and has already done some special things in setting up new Oneg facilities at Temple Torah. If you wish to sponsor an Oneg and we hope you do, please call Muriel at 718-631-0046 and she will do her best to accommodate you.

As far as our Onegs at Temple Torah, they are beginning to fall into place. Even though they do it differently Temple Sholom's magic touch is beginning to come through.

On Saturday evening, December 12, 2009, we are sponsoring a gala Chanukah party. It will be at Ben's of Bayside in the Bay Terrace shopping center from 7 to 10pm. There will be deli galore including hot hors-d'œuvres and potato latkes. This will not be a fundraiser but an opportunity for our temple family to celebrate together and be

together. We have reduced the price to \$25.00 per person and children under 13 will be \$12.50. We want you all to come and feel free to bring family. We will have entertainment as well as great food. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details. We want our mishpooka to be together as much as possible until our new building is ready and Chanukah is a great time to do this. We are planning entertainment as well so please save the date.

You can send reservations to Sherry in the temple office with your checks. The last day for reservations is December 7th and reservations must be accompanied by a check. No money will be collected December 12.

We look forward to seeing you and to wish you a happy Chanukah. We will keep in touch with our Sisterhood through Newsletters and other means.

Your Co-Presidents

Maxine Baden	Gerty Wolf
718-631-4696	718-347-8171

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

ONEG SHABBAT

We all enjoy celebrating the Sabbath as a Community each week. After an inspiring service we celebrate the Sweetness of the Sabbath. Oneg Shabbat means, Joy of the Sabbath. In many congregations only one or two cakes are available to enjoy. We have a selection of goodies that are bound to

satisfy everyone's taste. In order to continue to enjoy the sweet treats during the Oneg, we need to ask for your financial support.

Some of our congregants have been sharing their simchas, birthdays, and anniversaries with donations to the Sisterhood Oneg Fund. A donation of \$60 will enable you to sponsor an Oneg, and help select the goodies. Several member families can combine their celebrations and share the cost. Sometimes the host or hostess of the Oneg is a secret. When we have sponsor for the Oneg we are able to provide a more plentiful selection.

At this time we hope that you will respond with a generous contribution to the Sisterhood Oneg Fund.

Please Contact Muriel Gorochow at 718-631-0046, or Mae Rossin 718-359-0297

Dear Friends and Extended Family of Temple Sholom,

Larry and I can't thank you enough for your cards and calls during my recent surgery. One can't imagine when they are down for the count and a call or a card comes your way. Too boot we also got a dinner! Imagine not having to call reservations and someone comes to your door and says, "Dinner courtesy of Temple Sholom." Thank you all for your wonderful wishes and thoughts.

Big hugs to all,

Nancy and Larry Abraham

To Our Wonderful Extended Family Members,

I want to thank Orlando and Karla, Barbara Fleisher and Sam and Mae Rossin for their caring. There were countless times when I

needed a ride and there you were. Because of your generosity there is one less person waiting for a bus at night. Thank you for the pleasure ride in your mitzvah mobiles.

Love,
Nancy Abraham

From the Temple Office

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.

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.

ONEG:

Muriel Gorochow 718-631-0046

Sherry at the Office - 718-343-8660
Sponsoring an *Oneg Shabbat* is really easy. Just call Dale Demner at 1-718-343-8037 and pick a *Shabbat* date. Share your *simchas* 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...

Justin Ahiyon	Harriet Dubow
Jerome Demner	Nathaniel Ginsberg
Ryan Healy	Murray Leff
Rebecca Lynch	Karla Osuna
Joan Schuster	Harry Yarwood
Nancy Zim	Jordan Ahiyon
Marissa Bearak	Matthew Blum
Bernard Bragin	John Healy

David Kisting	Stephen Levine
Daniel Savage	Julie Weinstock
Trudy Strominger	Cynthia Zim

Happy Anniversary to...

Arlene & Harry Yarwood
Dale & Jerome Demner
Stuart & Judith Weinstock
Allen & Cynthia Zim

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



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

Many thanks to Susanne and Gus Greis for their wonderful donation of 76 skeins of yarn to be used for the lap robes I make for the patients at Parker. A special "thank you" to Phil Kaplan, as well, who travels the garage sale/flea market

circuit in search of wool to purchase for these lap robes. As of now there is enough wool available to keep me busy through the new year. Will let you know when I'm ready to accept new donations. Thanks.
Annette Gerard

**The Deadline for the next Newsletter is December 21st. EMAIL all contributions 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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In Rememberance

November 1 – 7

Emanuel Fox
Dora Slare
Albert Fonoroff
Robert Mitchell Grossman
Lena Pasiornick
Beverly Rothstein
Charles Fidler
Rose Fidler
Ida Cohen
Lillian Nadelbach

November 22 – 28

Sarah Rogers
Abraham Flaum
David Katzman
Sam Jacobson
Lena Troupp
William L. Workman
Harry Brooks
Samuel Baden
Anne Stieglitz

December 13 – 19

Elizabeth Ribler
Janet M. Holzer
Rose Schwartz
Lucille Stalow
Etta Stein
Harry Schoenberg
Rae Prince
Irmagard Wolf
Nathan Stern

November 8 – 14

Michael Arond
Phillip Weiner
Shirley R. Stein
Esther Pulver
Bernard Kalman
Jack S. Ehrlich
Fannie Rand
Mac Abrams
Frances Bochner
Samuel Diamond
Nathan Breidner
Judah S. Flax
Dora Hirsch
Mary Morowitz

Nov. 29 – Dec. 5

Sigmund Miller
Eric Hirsch
Frieda Gilden
Uriel Flax
Yetta Greis
Annie Levy
Sidney Schrift
Rose & Abraham Schrier
Carrie Friedman
Leontine Judas
Milton Richman
Sarah Shainman
Jack Yader

December 20 - 27

Anna Steinberg
Dana Gorochow
Alice Fischer
Evelyn Becker
PFC. Louis Abraham
Ethel Pasternack
Sidney H. Jacobson
Adele Leff
Florence Bernstein
Harry Bloom
Leah Kormas

November 15 - 21

Charles Gerard
Fannie Charna Brandwein
Frances Rossin
Martha Steinberg
Helene F. Alfieri
Benjamin Katz
Herb Roth
William B. Workman
William Grossman
Hyman Brutstein
Lou Rossin
Sylvia Lerner
Betty Markowitz
Sheldon Bochner
Daniel Lerner
Lorraine Hirsch
Jessie Demner
Leonard Schoen
Henry S. Fier
Bernard Koslow

December 6 – 12

Harvey Civick
Leonard Marks
Mildred Yader
Nathan Sellinger
Pauline Cutler
Lewis Levine
Tillie Schoenberg
Ray Bernstein
David Sher
Itche Altman

Dec. 27 – January 2

Bernard Simon
Mitchell Trellis
Nathan Shotsky
Suzanne Elias
Clara Klein
Ida Mandell
Frances Schrift
Freda Kalman
Lizzie Costuma



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