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*Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker*

*Paul Trolio, President*

*Ruth Gerver, Exec. Vice President*

### Services and Events

Wednesday, Oct 3 *Yiskor* 7pm; *Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah* 7:30pm

Friday, Oct. 5 *Shabbat Service* 6:30PM Dinner 7:30pm

Saturday, Oct. 6 *Shabbat Morning Service* 10am

Friday, Oct. 12 *Shabbat service* 8pm

Saturday, Oct. 13 Religious School Program 10am

Friday, Oct. 19 *Shabbat service* 8pm

Saturday, Oct. 20 *Shabbat service* 10am followed by *Torah study*

Friday, Oct. 26 *Shabbat service* 8pm

### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Our New Year has begun and I want to personally thank the following people for their help in organizing all that went into making our services so wonderful.

As always, Richie Blum and Joel Friedland must top the list for my thanks. The task of coordinating all participants and honors is absolutely monumental. Your attention to detail and ability to handle last minute changes is astounding. Thank you for this amazing effort, for the time you spend doing it, and thank you to your families for sharing you with us. Thank you for the gracious way in which you handled ALL my requests, despite their last minute nature or abruptness.

Mark Rand, Bernice Siegel, Dennis Baltuch, Abe Kormas: I so appreciate your attention to helping people with books, seating, and answering their questions as they entered the building and the extended sanctuary space. Thank you too for maintaining the dignity of our services by directing people to enter the sanctuary only at appropriately designated times. This preserved the sanctity of services for all of us.

Thank you to Hermine Elias and Ruth Gerver who polished the silver which adorns our Torah covers and our silver Kiddush cups. When we opened the ark the silver

was dazzling! You helped us fulfill the commandment of *hiddur mitzvah* - to beautify what God has commanded.

Thank you to our maintenance staff, Neville and Jim, for all the work you did in setting up, arranging, rearranging and cleaning. Your work is so important in preparing us for the holidays.

Thank you Dawn Rose, our office administrative assistant, for all the typing, copying, fielding of phone calls and countless other tasks you did to make sure all our paper work was done at this busy time.

Thank you to Mae Rossin, Maxine Baden and Dale Demner for the break fast. It was beautiful to look at such bounty. It was delicious! It was so welcomed at the end of a long day.

Cantor Kendal and our choir: Cantor, it was a delight to have you with us this year. Thank you to the choir members for putting in the time to rehearse and be with us. The Cantor and choir added immeasurable beauty to our holiday services.

Thank you President Paul Trolio for your tremendous organizing skills in preparation for this time. And thank you for the lightheartedness you bring to the announcements.

Just before the New Year, Dale Demner got us a new *Shabbat challah* cover. Thank you!

Thank you Marty Becker for all the loving support you give me so that I might serve this congregation.

If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me now. You are already added to my *al chayt* list for next year.

In my *Yom Kippur* sermon I talked about a congregational trip to Israel in this, its 60th birthday year. If you are interested please call Dawn in the Temple Office and leave your name or tell past President Ruth Gerver who is coordinating this effort.

I look forward to all that is still to come in 5768.

*Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker*

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

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

As surely as the Jews of Moses climbed up the mountain of their own destiny to gaze upon their ultimate destination for the moment, so will we. Our own destiny was cast when we voted as a congregation to preserve our own destination as it was built over 50 years ago by selling our school building while remaining in our Sanctuary and social hall.

Fortunately for us, we have an option which very few Temples have and that is selling only a part and not all of our Real Estate holdings in order to keep our congregation intact. In the past we have discussed options that have included but were not limited to selling all of our Real Estate and downsizing to a smaller facility; merging with another congregation; and even selling our school building and renting our social hall to other community groups to try and make ends meet. This congregation would not accept any of the aforementioned options even though some of them, depending upon the specifics of the deal, did seem to make good if not better economic sense than just selling the school building.

In its heart, this Congregation just wanted to stay in the building where so many of its children were Bar and Bat

Mitzvah; so many of its life cycle events were shared with its biological and congregational families; and so many memories good and otherwise were created over a 50-year legacy of Jewish life.

I am hoping that this Congregation gets its wish. And if it does, why not make it a wish whose benefits would be not only for those who created those memories during the past 50 years, but for those who may want to create new ones over the next 50? I refuse to believe that this congregation voted to preserve this sacred ground purely out of self interest in order to have its final life cycle event held in the place where so many memories were created. I also refuse to believe that those who voted for this preservation have no sense of destiny or legacy.

I believe that what this congregation voted on was more time. More time to find a way to its ultimate destination - discovering a more permanent solution for financially supporting this congregation and its infrastructure.

Even though the sale of the school building alone will likely keep us solvent for the next 10 or more years, it is probably not enough to insure our long term survival and growth unless we spend some time in trying

to discover the next great idea for financially supporting our congregation.

Unlike virtually all other religious groups, the culture of Jewish congregations is that we must fund ourselves without any support from a parent organization. Add this to a wildly fluctuating economy and changing demographics, within a relatively short period of time, not only our Temple but an even wider percentage of Temples will find that they can not continue as viable congregations.

It will take just one great idea from one or more members of this congregation to put us on the road to solving the problem of financing this and other congregations forever.

Why can't this next great idea come from this Congregation?

Why can't anyone who wants to become affiliated with their neighborhood Temple just walk in without regard to their checkbook balance and say, I want to belong here?

Why can't we as a Jewish Community come up with better ideas than hiring caterers; increasing the dues; soliciting larger Kol Nidre contributions and promoting mergers as these solutions are not solving the underlying problem? Getting higher dues as well as additional assessments from our members is not the answer.

If we look at the past as prologue, the next great idea will likely come from an unlikely source. In February of 2005, three unknown kids in a garage invented what was

to become the biggest idea that the technology world has seen in a very long time and within 18 months they sold their invention for \$1.8 billion - and the name of the invention? You Tube. Even though the number of You Tube users is substantial, it doesn't compare to the worldwide Jewish Community.

We as a people may be a little overdue in coming up with the next great idea and at first blush; it would appear that we as a congregation are an unlikely candidate for coming up with it. But I have begun to realize, after getting to know so many of you that this is just the type of place where the next great idea can happen.

By the time you have finished reading this column; you will have already or will receive within a few days, a letter announcing the scheduling of a congregational meeting to ask for your approval to sell the school building. This is the next step we need to take in order for us to take the time to begin working on the next great idea. If everything works out with the prospective buyer we have been speaking with, we could send the contract for Attorney General and Court Approval by the week of October 16, 2007. If all goes according to a very preliminary time line, the deal could close by March 15, 2008.

Regardless of our best estimates of timing and the anticipated path of this potential deal, the closing date for the sale of the school building will not indicate either the end or the beginning of our journey; the fulfillment of our destiny; or the arrival at a destination that will almost always eventually yield to a new one. It will just be another step on our own journey up

the mountain in anticipation of eventually gazing upon our future in a land filled with promise.

Shalom,  
Paul

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## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Hello all,

School has started and I am delighted to welcome you all back. It was good to see you at High Holiday services and I am pleased that you participated in them.

School will continue every Tuesday afternoon through Dec. 4th. Note: There will be NO school on Tuesday Dec. 11, but we will meet Dec. 18th.

Winter break is: Tuesday Dec. 25 and Tuesday Jan 1.

Religious School Saturday programs:

Oct. 13 at 10am

Nov. 3 at 10am

Dec. 1 at 10am

January 26 4pm w/ *havdalah*

As always, be in touch with any questions.

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

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## **SISTERHOOD**

The Temple *Shalom* Sisterhood is part of the Women of Reform Judaism. We are in District 3. There is a Long Island Leadership Day planned for Sunday, October 14th. It will be held at Central

Synagogue in Rockville Centre. There will be workshops on how to delegate, creative programming, as well as net working with other Sisterhood women. If you are interested in going please call Dale, Gerty or Maxine. The fee is \$10 per person and includes lunch.

The Sisterhood Paid up membership event will be on Wednesday, October 10th. Our speaker will be Wendy Marx, Jewish educator and current President of the Long Island Association of Jewish Librarians. She will speak about Jazz Age Jews From *Shtetl* to Swing. Wendy is a dynamic speaker and one who enjoys changing her signature hats with every story, she tells. We will be treated to pictures of famous musicians and the sounds of Sophie Tucker.

A delicious selection of desserts will be served including some healthy ones and some not so healthy ones, but something for everyone to enjoy.

Dale, Gerty, and Maxine, Sisterhood Co-Pres.

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

## **Herbert Tarr Institute of Adult Jewish Learning**

These very worthwhile and interesting study sessions begin Monday Evening, October 15 at 7:45pm with keynote speaker Abraham Foxman, leader of the Anti-Defamation League. There is no class preceding this lecture and it is open to everyone whether you sign up for the series or not. Brochures for the

entire series of classes and lectures are available in the Social Hall and Temple Office. The Institute classes and lectures will be held at the Old Westbury Jewish Center which is on Jericho Turnpike near Glen Cove Road. If you need more information or have questions, please call Maxine Baden at 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 \$50 (without a sheet cake). The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$35.

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**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO...**

Corey Bearak	Rachelle Bearak
Philip Kaplan	Abe Kormas
Barbara Rosenthal	Robin Spiegelman
Michelle Strauss	Roni Trolio

**HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY TO**

Joseph & Lori Butera  
Abe & Hannah Kormas  
Gerson & Pam Sabel

(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>
Leonard Holzer	Susanne Greis
Goldie Rogoff Greene	Eilene Greene Kutin
Harry Fink	Don Fink
Charles Lobl	Robin Spiegelman
Marstella Unger	Robin Spiegelman
Rose Tenenbaum	Karla Osuna
Ida Peaceman	Harriet Peaceman & Family
Isadore Goldberg	Ida Goldfluss

Bessie Kravetz	Shirley Snyder
Bessie Abramowitz	Harold & Debbie Abramowitz
Stella Goldfluss	Ida Goldfluss
Anna Weinstein	Dale & Jerry Demner
Sidney Slive	Dale & Jerry Demner
Lon Orenstein	Muriel Drew
Arnold Kowlow	Roni & Paul Trolio
Bernard Koslow	Roni & Paul Trolio

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

**GENERAL FUND**

- Donation from Rabbi and Marty Becker with thanks to Richard Blum and Joel Friedland.
- Donation from The Peterfreund family
- Donation from Fran Berger in memory of Bertram Berger and Mel Gerard
- Donation from Nancy & Larry Abraham in memory of Mel Gerard, and in honor of Charles Muir Jr.'s presence at our *Rosh HaShanah* Services
- Donation from Hermine Elias in honor of Phil Kaplan's birthday

Donation to the General Fund in Honor of:

Phil Kaplan  
Maxine Baden  
Gerty Wolf  
Roni & Paul Trolio  
Mae, Sam, and Douglas Rossin  
Janet & Joel Friedland  
Annette & Mel Gerard  
Dale & Jerry Demner

To all of you my thanks for your thoughtfulness - each in your own way!  
- Hermine

Donations in memory of Mel Gerard were received from

- Harvey & Joan Schuster
- Judy & Todd Slotkin
- Robert & Esther Printz
- Stan & Ann Strauss
- Debbie & Harold Abramowitz
- Nat & Florence Ginsberg

- Janet & Joel Friedland
- Hermine Elias
- Dacia Horowitz & Jerry Furst
- Muriel Gorochow
- Harriet Peaceman
- Etta Roth
- Karla & Orlando Osuna
- Martha & Jerry Sperling
- Jim Torrance
- Ida Goldfluss
- Helen Skurowitz
- Barbara & Richard Frankel
- Maxine Baden
- Roni & Paul Trolio

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My family and I would like to express our gratitude to Rabbi and Marty Becker and the entire congregation. The tribute to Mel and the caring and concern for me was overwhelming. The constant support from everyone is helping me get through this most difficult time of my life.

Thank You All,  
Annette

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### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Donation from Abe & Hannah Kormas in memory of Mel Gerard, in honor of Dacia Horowitz's birthday, for a speedy recovery for Mae Rossin, for Florence & Nat Ginsberg's good health and their 60th anniversary, and in memory of Evelyn Cohen
- Donation from Mae, Sam, and Douglas Rossin in memory of Mel Gerard, and in memory of Evelyn Cohen, the aunt of Roni Trolio
- Donation from Dale & Jerry Demner in memory of Evelyn Cohen

The Holidays have come and are just about over as this issue goes to press. It has been a time of sadness and gladness. The loss of Mel Gerard, our member of long standing, whose absence will be felt for years to come. It goes without saying that our condolences go out to Annette and the Gerard family in their bereavement.

The opening Temple dinner and get together on Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. For me, it was an extra special evening. The exquisite copy of the *Torah* which was so eloquently presented to me by Paul will be treasured by me and my family.

### **THE LARRY WOLF FUND**

- Yahrzeit Donation by Gerty Wolf, Bonnie, Mitch, Danielle & Bryan Cipolla in memory of Max Weisser
- Yahrzeit Donation by Rose Cipolla in memory of her family.
- Donation from Maxine Baden in memory of Evelyn Cohen, aunt of Roni Trolio
- Donation from Ruth Gerver in memory of Evelyn Cohen

For this gift and all of the expressions of appreciation, accept my deepest gratitude and thanks. I hope that I may have the good fortune to continue working for Temple as long as I am able.

### **SISTERHOOD ONEG FUND**

- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz to wish a speedy recovery to Mae Rossin
- Donation from Muriel Gorochow

*L'Shana Tova*  
Ruth Gerver

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Dear Mae,  
Hope recovery road has met you and will land you on your feet again. Take care.  
With love,  
The Abraham Family

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Robin Spiegelman,  
You made my load easier!  
Love,  
Nancy Abraham

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Dear Charles Muir, Jr.,  
You lit up the temple with your presence.  
With much love,  
Nancy and Larry Abraham

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Thank you to Maxine Baden for being so kind to Douglas and Sam Rossin for providing them with their supper on *Yom Kippur* eve. You are one in a million.

Love,  
Mae, Sam, and Douglas Rossin

To Annette:  
Mel will surely be missed in the Temple for all his good deeds.  
Love,  
Mae, Sam, and Douglas Rossin

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Dear Paul and Temple *Sholom* Members,  
Despite the handicapped ramp into the side entrance of the Temple, attending services is difficult for me. But Temple Sholom has been "home" for over 50 years for my family and me, despite my increased inactivity. Therefore, your inclusion of me on your phone notification list and your generous gift of the flowers from the *bima* are appreciated by me on multiple levels. Thank you very much. It means a lot.  
Gratefully yours,  
Jessica Sher

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The **Leisure Club** meets on Tuesdays. Call Grace at 718-343-2299

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### NEQJCC Calendar

Monday, October 8, 2007 NEQJCC Regular Meeting

Sunday, October 21, 2007, 12:00 noon - NEQJCC Toy Drive Kickoff @ Y or Parker (ends Fri., November 30)

Sunday, October 28, 2007, 11:00 a.m - NEQJCC Installation @ Bellerose J.C.

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### NORC-WOW News

NORC Support Group meetings in the Social Hall on Fridays 9:15 to 11:30.  
Arthritis Exercise classes on Fridays at 10:30AM.

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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.

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### **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 November Newsletter is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 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 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 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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**Clothes Needed** for needy families. The Jewish Community Council of Crown Heights, Brooklyn collects and distributes clothes. Clothes must be clean and can be put in plastic bags or on hangers. 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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