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# Newsletter

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### Services and events, including High Holiday schedule:

- Sept 01 Shabbat Service 8:00pm
- Sept 08 Shabbat Service 8:00pm – Birthday Blessings
- Sept 10 Membership Open house 10am
- Sept 12 Sisterhood Membership Party 7:30pm
- Sept 15 Shabbat Service 8:00pm
- Sept 16 Selichot 7:30 PM Coffee & Program; 9 pm service
- Sept 22 Rosh Hashanah Eve Services 8:00pm
- Sept 23 Services 10:00 AM; Afternoon Children's Services by reservation ONLY
- Sept 24 Services 10:00 AM; Tashlich immediately following end of service
- Sept 29 Shabbat Shuvah Service 8:00pm
- October 1 Kol Nidre Services 7:30 PM
- October 2 Yom Kippur Services 10:00 AM  
Afternoon Children's Services by reservation ONLY  
Afternoon Services 3:00 PM, Yiskor 5:00 PM
- October 4 Decorate the Sukkah
- October 6 Sukkot Dinner 6:30 PM Sukkot Services 7:30 PM
- October 7 Sukkot Services 10:00 AM
- October 13 Yiskor 7:30 PM Simchat Torah Services 8:00 PM

(See the calendar for our complete schedule – Adult Yoga on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm, Leisure Club)

### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

For part of the month of July, Marty and I were in Canada. We were typical tourists with a camera around Marty's neck, walking the streets of foreign cities. Our road trip started at Niagara Falls, NY. I was at the "Falls" as a very young child and remember being hit in the face by the water while on the boat ride that approaches close to it. I did not repeat that experience on this trip but felt the power and beauty of the "Falls" nonetheless. Actually, I found them to be even more beautiful and powerful when observed from the Canadian side. They make one feel so small and powerless and yet I had a sense of faith and hope - God's magnificence, seen and heard.

We continued on to Toronto. Originally planning to meet a colleague, we were disappointed that she was to be in Israel when we were in her city. So we visited Holy Blossom Temple and explored the city without her. Then came the words and pictures that Israel, in responding to the kidnapping of its soldiers, was quickly involved in crisis and we could think only of our friend leading a trip and be concerned for her safety. There was fear but resignation in what we were hearing. There was hope that all would be resolved quickly.

It was always our intent to see Holy Blossom. This was my first trip to Toronto and having heard so much about the congregation and its illustrious retired senior Rabbi and now senior scholar - his name is known to you as the author of the "red" Torah commentary, Rabbi Gunther Plaut - I was looking forward to this. I make it a point to visit and worship at synagogues while I am sightseeing. Many of us wouldn't miss famous churches in foreign places but don't always make time for Jewish houses of worship. Yet they are precious to us - these places that are ages old, meaningful because of their longevity, continuing use, still standing despite so many negative historical circumstances. In the face of persecution, we are still people of hope.

From Toronto we went to Ottawa, the capital of Canada. We saw the "changing of the guard" at the Parliament buildings - lots of pomp and circumstance unfolding against the backdrop of beautiful edifices replete with gargoyles and grotesques. Then we journeyed to Montreal and Quebec. The streets are pretty and quaint indeed and remind one of European places. But all of this took place against the need to know more about Israel's plight.

The major news programs were available on the televisions in the hotel rooms and we watched often. Had I been home, with you, we would have been speaking of these circumstances as they were happening. I would have been forwarding updates and information I receive from Jewish sources to you, and many of you would have been in touch, sending me e-mail, talking to me at oneg. In fact, even as I write this, the fighting has stopped and we are praying that the U.N. resolution will work. But by publication time of this bulletin who knows? We Jews always pray in tikvah, in hope. I know your prayers are as fervent as mine.

This column will reach you in advance of the New Year but due to the timing of the newsletter I send my good wishes now. Marty joins me in wishing you l'shanah tovah u'm'tu'kah - a happy and sweet 5767! And I look forward to greeting you in person.

This month I borrow a colleague's particular way of ending her columns. She always writes "in hope" and signs her name. Therefore:

In hope, **Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker**

**Changes are coming:** "watch this space" for exciting changes in the Temple liturgical calendar. Next month I will write about new worship experiences to enrich our continuing spiritual needs.

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 (beginning in October), 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**

No doubt, you all must be anxious to know where we stand with the sale of the school building, and I must thank everyone for the patience you have shown these past months while awaiting some news.

Well, here it is. The offers to purchase submitted for the sale of the building have been narrowed down to two, each in an amount of \$2,400,000. One is from a doctor who plans to use the building as a multifaceted practice servicing the needs of his patients. The other offer, also in the vicinity of \$2,400,00, is from SNAP, the acronym for "Service Now for Adult Persons", a well-known community service organization. Both of these offers are for the school building only, with no incursion of any sort into our building.

At this point in time, SNAP is in the Number One spot, and the Board of Trustees voted to authorize our attorney to enter into negotiations with the attorney(s) for SNAP, defining our requisites regarding the financial arrangements, as well as the many basic issues affecting both Temple Sholom and SNAP.

If, as and when a meeting of the minds between the attorneys is reached, a Contract of Sale will be drawn by our attorney containing all the issues that have been agreed upon. The Contract will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their review and, hopefully, for their approval, after which a summary of the salient points of the Contract will be submitted to the Congregation for approval at a Special Meeting. Once the Contract has been approved by the Congregation, our attorney will then draw up a Petition to be presented to the Attorney General for his approval, and then to the Supreme Court for a final order of approval. Setting a closing date for the sale can be done once the final order is received.

Please bear in mind that, although all of the aforementioned steps may have been taken, no work of any sort will be done until the end of the school year in June, 2007, except paperwork such as obtaining permits, a Certificate of Occupancy, and the like.

While the Contract of Sale is being negotiated, recommendations from several financial advisors, such as Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, ESBC, for example, will be solicited for the investment of the funds derived from this sale. The main thrust of the investment program will be to establish an endowment with the best return available so that the additional income, added to the dues structure, will allow the Temple to provide various programs of membership, education and culture available to our members and to

spread the word throughout our community and environs that Temple Sholom is, indeed, a very viable Reform Congregation in Northeast Queens.

You will be kept abreast of the progress as we proceed towards the culmination of this major event in our history.

Once again, my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee, Mel, Corey and Paul, whose efforts have enabled us to reach this stage.

Shalom,  
Ruth Gerver

### **SISTERHOOD**

Summer is coming to an end and we hope it was enjoyable for all of you. It is time for Welcome Back to Temple and Sisterhood activities.

We are starting the Sisterhood season with our Paid Up Membership Party on Tuesday evening, September 12 at 7:30. This will be a festive fun event. Our entertainer is a popular performer, Naomi Zeitlin who will present Broadway tunes, soulful jazz and songs of sentimental journeys. You will surely want to be part of this delightful evening.

Your Membership dues are the admission on September 12 - \$36.00 for Temple Members and \$50.00 for Non-Temple Members. We are preparing a bountiful and scrumptious Dessert Table. We need you, your dues and your continued suggestions and ideas to make this year another success. We are in the process of preparing a Sisterhood calendar which will be ready using your suggestions. We are again doing a Fashion Show in November with Lake Success Jewish center Sisterhood. We are working on events such as Military Bridge, a Museum visit and a possible Atlantic City trip. We also hope to have a gala Chanukah celebration. If you keep telling us what you would like to see as

Sisterhood programs, we will try to make them part of our calendar.

It will be our pleasure to welcome you back, Tuesday, September 12. Please let us know you are coming so we can properly prepare a dessert table. Please RSVP to Gerty - 718-347-8171 or Ida - 718-343-8076.

To you and your families - a Happy, Healthy and especially Peaceful New Year.

Dale, Gerty & Maxine, Sisterhood Co-Pres.

### **HOLD THE DATE:**

Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Party,  
Sept 12

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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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**Religious School Starts Wednesday  
September 13. Contact Rabbi Becker for  
details.**

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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

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We would like to thank all of the congregants for their calls wishing Sam a speedy recovery.  
-Mae and Douglas

Thank you for the beautiful Mezuzah you gave me in honor of my Confirmation. It will be a reminder forever of my special day and of Temple Sholom.  
-Orlando Osuna

**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO...**

Jonathan Bearak	Richard Blum
Lorraine Bragin Greenberg	Jeffrey
Benjamin Herman	Orlando Osuna
Sidney Rosen	Gail Rosenthal
Gerty Wolf	Andrew Zinner
Valerie Zinner	

Oops - sorry we missed your birthday this summer, Barbara Fleischer

**HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO**

Karel Tanenbaum & Michael Deutsch

(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>
Celia Tenser	The Gerver Family
Sylvia Rosenkrantz	son, brother, wife & family
Bessie Kravetz	Shirley Snyder
Samuel Tanenbaum	Karla & Orlando Osuna
Leonard C Holzer	Susanne Greis
Emma Goldfluss	Ida Goldfluss
Meyer Fink	Donald Fink
Harry Fink	Donald Fink
Marstella Unger	Robin Spiegelman

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

**GENERAL FUND**

- Donation from Muriel Gorochow for the Misheberach of Ami Haraden

- Donation from Larry, Nancy & Rebecca Abraham to wish Mazel-tov to the Confirmands and B'not Mitzvah girls of June '06
- Donation from Sam & Mae Rossin and Douglas Rossin in memory of Ross Adell. May he rest in peace.
- Donation from Sam & Mae Rossin - congratulations to Dale and Jerry Demner on the engagement of their son Maury and Dara Blachman. Mazel Tov.
- Donation from the Senior Theater Acting Repertory (STAR) in honor of Orlando Osuna's confirmation
- Donation from Jerry Pasternak in memory of his sister Rosalind Lefkof who died on Aug 4, 2006
- Donation from Rabbi and Marty Becker in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Dornfest

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Donation from David Kramer in memory of Evelyn Kramer
- Donation from Barney and Lorraine Bragin
- Donation from Pam and Gerson Sabel in honor of Noah Deutsch, Karel Tanenbaum, Barbara Rosenthal, Harriet Dubow, Dawn Oakley, Gerty Wolf and Orlando Osuna
- Donation from Ida Goldfluss in honor of the beautiful Bat-Mitzvah/Confirmation service

**LARRY WOLF FUND**

- Donation from Gerty Wolf in memory of Joseph Cipolla and in memory of the sister of Sol Weinber
- Donation from Gerty, Bonnie, Mitch, Dani & Bryan in memory of Bob Wolf and Ruth Weisser
- Yahrzeit donation from Gerty Wolf, Bonnie, Mitch, Bryan and Danielle in memory of Max Weisser
- Donation from Ruth Gerver in memory of Henry Gilgoff

## SISTERHOOD ONEG FUND

- The Oneg on August 18<sup>th</sup> was sponsored by Steven and Debra Dornfest in honor of their daughter Taylor's Bat Mitzvah
- The Oneg on August 25<sup>th</sup> was sponsored by Mel and Annette Gerard in honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and Annette's birthday
- The Oneg on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> was sponsored by Harriet and Gerald Dubow in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Donations to the Special Project Fund in honor of Gerty Wolf's Bat Mitzvah

- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwartz
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cipolla
- Bonnie and Mitch Cipolla

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### A Reminder!

Memorialize your loved ones by putting up a bronze yahrzeit plaque on our memorial board in the sanctuary. 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.

Another great way to honor or celebrate special people and occasions in your life is by adding to our "Tree of Life" in the foyer. Check it out next time you enter the temple.

There are 4 sizes: Size A \$250, Size B: \$500, Size C \$750, Size D \$1000.

For further information 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

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The Deadline for the October Newsletter is Sept 21<sup>st</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 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.

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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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