

Summer 2007      **Newsletter**      *Kai'etz 5767*

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*Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker*  
*Paul Trolio, President*

*Ruth Gerver, Exec. Vice President*

### Services and Events

***Shabbat* Service every Friday night at 7:30PM, July 6<sup>th</sup> through the end of August**

**There are no Saturday morning services or *Torah* study sessions in July and August**

The first Friday eve in September, September 7<sup>th</sup>, will be a 6:30pm worship service followed by a 7:30pm *Shabbat* dinner.

Please note: there is no summer calendar attached to this newsletter, as there are no temple events other than the *Shabbat* Services. The calendar will resume in September.

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Rabbi Becker is on vacation from July 1 through August 10. She returns to the *bimah* on Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>. In an emergency, the President of the congregation, Paul Trolio, will be able to reach her. You can call Paul at 212 398-4670, ext. 326. This number will automatically forward your call to reach Paul at all times.

Our Summer schedule of services begins on July 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Aug. 31. All Friday night Summer *Shabbat* services begin at 7:30pm. There are no Saturday morning services or *Torah* study sessions in July and August.

### **The High Holiday Schedule:**

Saturday Sept. 8 *Selichot* - collation, program, service 7:30pm

Wed. Sept. 12 *Rosh HaShanah* eve service 8pm

Thursday Sept. 13 *Rosh HaShanah* first day 10am

Friday Sept. 14 *Rosh HaShanah* second day 10am

Friday Sept. 14 *Shabbat* service 8pm

Saturday Sept. 15 *Shabbat Shuvah* service 10am followed by *Torah* study

Friday Sept. 21 *Kol Nidrei* service 7:30pm

Saturday Sept. 22 *Yom Kippur* 10am

Wednesday Sept. 26 *Sukkot* service 8pm

Wednesday Oct 3 *Shemini Atzeret* - *Simchat Torah* 8pm

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past week or so I have begun informing family, friends and some close business associates that I am the new President of the Congregation at Temple Shalom. Those that know what this type of position entails greet the news with congratulations as well as condolences; and if I had looked at this tremendous opportunity as bittersweet, I likely never would have applied for it.

For every opportunity sought, there is always one person who supports that quest; sponsors that endeavor and often times puts the person seeking the opportunity ahead of their own needs and desires. Only a person who has successfully combined the intuitive with the intelligent; the generous with the gracious and has enough self confidence in her own ability to marshal these characteristics to effect positive outcomes throughout her life, can support someone else with a purity of intent and as seamlessly as she supports herself.

For me, that person is Ruth Gerver.

Three years ago, our congregation was experiencing a tumultuous transition between effectively replacing a Rabbi; trying to quell the exodus of members that this type of transition usually spawns; along with trying to successfully manage in an environment of rapidly changing neighborhood demographics that was affecting not only the operating budget of our Temple but the entire congregational landscape in Queens.

The person called on to answer that challenge, was Ruth Gerver.

Over the past three years, Ruth has presided over what could be mildly described as epic congregational struggles that adjourned without anyone needing medical attention and leaving the Synagogue's bricks and mortar none the worse for wear. At subsequent meetings, Ruth's understated and steady leadership brokered a compromise that provided a congregational mandate to sell the Temple's School Building rather than the more unpalatable options of either selling the entire property or merging with another congregation.

Ruth found a way to give the majority of the congregation, precisely what it wanted.

Once that decision was made, Ruth began the thankless task of modifying our Temple's constitution to be able to effectively operate in this modern era; the unpopular decision among some to begin opening up the informational conduit to inform more board members and congregants of underlying information and discussions; and the uncomfortable course of challenging the status quo to change not only operational agendas but to find better ways to arrive at more successful outcomes without the contentious rancor that highlighted the first half of her tenure.

Ruth's third year might just end up being the charm.

The challenges faced by Ruth in this her third year as the President of our congregation involved overseeing our attempts at selling the school building;

trying to find a way to stop the continuing accumulation of debt and introducing creative initiatives to increase revenues that would bring us to a balanced budget. As Ruth's Presidential term draws to a close, we might just accomplish all of the above as the clock strikes twelve.

Ruth has agreed to continue as Executive Vice President.

Ruth, from her new position, has agreed to provide not only me, but all of us, with invaluable insight as we all navigate these treacherous and uncertain seas over the next period of time together. I am pleased that many officers serving on the Board of Trustees, especially Annette Gerard, have agreed to shift their responsibilities which will allow Ruth to participate in wrapping up many of the initiatives that she started three years ago in a very substantive way.

The winds of change are beginning to blow ever so sweetly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth on behalf of all of us for not only serving as our President, but for her courage in sponsoring and overseeing all of the initiatives that put us in a position to implement the changes that will be vital to our future. Three years ago, Ruth took over a congregation severely limited by circumstance and has filled it with the potential of endless possibilities.

Shalom,  
Paul

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## SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood's End of the Year Dinner at Picasso Cafe, was a huge success. Shirley Snyder & Joan Schuster handled it. It was lovely, the entertainment was delightful, and the food was delicious. Molly Rogers, graciously ordered wine for everyone, in honor of Maxine's return to good health. We are planning a Summer Meeting get together. Please watch your mail and we certainly hope you will all make an effort to attend.

Thank you all for your cooperation with Sisterhood & Temple this past year. We look forward to a Healthy Happy Year for Everyone and a Fun, summer to all.

Dale, Gerty & Maxine, Sisterhood Co-Pres.

### The Sisterhood Year-end Dinner

Our year-end Sisterhood dinner on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Café Picasso was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thank you Mollie Rogers for ordering wine for everyone in honor of Maxine's continued good health.

I appreciate the help from Joan Schuster and Gerty Wolf.

Our entertainment supplied by Hy Arond was most enjoyable. Hy gave Sisterhood a nice donation.

Thank you to all who attended.

*Shirley Snyder*

### 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 JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO...**

Rebecca Abraham	Ruth Gerver
Ian Healy	Jason Healy
Lauren Jacobs	Sheri Jacobs
Kevin Lynch	Dawn Oakley
Gary Rosenthal	Mae Rossin
Andrea Sabel	Jonathan Blum
Susan Blum	Alyssa Friedland
Annette Gerard	Raymond Hensen
Rabbi Becker	Barbara Fleisher
Hannah Kormas	Harriet Peaceman
Esther Printz	Dede Silverston
Stan Strauss	Alex Turin
Arlene Yarwood	

**HAPPY JULY/AUG ANNIVERSARY TO...**

Annette & Mel Gerard  
 Jeanne & Stephen Levine  
 Mae & Sam Rossin  
 Richard & Susan Blum  
 Florence & Nathaniel Ginsberg  
 Lori & Peter Kisting  
 Murry & Selma Leff  
 Gary & Junko Savage  
 Anne & Henry Sundack

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

**YAHARZEIT DONATIONS**

<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b>	<b><u>Remembered by:</u></b>
Angela Shear	Jessica Sher
Goldie Dubow	Harriet & Gerald Dubow
Bernie Frommer	Harriet & Gerald Dubow
Celia Tenser	The Gerver Family
Sylvia Rosenkrantz	Michael & Roz Rosenkrantz
Sol Berkowitz	Michael & Roz Rosenkrantz

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

**GENERAL FUND**

- Donation from Barney & Lorraine Bragin
- Donation from Mel & Annette Gerard in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martha & Jerry Sperling
- Donation from Debbie & Harold Abramowitz to wish good health to Barry Broder

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Donation from Bruce Abrams in memory of Robert E. Abrams

**SISTERHOOD ONEG FUND**

A donation has been made by Dacia Horowitz and Jerry Furst to the **Sisterhood *Oneg* Fund** for Junko Savage and the Rossins and the super COMMITTEE people who put together a truly memorable Temple Sholom 58th Luncheon honoring Barbara Rosenthal, a dedicated deserving honoree.

**Artistic decorations, warmth, love and friendship was abundantly evident. Our Temple family showed a togetherness that will continue well into the future.**

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To the Entire Temple Community:

On Sunday, June 24th, I was the selected honoree at the Temple Journal Luncheon. The festive occasion was particularly notable by the extraordinary efforts of so many. Those in attendance extended to me such generous good wishes; similarly, many who were unable to attend made their sincere feelings felt in many different ways.

Thus, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you so very much.

Barbara Rosenthal

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

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**NEQJCC 2007-8 Calendar**

Sunday, September 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m. NEQJCC  
General Breakfast Meeting @ Parker or Monday,  
September 10, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16, 2007, 12:30 p.m. Fall food Drive  
Kickoff @ Samuel Field Y (ends Friday, October 19)

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.

Monday, November 12, 2007, 8:00 p.m. NEQJCC  
Executive Committee (Regular meeting)

Sunday, December 2, 2007, 1:00 p.m., NEQJCC/Y  
Chanukah Party @ The Samuel Field Y

Sunday, December 9, 2007, 5:00 p.m., Chanukah 5th  
Day (6th Candle) Menorah Lighting @ Chabad of EQ

Monday, December 10, 2007, 8:00p.m. NEQJCC  
Executive Committee

Sunday, January 6, 2008, 12:00 noon, Coat Drive  
Kickoff @ Y (ends either January 25 or February 1)

Monday, January 14, 2008, 8:00 p.m., NEQJCC Regular  
Meeting - Appoint Nominating Committee

Monday, February 11, 2008, 800 p.m., NEQJCC  
Executive Committee

Monday, March 10, 2008, 8:00 p.m., NEQJCC Regular  
Meeting - Nominating Committee Report

Sunday, March 16, 2008, 1:00 p.m. Proposed date for  
Y/NEQJCC Purim Party (Purim starts March 20) and  
Food Drive Kickoff (12:30 p.m.)

Monday, April 14, 2008, 8:00 p.m., NEQJCC Executive  
Committee

Monday May 12, 2008, 8:00 p.m., NEQJCC Regular  
Meeting – Elections

Sunday May 16, 2008, 9:30 a.m., NEQJCC Legislative  
Forum 2008: “Real Property Tax Reform”

Sunday, June 1, 2008 SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

Monday, June 2, 2008, 8:00 p.m. NEQJCC Exec.  
Committee [*Shavuot* is June 9]

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**NORC-WOW News**

NORC Support Group meetings in the Social Hall  
on Fridays 9:15 to 11:30, also 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 will be \$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 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 September  
Newsletter is August 23rd. 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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