



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

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Dear Member:

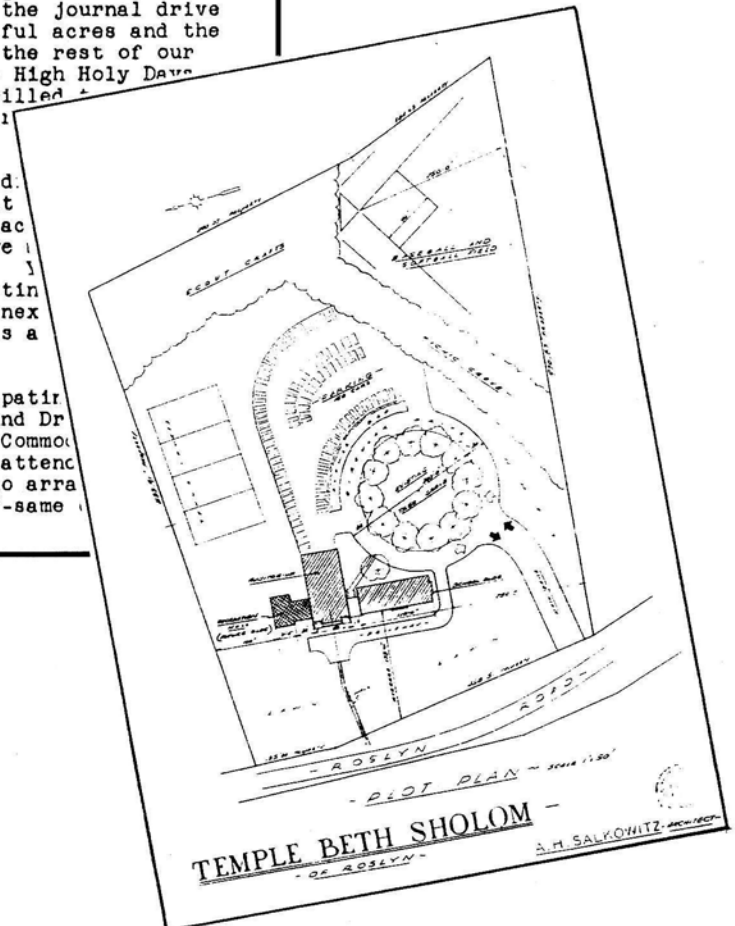
Just about a year ago when Temple Beth Sholom finally took on substance and form, we dreamed of conducting High Holy day services in a building of our own.

At that time, we had just participated in the inspiring services that were held at the Roslyn Theatre and all of us dedicated ourselves to the task of constructing a conservative Temple and Religious School in the community we had chosen to spend the rest of our lives. The generous response of the membership to the Kol-Nidre appeal gave those of us who were working hard, a tremendous lift for we said at that time "how can we miss with a membership such as ours"!

We recognized the fact then, as we do now, that our ambitious program could not be fulfilled through the medium of appeals to the membership and giving on their part no matter how generous. We knew, then, as we know now, that we would have to seek outside help and again you responded in such a noble manner that you gave substance to the dream we had; for your wonderful cooperation in the journal drive of last year helped in the purchase of our 14 beautiful acres and the erection of our first building where you and I, and the rest of our neighbors, celebrated in truly inspiring fashion the High Holy Days of just a few short weeks ago. We know that you thrilled at the beauty of those services and we know that you, too, joined yourselves to the purpose for which we were organized.

Now that we have assured our children of a building in which they can grow mentally and morally to the fine ideals that Judaism represents, we must assure ourselves of a place in which our children can grow spiritually, morally and mentally in that we intend to make plans for the erection of our main building. I realize the fact that we have already outgrown our existing building and the erection of our Main Building is a must for next year that we may insure ourselves of a place to worship as a community of over 300 families.

YOU CAN, AGAIN, make this dream a reality by participating with your neighbors in the Second Annual Building Fund Drive. This drive will culminate again in a dinner-dance in the Community Center on April 18, 1953. Those who worked hard enough to attend the dinner-dance were so lavish in their praise that the Committee who arranged the dinner-dance lived in the glow of that praise all year. The self-same





THE CHRONICLES OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

GENESIS – THE 1950's

“You are cordially invited to attend a Charter Convocation for the founding of a Liberal Conservative Jewish Center for the Roslyn area...” With these words of invitation to a meeting in June, 1951, the sixty-year history of one of America’s great Conservative congregations began. Little did those 30 plus families who extended the invitation, and the 40 or so families who met with them that fateful day, know of how their modest plans would become a juggernaut of intense activities on behalf of every aspect of Jewish life here in our community, in the nation at large, in our beloved State of Israel, and throughout much of the world.

While the anomalous phrase “Liberal Conservative” soon gave way to “Conservative,” the aspirations of the recently-discharged veterans yielded up the obvious name of BETH SHOLOM, house of peace; inaugural religious services were held on Friday, August 3rd, 1951; 14 acres on a lovely hill overlooking Roslyn Road were, somehow, purchased for \$30,000 in September, and shortly thereafter, to the wonderment of everyone concerned, 500 people filled the Roslyn Theater to celebrate the first High Holiday services of the fledgling congregation.

Under the expert guidance of our first president, Max M. Greenfield, our Religious School got under way with Sunday School being housed at the Rolling Hills Country Day School and Hebrew School classes using the Odd Fellows Hall. Every public building in town helped house one or another of Beth Sholom’s activities. Roslyn Country Club, Masonic Hall, American Legion Hall and the Roslyn Methodist Church all made their contribution to the fast-paced story that was Beth Sholom on the move.

Rabbi Jacob Hochman was the first rabbi to serve the congregation, with Monte Levin being recruited from our membership ranks to be our cantor. Sylvia Jalonack, she of the sweet soprano voice that was featured in our choir for so many years, served as the first president of the new Sisterhood. This was not an unfamiliar job for Sylvia because she also had the distinction of being the first president of the Sisterhood at the Roslyn Jewish Community Center four years earlier. On April 26, 1952, David Frank proudly co-chaired Beth Sholom’s First Annual Dinner Dance along with Lou Simon. David knew his business because he also chaired the first dinner-dance of the Roslyn Jewish Community Center. We began to see a pattern here of good and talented people rededicating themselves and committing their energies to the development of Conservative Judaism in Roslyn. This was no small achievement, as the reader will soon learn.

Prior to 1947, the very few Jewish residents of Roslyn traveled to other communities for religious worship. With the post-war building boom, many young Jewish families moved into the area, attracted by the Levitt Organization’s development of the Country Club Homes, and other value opportunities. Soon the Roslyn Jewish Community Center was established with its early services being held at the Reverend John Van Zanten’s Roslyn Presbyterian Church. Known today as Temple Sinai, the congregation grew until, four years later, the congregants voted to join the Reform Movement with the result that many of the men and women who had labored long and hard to establish that Temple in its fine new building, were compelled to leave and re-establish a more traditional synagogue in our community.



So began, according to our second president, Irwin Grossman, the building and developing of a synagogue structure that was "...more compatible with our religious needs and feelings." Irwin reports that everyone was involved with every aspect of fundraising in those days. Such events as an open Kol Nidre Appeal, Journal Dance, Cadillac Raffle and the Giant Bazaar drew upon the efforts of all the members at one time or another. The bazaar was originally "housed" in a large tent on the grounds of what is now the Gulf gas station and the shopping strip adjacent to the Temple.

You read earlier of the purchase of 14 acres of prime land at a "reasonable" price. This feat was engineered by members Julius Goldstein and Irving Warfield who purchased and then resold the property to the Temple at their cost. Al Salkowitz, a fine architect, and Irwin Jalonack, Levitt's construction engineer, donated their services, along with Monte Levin and Murray Cohen, and our first building rose on the hill. Two years later the team went to work again for the larger all-purpose addition that now houses our newly redecorated ballroom.

In 1954, Jules Mirel looked back on his year as our third president and, marveling at the tremendous energies expended by so many men and women in behalf of Beth Shalom, had this to say: "We are aware of the destiny of our times...of the strange and mysterious forces that led so much good talent to a specific town on Long Island...to build a temple for community service...This selfless dedication springs from our lives...our memories of the depression, of Hitler, of war, and the ingathering of Jews to Israel, there to rebuild again." Jules Mirel has died, but his vision accurately portrayed not only the membership of those early years, but, we are proud to attest, describes our congregation today as well.

On Sunday, January 10th, 1954, the Auditorium/Synagogue building was dedicated with a dramatic presentation staged by Sol Radam including a cast of 46 members plus 16 members of the Temple Choir under the direction of Helen Grossman, and the School Congregation under the direction of Miriam Rabinowitz. Of course, Monte Levin and Sylvia Jalonack were featured soloists, and so many members were involved in writing, staging and planning that, as the great Jimmy Durante used to say, "Everyone wanted to get into the act!" and, in this case, most of them did.

It should be pointed out here that, at about this time, a unique, for its day, seating policy was established for our synagogue that has stood the test of time most successfully. Despite the cries to "sell permanent reserved seats," as so many new congregations were doing to raise much-needed funds, the temple leadership wisely recognized that such a program would have two undesirable results:

1. The establishment of first and second-class members, and
2. An infusion of only a limited amount of money that would be long gone when, years later, much more money would be needed to finance the expansion necessary for a vital and growing congregation.

So now, as then, those who want the best seats in the house have to get up early in the morning on the High Holy Days because first come, first served. Of course, as our rabbis have always reminded us, those good seats are available to everyone on Shabbat, and on Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot, as well.

Our fourth president, William Grossman, reminded us that "Beth Shalom has accomplished more in four short years than most Temples accomplished in ten." During his administration, 1954-1955, Cantor Morton Kula joined Rabbi Hyams on our bima. Cantor Kula would ultimately marry his Charlotte and, together, would begin to raise six sons here in Roslyn. Our Memorial Park property was estab-



lished at this same period: another far-sighted achievement. Though he has had many co-chairmen over the past 46 years, David Frank has steadfastly attended to the details of this important enterprise with love and dedication.

The late George Levine was our fifth president and, during his administration, Rabbi Hyams suggested that we organize a weekend of Kallah, of study somewhere out of town. The group went to Spring Valley, followed the next year by a visit to Lakewood and, from those two functions, a new Temple entity was born – The Religious Fellowship. This group, under the chairmanship of Martin Altman, met every month in a different member's home where, under the tutelage of Rabbi Hyams, the group became immersed in reading and studying such great Jewish thinkers as Maimonides and Yehuda Halevi.



Cantor Morton Kula

It was about this time that the Board of Trustees received an offer to sell the lower five acres of our property at what was, for that time, a very high price. Fortunately, the foresight of our leadership came through for us and, heeding Al Salkowitz's advice, the board turned down the deal. That property today is enjoyed by the Roslyn Little League and, not incidentally, is the site of the pools and ball fields used by our Day Camp.

When our sixth president, Al Reiter, was installed, the Temple also marked the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rabbi Hyams with a grand reception and testimonial. At this same time, a professional Youth Director supervised our youth program and expanded its activities. Our library was opened and, in the month of May, Cantor Kula directed our First Annual Jewish Music Concert. 1955-1956 remains vivid in our memories because of the great Forum Series run by our Adult Education Department that featured such luminaries as Eleanor Roosevelt and Senator Wayne Morse.

Milton Horowitz's presidency was marked by many important projects, the most significant of which was the \$600,000 building fund campaign designed to bring to fruition our plans for a new school wing, offices, garden/atrium and, ultimately, a synagogue/sanctuary.

With designs by the world renowned architect Percival Goodman, 200 members of the temple volunteered to go out in teams to solicit multi-year pledges under the guidance of a professional fund-raiser, Milton Hood Ward, and Chairman Bernard Spillman; the campaign was kicked off in August, 1957 and came to a gloriously successful conclusion at a victory ball in October, 1957, just two months later! In between those two dates 100 teams of Temple members visited the homes of all our members with extraordinary results. This was just one more example of the unique quality of Temple Beth Sholom's congregants.

At the formal, ground-breaking ceremonies for the new construction, Col. Arthur Levitt, the controller of the State of New York and himself a former synagogue president, urged us to make sure that, "...once this building is completed, please don't allow it to stand idle, like a monument, but use it to its fullest measure." Long before he died, Arthur Levitt had come to see his vision fulfilled, for if ever a synagogue-center served as a beehive of activity, Beth Sholom certainly did, and still does!

When Monte Levin took over as our eighth president, a loan was negotiated with the Roslyn Savings Bank based upon the foundation of our successful pledge campaign, and construction began.

The Sisterhood Braille Group had five ladies certified by the Library of Congress, and our professional staff was augmented by the hiring of the talented Frank Ferago to serve as our organist.



The final crowning achievement of this administration was the decision to establish a Nursery School at the Temple. For some reason there was much wrangling and discussion at the Board level and at membership meetings on this subject, but cool heads prevailed and a superb nursery school was developed for which we can be justifiably proud.

From all outward appearances, it would seem that the administration of our ninth president, Mac Rubin (1959-1960), merely served as caretaker of the activities attendant upon the furnishing of the new building, starting up the Nursery School, dedicating the new School and Activities Building, and other such mundane tasks. Nothing could be further from the truth!

While many of these loose ends were tidied up during this period, there is no man who served this temple during these formative years of the 50's who had as clear a vision of the future, as much confidence in his fellow-members, and an unerringly accurate ability to recommend the right solution to every problem, as Mac Rubin! He was involved in every step of Beth Sholom's progress. He was not a lawyer or an accountant, but rather a businessman who had a keen understanding of people and how they could be motivated. He was truly symbolic of the vitality, intelligence, creativity and sincere devotion to Judaism and the Jewish people that were the hallmarks of Temple Beth Sholom and its congregants during those heady days of our first decade of existence.

L. Kliegman

MATURITY....THE 1960's

The more things change, the more things stay the same. To read through the goings-on of Temple Beth Sholom in the early 1960's, one would almost think it was right now in 201

1. Money was being raised to complete and furnish the new Sanctuary as the 10th Anniversary festivities were about to begin. The "New Year Resolutions 1961" column of the Beth Sholom News carried a plea to complete paying Religious School tuition and annual dues.

Following the 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance, which was organized by Maybelle and Murray London, came the Temple's celebration of Israel's Bar Mitzvah at its Fifth Annual Music Festival. Cantor Kula led The Artist's Quartet and a full chamber orchestra along with the Temple choir. The Sisterhood also feted Israel at its annual luncheon birthday party.

On April 10, 1961, the Board of Education of United Synagogue accredited our Religious School. This marked the first time a school had attained this status after only ten years in existence.

The dedication of the new Sanctuary, Youth Lounge and School Building took place on April 16th. It was attended by nearly 1,000 members and friends. The message of President Ben Hauptman congratulated all the congregants, suggesting that they feel proud of what they had accomplished in ten years "...creating a thing of beauty: representing much more than just a successful completion of a building program. In fact, the completion and dedication of the Sanctuary is, rather, a beginning."

In May, Irving Rutenberg was honored at the UJA dinner, and in the Summer, Rabbi and Mrs. Hyams were sent on a trip to Israel and Europe with funds raised privately by members of the congregation.



The New Year 5722 brought a new era to the Religious School as Dr. Benjamin Schwadran became the new principal. Also at this time, the Nursery School was accredited by the New York State after only two years in operation, and a playground was soon constructed for its use.

The beginning of the New Year 5723 brought the creation of a new position at Temple Beth Shalom, that of Executive Director. The job description at the time is particularly appropriate today: "...to coordinate the overall administrative activities of our congregation and assist in the implementation of our expanding programs (and) our enlarged facilities." The first person to hold this position was Saul Shulman, who came to Roslyn from the Brotherhood Synagogue in New York City.

At this time, we were back in the decade where Sisterhood President Sara Kalikow was referring to the members as "girls" as she led the fund raising activities through Torah Fund luncheons and the annual Rummage Sale.

In the Spring of 1963, the membership voted unanimously to adopt a revised constitution. A Committee chaired by David Fromson met more than 20 times to bring this task to fruition.

During the summer of that year, Rabbi Hyams participated in the television series "In Good Faith" sponsored by the New York Board of Rabbis on NBC. Along with him were some of the young people from the congregation — Judy Kahan, Diana Fond, William Grossman and Mark David Cohen. Perhaps that's where Judy caught the acting bug.

Things were beginning to change in 1963. The president of the United Synagogue of America, George Maislin, proposed a special commission of scholars to draft a modern interpretation of the Shulhan Aruch (Jewish Legal Code) more in keeping with the lives of Conservative Jews.

The 1963-64 year focused on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah Celebration of the Temple. By this time the membership had grown to 750 families. The Religious School educated 600 children, and there were 91 B'nai/Bnot Mitzvah during the year. In the Jewish community as a whole, the United Synagogue honored Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during its 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Convention. He spoke of the "injustices, the indignities and the humiliating experiences that the Jews of Russia were facing." Only a few days later, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Our members filled the sanctuary to overflowing on the occasion of a memorial service for him.

Again, our fund-raising efforts, both for Jewish causes and the Synagogue, continued. Morris Fond was honored at our Israel Bonds Dinner, chaired by Milton Mandel, while Lou Resnick chaired the Federation dinner honoring Leonard Nadel. Later in the year, Martin Altman was the guest of honor at the UJA dinner, which was chaired by Leonard Kliegman. The Sisterhood Bazaar, managed by Ruth Kahan, Arnold Liss, Jules Levine and Milton Horowitz was again a great success.

At this time, Beth Shalom was in the forefront in organizing and housing the first North Shore Hebrew High School, under the chairmanship of Sidney Rosenfeld. The Sunday morning Forum series continued, including a discussion on "How to Help our Youth Retain their Jewish Ties."

The year 1964 was an exciting one, kicked off by a gala New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance. In February, over 100 youngsters between the ages of 10 and 12 were escorted by Temple members, including Cantor Kula, Adele, Harold and David Leaf, Benita Caress and Youth Director Kenny Tewel on a two day trip to Washington, D.C.



The Annual Music Festival began the Bar Mitzvah celebration festivities. The Temple choir of 30 was augmented by a 100-voice choir from various churches and temples in the area. This Interfaith chorus continued for a number of years under the direction of Cantor Kula. The next Friday evening service honored the Temple's charter members and on Saturday, May 9th, the Bar Mitzvah itself was held, with an evening Gala Celebration chaired by Benjamin Hauptman.

The Sisterhood, led by President Henni Daly, had a most exciting Spring highlighted by a day-long trip to the New York World's Fair. The year came to an end while the congregants were hard at work raising funds to send Cantor and Mrs. Kula to Israel for the summer.

The synagogue activities continued fervently under the presidency of Sidney Kahan during the next year. Cantor Kula traveled with the Temple Choir to Atlantic City to sing at the birthday party for President Lyndon B. Johnson. The ongoing program of construction at the Temple continued with a new entrance drive, overseen by Executive Director Hans Weinberg.

The following year, during the presidency of Bernard Bloom, a Planning Committee was organized to study and project the future growth of the Temple. Our priority continued to be to retain the spiritual character of the congregation during Sabbath and Holiday Services. This was accomplished in part by assuring that our youth were well versed in their own right through the exceptional Junior Congregation program that continues through today.

In 1966, the focus of certain aspects of our programs were updated to reflect the increasing ages of our children. A new seminar course for High School Seniors was offered entitled "The Inquiring Mind: Judaism Meets the Campus Challenge." The course was suggested by college students who felt that some religious preparation was needed for the "give and take" a freshman encounters on the college campus. Slichot services that year were preceded by a panel discussion on the subject "Our Teenagers – Can We Keep Them Jewish?"

The presidency of Harry Brochstein began with the decision that the beautification of the Temple was a project whose time had come. A landscape architect was engaged to develop an overall plan.

The largest number of community organizations ever grouped together for a single social action cause was mobilized to observe a 24-hour Eternal Light vigil on behalf of Soviet Jewry on February 21, 1967. Irving Silverman, Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Chairman, who coordinated the program and was one of the many who remained at the Temple for 24 hours, declared that the "vigil was a success and that the Russian government knows that communities like Roslyn will not cease to protest man's inhumanity to man." Speakers included Rep. Lester Wolff and Norman Thomas, Nassau County Executive Eugene Nickerson, County District Attorney William Cahn, and all clergymen in the area. Special taped messages came from Senator Jacob Javits and the Rev. Martin Luther King. Among the special events planned for the 24-hour Vigil were a torchlight procession by 250 members of the Youth Groups of Temple Sinai and Temple Beth Shalom, a special musical program by the 75-voice Interfaith Chorus of Long Island, a "massive" letter-writing campaign, eyewitness reports from Roslyn residents who had recently returned from Russia, along with dramatic readings, film presentation and freedom songs.

After lengthy discussion and careful consideration, the Board of Trustees adopted the following Credo for Temple Beth Shalom and recommended its adoption at a Membership Meeting on March 22nd, 1967:



A CREDO FOR TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Temple Beth Sholom is dedicated to the practice of traditional Judaism. As a Conservative Congregation, we regard tradition, not as something static, but rather as continuously developing from its earliest sources to the present.

We believe that we enrich our tradition by accepting new interpretations and discoveries as the searching mind of man strives to move closer to God. By this process, our tradition avoids the pitfalls of ignorance and superstition, and renews its vitality, thereby enabling it to meet the deepest needs and highest aspirations of every age.

We affirm our allegiance to the United States of America while cherishing Eretz Yisroel as the cradle of our religious heritage and the center of the renaissance of Jewish peoplehood.

Temple Beth Sholom implements its beliefs by the following means:

A Religious School which draws upon the teachings of the past to instruct our children in the religious and ethical concepts of traditional Judaism and to help them participate happily, intelligently and creatively in modern Jewish life;

Traditional worship services which are receptive to innovation and development;
A complete religious, educational and social program which offers spiritual and intellectual fulfillment to the members of the Congregation.

In our personal practice of traditional Judaism as a way of life, we believe in the use of ritual and prayer in a manner that contributes to individual spiritual growth.

We also believe that it is incumbent upon the Temple as an organization, and each member of the congregation individually, to become involved in movements which champion the cause of human dignity and social justice.

Temple Beth Sholom is affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, which is the lay organization of Conservative Synagogues; supports the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, which is the academic headquarters of the Conservative Movement; and recognizes the Rabbinical Assembly of America as our sole organized rabbinical authority.

In July, immediately following the June 1967 war, our President, Sidney Rosenfeld, visited Israel to congratulate Major General Moshe Dayan on his victory, in the company of Irving Silverman and past President Morris Fond and a delegation from the United Synagogue of America. The purpose of the trip was to determine what special aid and comfort was required by our brethren in Israel.

During the Summer and Fall the Legal Committee, headed by Lou Resnick, completed satisfactory negotiations with the State of New York for an equitable settlement in the matter of the State's appropriating some Temple property by condemnation. The revolutionary VAC (Voluntary Additional Contribution) dues program was inaugurated under the aegis of Chairman Harry Brochstein, and Rabbi Herbert Amster was engaged as our Temple's first Ritual Director.



Also in the Fall, Temple Beth Sholom was the recipient of the Solomon Schechter Award for Social Action, presented at the Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue of America as a tribute to the very special efforts of members Irving Silverman and Paul Tannenbaum.

Our Adult Education Program, conducted under Leonard Kliegman's Chairmanship, enrolled 225 Temple members by November, and the Junior Congregation instituted a format whereby the Rabbi, the Cantor, the Educational Director, as well as many synagogue lay leaders, were invited to address the youngsters every Shabbat at services in which outstanding students read the portion of the week from the Torah.

Our religious program featured such events as a delightful service conducted in the sanctuary by our Temple Youth Group; the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Rabbi Hyam's Bar Mitzvah; an adult Kallah weekend of Jewish Study with the Rabbi; and a Kinnus wherein our Youth Group hosted more than 100 young visitors from Montreal.

One of our Temple's proudest achievements began to take form early in 1968 when, as a result of Nancy and Irving Silverman's brilliant efforts, a committee was appointed, under the chairmanship of Gerald Furst, to establish a Judaica Museum. About the same time our first Israel Affairs Committee was formed, and a contract was let to construct an additional exit to the parking lot from our Youth Lounge for obvious safety reasons.

In the Spring, the Rabbinical Committee initiated its deliberations which resulted in the amicable and equitable formula that eased the retirement of Rabbi Ario Hyams. A program was initiated whereby our Temple would provide teachers for Jewish subjects at the Human Resources School in Albertson.

The late Spring was highlighted by a dinner honoring Irving Spitalnik and Harry Brochstein for their great work on behalf of the new VAC program, and two mammoth membership meetings devoted to the subjects of engaging an exclusive caterer, and air conditioning the auditorium.

As the eighteenth president of Temple Beth Sholom, Irving Rutenberg was the first to serve for two years (1968-1970). Perhaps the circumstances demanded a continuum, for a major consideration was to achieve a harmonious transition as Rabbi Hyams retired and Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein assumed the pulpit in the Summer of 1969.

Rock music resounded on January 21, 1969 during a Sabbath eve-type service. Cantor Morton Kula said the rock service "fills the generation gap since it presents a bridge with the past while it breathes the spirit of today's times, and today's youth."



Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein

The fourth annual observance of its "Hands Across the Sea" project was held by Temple Beth Sholom on February 15, 1969, when 25 foreign students were welcomed into the community for the weekend. The program, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, was conceived in 1966 by Nancy and Irving Silverman for the purpose of "kindling the flame of friendship between foreign students and members of our congregation and their families. To break bread together has from time immemorial been a symbol of good will – and we want to carry on this tradition by making men and women from around the world welcome in our homes," said Irving.



Rabbi Hyams was honored by the Men's Club. The Solomon Schechter School dedicated its major function, an orchestral and choral concert, to him and a farewell dinner was tendered by the Temple to Rabbi Ario and Tess Hyams in the Spring of 1969.

It was during these years that the Temple Museum was built and dedicated under the leadership of Irving and Nancy Silverman. Every effort was made to see that the design was in harmony with the original architect's concept of space and form.

On August 19, 1969 Temple Beth Sholom made the front page of the New York Times when the court decided, in spite of Mike Greenfield's efforts, that property rented to a profit-making day camp was subject to real estate taxes. We paid our obligations and it took many hours by administration personnel and Temple members who volunteered their time so that we could make the most favorable arrangements.

Some good came of it. We were alerted to our responsibility to provide camping facilities of the quality and indoctrination our religious inclination should support. We planned to build and operate our own day camp. The efforts proved fruitful; the membership approved the mortgage, the bank loaned us the money and we built the swimming pool and its attendant facilities in 1970/71.

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein was welcomed to Temple Beth Sholom during a Chanukah service on Sunday, December 7, 1969. Dr. Sternstein, who was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he earned the doctorate of medieval Jewish philosophy, also has a doctorate in law from St. John's University and is a Charter Fellow of the Herbert Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics. Present at the service conducted by Rabbi Ario Hyams and Cantor Morton Kula were Albert B. Cohen, chairman of the program; Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, president of Jewish Theological Seminary of America; and Irving S. Rutenberg, Temple president.

By 1969, the Solomon Schechter School outgrew its quarters in Westbury and was invited by the Board of Trustees to be housed in Temple Beth Sholom as a positive contribution to the future of American Judaism. At the Solomon Schechter Dinner in 1969, Yitzhak Rabin was invited to speak. For security reasons, it was required that the speech take place before the dinner so that Mr. Rabin could leave early. However, Mr. Rabin enjoyed himself so much that he socialized with the guests and stayed until 11:30 p.m.

R. Silverberg/S. Zelman



ACTION . . . THE 1970's

The Seventies, a decade of transition from the rebellious Sixties to an era of new realities, reflected itself in Temple life as well. The Temple's growth and uniqueness were evident as our reputation spread.

In June of 1970 Leonard Kliegman became president of a congregation that was beginning to become known for its activists within the Jewish community. It was at this time that our awareness and concern for the plight of Soviet Jewry became a part of our consciousness. We began vigils at the gates of the Soviet compound in Glen Cove. It was during a trip to the Soviet Union by Irving and Nancy Silverman in the summer of 1971 that the world began to see why we were concerned. Irving was ejected by the government for passing out Jewish literature.

June 1971 began the second term of Leonard Kliegman's dynamic administration. On December 8th, Lenny convened a meeting of the combined boards of Temple, Sisterhood, Men's Club and P.T.A. to kick off the Israel Expo planned for April 15 through 18, 1972. At that time the Sisterhood was headed by Miriam Kauderer and the Men's Club by Arthur Goldberg.

Beginning in the Fall of 1971, our Religious School was restructured so as to provide seven years of education in an upper and lower school, instead of the previous five year program. By March of 1972, the need was apparent and approval given for the purchase of two pre-fab units to use for the Religious School and Day Camp. The units, complete with four classrooms, lavatories and fixtures, were attached to the school wing and have proved invaluable to the Temple ever since. Today we recognize this structure as our Nursery Wing.

Under the membership co-chairs of Carol Weiss and Harvey Krauser, 20 new families joined our ranks and they were welcomed at a lovely dinner in the home of Maddy and Harvey Krauser.

On October 31, 1971 Pearl and Irving Spitalnik were honored at our second annual dinner for Israel Bonds.

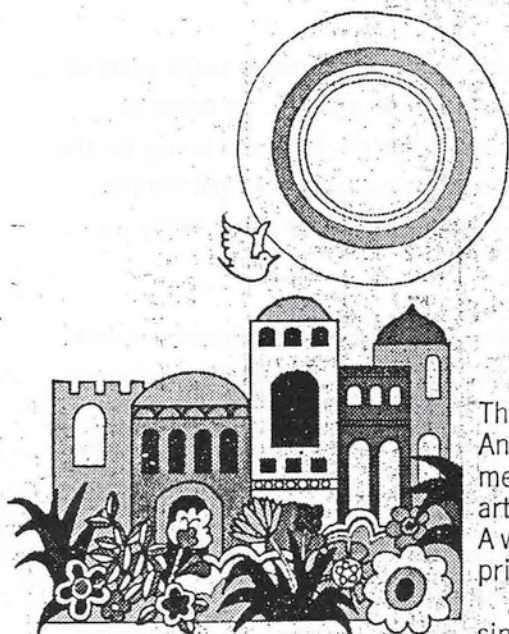
The new year 1972 was certainly a very busy time for our membership. Under the joint leadership of Ceil Cohen and Stanley Fried, 200 members worked hard (and successfully) to transform our Temple into an authentic replica of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to honor Israel's 25th birthday. On our premises were magically produced an Israeli supermarket, jewelry store, restaurant, candy and toy shops, cabaret, art exhibition, and shops of all sizes and description. The Israel Expo brought over 12,000 awe-struck visitors from all over the metropolitan area to marvel at our re-creation. It was a proud achievement for the congregation and won widespread recognition for both Beth Sholom and its dynamic membership.

Spring 1972 brought two significant changes in our professional staff. Dr. Benjamin Shwadran retired from the position of Educational Director after 11 very productive years. During his tenure, the Religious School rose in prominence as a model for others in the Conservative movement.

In June, Cantor Morton Kula announced his resignation after 18 years with the congregation, in order to make Aliyah to Israel with his family. During his time with us, Cantor Kula had married and raised his family of six boys.



Tomorrow, drive to Israel.

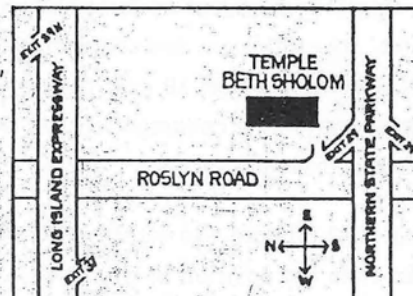


This Sunday, Monday or Tuesday come to Israel Expo '72. And shop along the streets of Tel Aviv. Ah, what Israeli merchandise! Israeli clothing, jewelry and giftware. Israeli art, sculpture and crafts. Israeli books, stamps and coins. A whole street of delights! All on sale at special Expo prices. Plus a large Israeli supermarket.

As if that weren't enough, there will be exhibits, music, singers, fashion shows, films and a 32-ft. replica of the

Western Wall. Stay for dinner at the Israeli cafe, or try the felafel at the snack bar.

So, come to the fair. To look, to buy, to listen, to eat, to enjoy. **Israel Expo '72. At Temple Beth Shalom, Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights. Admission: \$1.50. Children under 16: 75¢. 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. April 16, 17, and 18. Three days only. Shalom.**





Cantor Ralph Schlossberg

The new administration in 1972, headed by Bernice Cohen, was one of beginnings and an important first. We welcomed a new cantor and his wife, Ralph Schlossberg, who was soon to be known as the "Rock Cantor." We also welcomed a new Educational Director, Arthur Tirsun. The "important first," to have a woman head our congregation, was our putting into practice a theory we had only recently accepted.

With the change in administration in June, Dr. Samuel Durst became Men's Club president and Sisterhood continued with Miriam Kauderer.

Improvements were again made in our educational system, and we became the first congregation to conduct an Annual Graduation Ceremony in Israel. Our youngsters were formed into our first Junior Choir by Cantor Schlossberg. In addition, our children began participation in such services as Megillah readings. With our desire to keep our children involved in Temple activities, Room 10 in the school was refurbished and converted into our Youth Lounge where activities have been pursued by USY and Kadima in their own "piece of heaven" at TBS.

In the area of Religious Affairs, a Mourner's Guide was prepared by the Religious Affairs Committee in consultation with Rabbi Sternstein. This guide has become an important source of strength to many of our members in times of grief. In addition, a serious study was undertaken regarding the role of women in the synagogue. As a result, changes were initiated in our ritual practices as they relate to women. By allowing women to be called to the Torah, be counted in a Minyan and partake in the service, the area of education expanded.

During 1973 festivities continued in honor of Israel's 25th Anniversary. An entire weekend in April was celebrated with guest Cantor Misha Alexandrovich officiating at his first Shabbat since leaving the Soviet Union, followed by a gala dinner on Saturday night. In addition, at the annual Salute to Israel Parade, our School marched with a beautiful float constructed by members of the congregation both young and old.

In the Spring of 1973 Sisterhood elected Marilyn Herbst as its president and the Men's Club elected Leonard Yohay as its head.

The administration of Bernice Cohen made some important decisions before coming to an end in June of 1974, the most important of which was signing a contract with Newman & Leventhal to become our exclusive caterer. As a result, our ballroom was refurbished and catering soon became a substantial source of much-needed income.



Bernice Cohen

Melvin Hoffman's presidency began in June, 1974, and it wasn't long before we had a congregation of economists using the hottest word: "inflation." The impact was felt not only with higher costs but also with faster appreciation of the value of the homes of our members. Younger families were finding it harder to move into our area since so much of their income was being eaten up by higher interest and the cost of living in an affluent part of the Island. Meanwhile by 1975 the economic situation was adversely affecting the Temple's financing and there was a recognition that we had to do something.



In June the “radical” concept of Fair Share Dues was introduced, debated and finally voted and accepted. To many congregations, Conservative and otherwise, this concept is still radical and shunned — until they examine our example. We rely on the honesty and integrity of our membership to pay dues on a sliding scale based on their income, subject to a minimum level. Younger families with lower earnings will pay the minimum dues level while those families with higher earnings pay higher dues levels. Here practice meets theory with great success. Further, the need for excessive fund raising was averted so that younger families could be encouraged to join the Temple with special incentives. Of course the Financial officers meet annually to review the budgetary needs of the Temple and adjust the Fair Share Minimum so that all accounts balance.

In August, 1975, Reverend Moshe Rosenfeld was appointed as our new Ritual Director and he and his wife Zahava and daughters Becky and Esther moved in and soon became invaluable members of our Temple family. His skills as a teacher of *trope*, his patience, scholarship and sincerity, all combined so effectively, that Moshe began developing a cadre of talented Torah readers from within our own Religious School.

While concerned about education for our children, our Tikvah program was established to ensure our disabled youngsters would also receive Jewish training. The efforts of Marilyn Gershanow Glassman kept this program on track, and led to the later expansion of providing services for the physically challenged.

During the administration of Melvin Hoffman, the Sisterhood was headed by Judy Goldberg and the Men’s Club had Sidney Sobel and Saul LeVine as presidents.

The new administration in 1976 was headed up by Stuart Ain. It began with the retirement of Hans Weinberg as Executive Director, who was replaced by Herbert Parmet.

The Temple ranks continued to expand by the addition of 48 new families that year, thanks to the efforts of Karen and Robert Spitalnik’s Membership Committee. Temple life, as always, offered many activities through its various arms. Harvey Beyer, Men’s Club President, had comedian Morty Guntz at its first dinner that year. Later that year, Men’s Club went to Kutscher’s for its weekend. Bernice Levine, Sisterhood President, had many of the usual activities for which we are renowned, such as Art Tours and Theatre Trips and running the Torah Fund. The Couples Club was headed by Shirley Fried and PTA by Priscilla Friedman. Under the guidance of Sy and Arlene Katz, the first North Shore Institute of Adult Jewish Education became established with classes that year being held at Shelter Rock Jewish Center, and the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Enrichment Program first saw the light of day.

In March 1977, Pauline Mattana and Barbara Goldberg established the HUG IVRI Club for Hebrew Speaking, followed in May by the Yiddish Speaking Circle formed by Mel and Helene Hoffman. Two months later, in May, our very moving Holocaust Memorial was dedicated. The committee that developed the concept was headed by Victor Cynamon, Henry Jacobs and Roman Kriegstein.

The 1977-78 year was again a busy period. At that time the Couples Club was headed by Ted Fischel. Joan Weinberg took over for the PTA. Bernice Levine still headed our Sisterhood and had as their speaker for the first dinner Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis. The Men’s Club president was Norman Walter. The USY was headed by Donna Hoffman. There was a constant flow of activities. Men’s Club took 140 people up to the Jai Alai in Connecticut and also had a weekend at Kutscher’s. Our Blood Bank, an annual event that continues to support the community, was chaired by Myron Cohen.



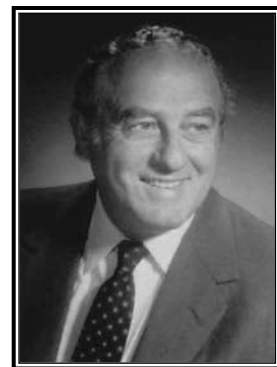
In November of 1977 we held our annual Israel Bonds breakfast; our honorees were Harvey and Maddy Krauser.

The Temple's fund raiser was a fun-filled (and successful) evening featuring a creative Red Dot Auction in March 1978. A large part of its success was due to the energy of Chair Maddy Krauser and her committee that included Roz Zuckerman, Ruth Silverstein, Kate Korobow, Rita Kroll, Jackie Samnick, Norma Rosen, Phyllis Wertenteil, Morris Needle, Mel and Helene Hoffman and Milton Horowitz.

In May of 1978 we welcomed to our midst a new cantor, Seymour Schwartzman, and his wife Lee. His deeply resonant baritone, his background in opera and fine traditional Jewish liturgy, enhanced our services. Also in the Spring of 1978 we held our annual UJA dinner and honored Steve and Sandy Seltzer. Sandy would be coming in as the new president of PTA.

That Spring brought the final administration of the Seventies, headed by Theodore Geffner. Joining Ted in Temple leadership roles were Muriel Linsky as Sisterhood President and Howard Golub and Dr. Stanley Wernick for the Men's Club.

It was at this time that the Religious School welcomed its new principal, Rabbi Stuart Saposh.



Cantor Seymour Schwartzman

The most significant achievement of the Geffner administration was the Debt Rescue Campaign that was chaired by Arthur Goldberg and assisted by Harry Brochstein, Bernice Cohen, Ted Geffner, Ben Hauptman, Milton Horowitz, Eugene Litman, Paul Shipper and professional Ben Kraut. The fiscal realities of the Seventies, with a prime interest rate of nearly 20 percent, made this job an urgent necessity. The campaign was waged not unlike a war, with strategy sessions to zero in on targets, divisions of troops sent to the field and headquarters controlling the activities. As a result of the campaign, \$750,000 was raised, affording the Temple's leaders the fiscal flexibility to pay for capital improvements such as the fire sprinkler system and repairs to the building, and to deal with the mortgage obligation.

As the decade came to a close, the Temple was solvent and poised for a bright future of continued service to the Jewish people of Greater Roslyn.

William Brickner

RENEWAL . . . THE 1980's

For Temple Beth Sholom, the decade of the Eighties was a period of dynamic innovation and growth, which allowed our Temple family to continue the warm feelings of the past, and bring them to a new pinnacle of spirit and firm foundation for the future.

The Eighties saw the Temple established on a firmer financial footing by a successful Debt Rescue Campaign. In addition, the Fair Share Program was continued so that the financial burdens of running the Temple could be spread out equally among the membership on the basis of ability to pay and the generosity of members' feelings for Beth Sholom.



During the Eighties, our Temple experienced unprecedented growth in its membership. In 1980, we had approximately 600 families as members. After reaching a peak of 1000 families, we have now settled back to a comfortable 950, making us one of the largest synagogues on Long Island. This growth in membership was unique, not so much because of the numbers, but rather because of its character. Dozens upon dozens of new young families joined the Temple. Many were born in Iran. Our Temple innovatively reached out to these families to incorporate them into the fabric of our Temple life and made them feel welcome.

The decade began with the administration of our beloved Paul Shipper as President. With the outstanding efforts and spearheading of Ted Geffner, and the able assistance of many members, the Debt Rescue Campaign, which began in 1979, was completed. We celebrated with a weekend tribute in honor of all the volunteer workers and a special tribute to Rabbi and Gerri Sternstein, and Shoshanna and David Wingate.

At the start of Paul's term of office, all of the new members of the Temple were invited to attend a traditional Friday night dinner at the synagogue. The Couples Club ran a Greek Festival Dinner Dance where everyone wore togas! Jimmy Schlesinger was the honoree at the Seminary breakfast. Sisterhood heard Gabe Pressman at their Paid-Up Membership Dinner, and U.J.A. honored Al and Connie Weissman.

1980-1981 saw a Temple-sponsored pilgrimage to Israel. Rabbi Sternstein made history when he met with the late President Anwar Sadat in Egypt. Irving and Nancy Silverman, stalwarts of the Temple family, were honored at the Israel Bonds Dinner, and Susan Goldpin created the magnificent Chupah under which dozens of couples would later be married.

This administration also initiated the formation of the Israeli Affairs Committee so that Washington officials could be influenced by a letter-writing campaign by Temple members. Also, the very successful bridge classes were started under the auspices of the Sisterhood. Sisterhood also joined AIPAC, the Israeli lobby in Washington. Most importantly, the Bar Mitzvah Enrichment Program was revitalized to make the occasion of Bar/Bat Mitzvah more meaningful for youngsters and their families.



Stephen Seltzer ascended to the Presidency in June, 1981. The Temple, at this time, was vibrantly alive and fiscally well. The membership continued to grow (46 new families) as new people moved to the greater Roslyn community and gravitated toward Conservative Judaism. This was evident by the fact that our nursery school, primary school and summer programs were being operated at full capacity.

The most important issue in Steve's two-year term as President was the focusing of our congregation on the need for physical expansion of our building. At first, Steve initiated a committee led by Leo Kornbluth and Harold Rabinowitz to prepare and present plans to the congregation in 1982 to convert our current library into a beautiful and dignified *Beth HaMidrash*. At a special congregational meeting, it was overwhelmingly decided to expand his plan into a long-range planning study for the creation and construction of a new facility for camp, nursery school, theatrical programs and religious use. This congregational mandate eventually resulted in the recently completed Wingate Center.



An additional highlight, which took place between 1981-1983, was the production of our first theatrical show in over 20 years. The presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof" involved over 200 Temple members. We also held our very first adult Purim Carnival in March, 1982. In May, 1982, we celebrated our first Bar/Bat Mitzvah twinning, at which time our Bar Mitzvah, Jonathan Kroll, shared his *simcha in absentia* with a Soviet Jewish child. Under Norman Walters' leadership, our United Synagogue Youth Chapter was awarded the "Outstanding Chapter" among 160 synagogues in the metropolitan area. We initiated the "Matzoh Ball," which was attended by 1,000 teenagers from the area's USY chapters. We retained Arthur Caul as our Summer Program Director. Through his expertise, our "camp" expanded dramatically and has been widely acclaimed these past ten years.

We retained Malka Me-Zahav in 1982 and immediately witnessed a resurgence in our Religious School. Under Arlene Katz's guidance as Vice President of Education, we planned to start the North Shore Hebrew High School for five Conservative synagogues in this area. We also paid tribute to Adele Roth, our dynamic Nursery School Director, who had been with us for 20 years.

In March, 1983 we celebrated our first Sephardic Sabbath, to the joy and pleasure of our many Sephardic congregants. The entire service, kiddush and collation were conducted and prepared by our Sephardic (mostly Iranian) members. Also, due to the overflow crowd and growth of our membership, we initiated an abbreviated auxiliary High Holiday service geared to our younger families who wanted to be with their children during the services.



Malka Me-Zahav

The honorees for our many religious and charitable events included the following: The Jewish Theological Seminary honored Bill Spielman; Seymour and Arlene Katz were the honorees at the Israel Bonds Dinner; and the UJA honored Paul Shipper. All of these members had worked for these organizations throughout the years. In 1982-1983, Israel Bonds recognized Milton and Lila Horowitz as their honorees, and the UJA honored Pauline and Geoffrey Mattana. Our Sisterhood, Men's Club, PTA and Couples Club each contributed to two years of marvelous programs and fund-raising activities.

Arthur Goldberg became President in June, 1983, and several significant events in the history of the Temple occurred in 1983-1984. A long-range Planning Committee with Stephen Seltzer as Chairman was appointed. This led to the decision to expand the Temple facilities which culminated in the building of the new wing. That year Arthur also formed an Outreach Committee to meet the special needs of members who were not able to be assisted or reached by existing programs and community services. One such group was the Sandwiched Generation or Children with Aging Parents. Also, a Trustee Host Program was initiated whereby Trustees and their spouses served as hosts at Friday evening services.

Outstanding programs were held throughout the year. Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro appeared as a special guest speaker at a Friday night service. This was shortly before she announced her candidacy as the first woman to run for the Vice Presidency of the United States. The famous Red Dot Auction was held as an important fund-raising event. Also, a spectacular musical evening was a Spring bonus for TBS, featuring international opera star Elaine Malbin in concert with Cantor Seymour Schwartzman.

Temple Beth Sholom proudly spearheaded the establishment of a Hebrew Regional High School. It evolved into the present North Shore Conservative High School. This was done together with Congregation Beth Israel, Port Washington, Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation, Shelter Rock Jewish Center and Congregation Tefereth Israel of Glen Cove.



As a special note of pride, our USY Chapter basketball team won the Long Island United Synagogue Youth Championship.

Many of our beloved members were honored at special functions held during the year. Yvette and Martin Abrams were honorees at the Israel Bonds Dinner, while Leonard and Edith Kliegman served similar roles on behalf of UJA/Federation.

Temple Beth Sholom feted Rabbi and Tess Hyams on the occasion of their relocating to Red Bank, New Jersey. They issued an open invitation to members to visit them at any time, and many have done so through the years.

This period was a transitional time in our synagogue, a time when we reevaluated our Temple and embarked on new and ambitious efforts to enrich the synagogue experience for all members.

Harold Kalb succeeded Arthur Goldberg as President. During the first term of his administration we witnessed the implementation of the Outreach Program, and enjoyed a superb TBS production of "Anything Goes" at SUNY Old Westbury. The Religious School was presented with a special award at the Israel Day Parade and has continued to win recognition for its wonderful props and enthusiasm ever since.

In September 1985, with an evergrowing Temple membership, the administration recognized the need for additional space. Requests were made for funds to build an all-purpose room, chapel, and additional office and storage space.

In November, Nancy and Irving Silverman were appropriately honored as founders of the renowned Beth Sholom Judaica Museum. It was a fitting tribute to all their years of hard work and dedication. The L.I. Region of the Zionist Organization of America opened the Computer Center at Kfar Silver in Israel, dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Sternstein. Our first of many successful Kallah weekends took place that same month, with its theme being "Conservative Judaism — past, present and future." Young and old alike were invited to participate in this exciting and enlightening event.

December 1985 found the Board of Trustees approving preliminary plans for the new Temple wing. A model of the proposed addition was displayed in the Temple lobby. Cost was estimated at \$2,000,000. Families were assessed \$1,000 each, with any additional donations greatly needed and appreciated. Fund raising for the new building was approved by the general membership and commenced in 1986. Paul Shipper assumed the position of Fund-raising Committee Chairman and worked diligently (with co-chairmen Steve Seltzer and Ted Geffner) to make this a successful campaign.

April 10-13 we were thrilled by a superb TBS production of "Guys and Dolls" produced by Maddy Krauser and Milton Horowitz. The performances at SUNY Westbury commanded rave reviews. In keeping with our winning ways, the TBS Roslyn USY Basketball team captured first place in the League Championships!

On June 24, 1986, our beloved Rev. Moshe Rosenfeld was honored by Israel Bonds at the L.I. Commission of Holocaust Survivors. Rev. Rosenfeld was the recipient of the New Life Award, in recognition of his support of Israel Bonds and his dedication to building a better life for his family and the people of Israel. Ceremonies took place at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center.



William Spielman succeeded Harold Kalb and Temple Beth Sholom continued to flourish. Recognizing the need for additional space for a very large High Holiday congregation, and realizing that completion of our new building was a long way off, Temple Beth Sholom held its first parallel Holiday Service in the "Pavilion" in September 1986. Rabbi Baruch Silverstein and Cantor Abraham Levitt officiated at the beautifully inspiring services.

In celebration of the Jewish Theological Seminary's 100th year, a fund-raiser was held at Temple Beth Sholom, with Harold Kalb as honoree. In March, 1987 we were enraptured by the superb performances of Cantor Seymour Schwartzman, Cantor Tibo Kelen, and Elaine Malbin at a Great Performances concert. On Shabbat morning, June 12, 1987, Temple Beth Sholom celebrated its "Double Chai" anniversary. Our congregation now numbered over 900 families, a far cry from the original 35 who started our Temple on June 18, 1951.

On December 6, 1987, a very cold winter day, Temple Beth Sholom joined with one-quarter of a million Jews who travelled to Washington for Freedom Sunday. Organized by Arnold Hyman, Temple members along with their Jewish brethren sent Mikail Gorbachev the message *"Am Yisrael Chai - Schlach Et Anu"* — "The people of Israel live - Let my people go."

From April 22-26, 1988 Temple Beth Sholom was transformed into an amazing Israeli street scene at our Israel "40" Festival. This spectacular event, coordinated by Daniela Klein and Mimi Kauderer, with Art Direction by Bat-Sheva Slavin, brought thousands of visitors and Temple members to a most memorable celebration.

In the Spring of 1988, Cantor Seymour Schwartzman and his wife Lee decided to relocate to Plantation, Florida. Although saddened to see them go, we wished them well in their new endeavor.

The Temple administration together with Rabbi Sternstein determined the need for an Assistant Rabbi. With the support of the Board of Trustees and the congregation, Rabbi Ian S. Jacknis, a former TBS Religious School student, was hired for the newly-created position. Rabbi Jacknis, along with his wife Suri (a teacher in our Religious School) and their children, Noam and Yael, officially "arrived" on August 1, 1988. This warm and loving family quickly became a part of our Temple family.

Cantor Aaron Bensoussan was hired to succeed Cantor Schwartzman. We looked forward to his joining us on October 1, 1988 and eagerly anticipated his forthcoming marriage to Phyllis. While waiting for Cantor Bensoussan's arrival, our former cantor, Ralph Schlossberg, was hired to lead the service in the Main Sanctuary for High Holidays in 5749.

On October 10, 1988, shortly after the High Holidays, an electrical malfunction caused a fire in the ceiling of our Sanctuary. A working sprinkler system and quick response from local fire departments limited the damage. Igor Lapin, our Senior Maintenance Supervisor, reacted swiftly to remove our sacred Torahs from the Ark. Harvey and Stephen Beyer immediately went to work in making the Sanctuary operational as quickly as possible. Paul Shipper's insurance expertise ensured that the Temple was fully compensated for all losses. For a brief period of time, services were conducted in the ballroom as the Temple family pulled together to keep the synagogue running smoothly.



Cantor Aaron Bensoussan



In December, 1988, Rabbi Jacknis instituted the Learner's Minyan, a relaxed Shabbat experience designed to make people feel knowledgeable and comfortable in synagogue. The response was good.

On May 14, 1989, an ailing Moshe Rosenfeld fittingly and appropriately chanted the *Shehechianu* prayer at ground-breaking ceremonies for our new educational and religious complex. With a major gift from the David A. and Shoshanna Wingate Foundation, a significant portion of our fund-raising campaign had been achieved and our new complex was named in the Wingates' honor.

On May 18, 1989 Temple Beth Sholom suffered the loss, in an auto accident, of Igor Lapin, Senior Maintenance Supervisor, who had served our Temple with love and devotion for 28 years. The Igor Lapin Memorial Fund was established with donations to be used for an appropriate memorial in our new building.

The Temple family was dealt an additional blow when our beloved Rev. Moshe Rosenfeld died in June, 1989. Moshe was a soft-spoken, warm-hearted, deeply religious and knowledgeable man. Each of us had his or her own special relationship with Moshe. Rabbi Sternstein eloquently stated in his Temple bulletin article of Sept.-Oct. 1989: "To our congregation, Moshe was a wise, revered and beloved mentor . . . Moshe was a Jew of dignity . . . He articulated Jewish knowledge and blended it with exemplary human warmth and compassion." He is sadly missed and will always be remembered.

In the fall of 1989, Temple Beth Sholom retained a general contractor, Dominic Milone and Sons to build the new educational and religious complex. Eugene Steuben was hired as a full-time clerk of the works to help the architects, Justin P.C. in association with Bertram Bassuk, to supervise the construction. Mr. Steuben became an invaluable assistant to our New Building Committee Chairman, past president Stephen Seltzer.

Throughout the Fall of 1989 to the Spring of 1990, construction continued. Two of our dear past presidents became ill and passed away. Mel Hoffman died December 9, 1989, and Paul Shipper died on March 3, 1990. These two men were beloved members of our Temple family, and worked diligently and unstintingly for our Synagogue, practically until their deaths. They, in turn, are lovingly remembered and will never be forgotten.

In January, 1990, another spectacular Family Kallah was held. The program titled "Are We Our Worst Enemy? — Jewish Pluralism, Unity and Diversity" was beautifully organized by Roz Bloom, Deborah Brosowsky and Wende Hyman.

In March 1990, Temple Beth Sholom held an International Festival under the direction of Lyn Feder, Bat-Sheva Slavin, and Maddy Krauser. It was an extraordinary day with displays of fine boutiques, entertainment, ethnic foods, and exhibits depicting our Jewish heritage.

On June 8, 1990, Stephen Lovell confidently passed the gavel to Judy Goldberg.

Rita Kroll, Roberta Zeldis



MILLENNIUM CODA – THE DECADE OF THE 1990s

For openers, the election of Judith Goldberg marked several milestones wrapped into one. Not only was Judy the second woman president of TBS, but she was also the second Sisterhood past-president to move on to the presidency of the Temple. Further, with her husband, Arthur, who served as president in 1983-84, Judy formed the first husband and wife team of Temple presidents.

The ensuing two years (June 1990 - June, 1992) were epochal in the annals of Temple Beth Sholom. As the theme for the celebration of the congregation's 40th anniversary in 1991, the administration chose "Dedication and Rededication" — Dedication to provide an enriching spiritual/cultural climate for our members that encourages participation and involvement and Rededication to the principles and guidelines of Conservative Judaism on which Temple Beth Sholom was founded.

Sandwiched around the 40th anniversary celebration were such momentous activities as the completion of our new building and chapel, Newman & Leventhal remodeled the ballroom and *shulhof* lobbies, while creating a new Kiddush/Smorgasbord room, and a year-long Torah Dedication project. Despite all of the energies devoted to these major events, the vibrant pace of our synagogue life continued.

At Shabbat Services on Friday evening, September 7, 1990, we welcomed Rev. Harvey and Rose Hoffman to Beth Sholom. Rev. Hoffman assumed the role of our Ritual Director. Shortly, thereafter, on Monday, September 10th, a New Member Champagne Buffet dessert was held under the auspices of the Membership Committee.

During this period, Idette Pfeffer served as Sisterhood president; William Brickner was president of the Men's Club, and the PTA presidency was in the capable hands of Dayle Weiss. The North Shore Institute of Adult Jewish Education (later to be named in memory of the gifted Rabbi Herbert Tarr, brother of Florence Meyer) announced that its opening lecturer, on October 15th, would be Blu Greenberg. Classes and lectures this year would be held at Shelter Rock Jewish Center.

In the Fall of 1990, Assistant Rabbi Ian Jacknis started a 6-session Learner's Minyan for those seeking greater understanding of, and comfort with, regular synagogue services. In November, a Tot Shabbat program got under way with classes for 3-5 year olds. On a lighter note, Sisterhood's "Camp Mishegas" in December promised a fun-filled evening of dancing, food, games and surprises under the aegis of Karen Brickner, Nancy Jacob and their sterling cohorts. Still maintaining the jolly mood, the Men's Club followed with "Comedy Tonight" in February 1991, featuring a group of professional comedians.

The weekend of January 18, 1991 marked our fourth Temple Family Kallah with Rabbi Joel Roth as our Scholar-in-Residence. The theme was "Today's Challenges To Conservative Judaism." On March 17th, Phyllis and Jack Wertenteil were honored by State of Israel Bonds. More than \$1 million worth of Israel Bonds were sold at this highly successful event, which was chaired by Miriam Kauderer and Mark Goldman. On March 22nd an authentic Sephardic Friday evening Shabbat Service was held with Cantor Bensoussan and the choir helping everyone experience the exotic sounds and joy of the Sephardic tradition. Later, Cantor Bensoussan spoke about Sephardic music and customs, following which everyone enjoyed a festive Oneg Shabbat featuring authentic Moroccan desserts (calories and all). A Youth Chorale Concert entitled "A Night of 100 Children's Voices" held us spellbound on April 23rd.



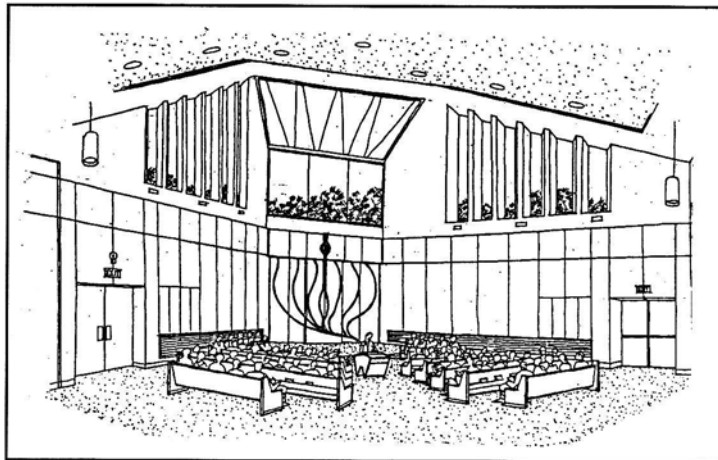
Participating in this wonderful program along with our own young singers were children from Dix Hills Jewish Center, under the leadership of Cantor Sam Weidenbaum, and Cantor Sol Zim's young voices from the Hollis Hills Jewish Center.

Sunday, April 28th was the opening event in our Year of the Torah project, a year-long series of educational programs, workshops and special children's projects, culminating on May 31st, 1992 with a momentous *Siyum Ha-Torah* at which time we dedicated a new Torah commissioned for the occasion, along with two Torahs that would be repaired by our Scribe to make them Kosher again. The inaugural Torah Fair on April 28th featured a lecture by Rabbi Sternstein and a series of skits and playlets by our Religious School students that were created especially for this day. The multi-faceted, year-long Torah Dedication Program was chaired by Harvey Brandwein and Ann Karmin.

In May, Sisterhood's 40th Anniversary Celebration featured a mock radio talk-show format entitled "Down Memory Lane" with a theme song by Eleanor Roberts to the tune of "Thanks For The Memory." Also in May, Helen and Ted Geffner were honored by UJA/Federation at a highly successful brunch.

June, 1991 installations saw Judy Goldberg continuing as Temple president, and the presidencies of Sisterhood, Men's Club and P.T.A in the capable hands of Carrol Kohn, Stephen Beyer and Dayle Weiss respectively. The Temple installation on June 7th was especially significant in that it served to honor our first Rabbi, Ario S. Hyams, and included a special tribute to 25 second-generation Temple families. This unique program was arranged by Vicky Paley, Linda Moscovitz, Barbara Goldstein and Ester Causanschi.

Sunday morning, September 8, 1991 — Erev Rosh Hashana — marked a very significant day in this "epochal" two-year period! Rabbi Sternstein lead us in the blessings accompanying the placement of a Mezuzah by Shoshanna and David Wingate on our new building, The Shoshanna & David Wingate Educational & Religious Center (the artistic mezuzah was designed by Shoshanna Wingate). The next day our first High Holiday Services took place in the new Wingate Center.



The next major step in the Year of Torah march to the *Siyum* took place on Sunday, October 20th, when we were introduced to Dr. Eric Ray, a world-renowned *Sofer* (Master scribe) and Torah scholar. Dr. Ray taught us about a scribe's special skill requirements and responsibilities. Rabbi Sternstein spoke about the 613th (final) Commandment in the Torah, the Mitzvah of each Jew participating in the writing of a Sefer Torah. This Mitzvah gave rise to Beth Sholom's Torah Dedication Program whereby each of us could select a portion (large or small) of special personal significance to endow in fulfillment of this Mitzvah. Each dedication would be acknowledged by a beautiful certificate designed by Dr. Ray. From that point on, Dr. Ray could be found in the Temple on most weekday mornings working on the Torahs in preparation for the *Siyum* on May 31st.



On November 20th, the “Defender of Jerusalem” award was given to Rabbi Sternstein by a special committee of major international Jewish organizational leaders. Other co-recipients were Zubin Mehta, director of the Israel Philharmonic, and A.M. Rosenthal of the New York Times (pretty heady company, and a perfect segue into the grand finale event of 1991....read on).

The invitation, bearing the 40th Anniversary logo, read “You are cordially invited to the Fortieth Anniversary Celebration Ball for Temple Beth Sholom honoring Rabbi Joseph P. and Gerri Sternstein...Saturday, December 14, 1991, at seven o’clock”. As Judy Goldberg wrote in a subsequent monthly column, “Oh what a night it was...it really was!” Between the reception and the dinner we congregated in the sanctuary where Cantor Bensoussan opened the program with a lovely rendition of *Yedid Nefesh* and *Havdalah*. Ben Hauptman, 40th Anniversary chairman, graciously welcomed everyone and acknowledged the family and guests of Rabbi and Gerri Sternstein. Dr. Samuel Cohen, Executive V.P. of the Jewish National Fund, and County Executive Tom Gulotta personally extended greetings to the Sternsteins. After 23 years, it was now our turn to recognize our Rabbi’s distinguished career of international achievement and spiritual leadership, and to acknowledge his and Gerri’s major contribution to the history and development of our synagogue. Following Rabbi Sternstein’s response, the Sanctuary program ended with a prayer from Rabbi Jacknis. In addition to Ben Hauptman, its chairman, the 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee included co-chairpersons Miriam Kauderer and William Spielman, while the Gala Ball was under the direction of Felicia Kalb and Bat-Sheva Slavin. A Historical Chronicle/Journal was published to commemorate the occasion with Leonard Kliegman as Chronicle Editor and Myrna Robbins, Journal Editor. Joel Harris did the graphic designs, William Brickner was Assistant Chronicle Editor while Associate Journal Editors were Lawrence Glass and Barbara Schwartz.

Florida was not too far away for some 40th Anniversary hijinks as Milton Horowitz and Peppy and Jerry Silverstein teamed up to run a TBS Reunion luncheon for Florida residents and snowbirds on Jan. 19, 1992.

A week later, back here in Roslyn the Temple hosted its First Annual Exhibit of Fine Hand-Made Judaica Arts and Crafts. The function was chaired by Nadine Kesten and Idette Pfeffer with Irene Helitzer serving as artistic consultant. In February the Sisterhood and Men’s Club teamed up to present “A Night in Persia” — a fun-filled evening of dining and dancing that featured Persian cuisine and entertainment. In March, the Men’s Club reprised its Comedy Night, which had been so successful a year earlier. On March 29th, Arlene and Daniel Fisher were honored at our Annual State of Israel Bonds Breakfast with the strong support of an active committee led by Mark Goldman, Miriam Kauderer, Phyllis and Jack Wertenteil and Howard Golub.

At the convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, TBS won the four following Solomon Schechter Awards: Elementary Education, First Place; Unique programming, First Place; Honorable Mentions for our AIDS Program and our Judaica Museum.

As the first “First Couple” of Beth Sholom, Judith and Arthur Goldberg graciously (and enthusiastically) agreed to serve as honorees for the Temple’s UJA/Federation Breakfast for the 1992 campaign, under the chairmanship of Leonard Kliegman. At that time, immediately after the Gulf War, Israel was under great pressure and anti-Semitism was again rearing its ugly head both here and throughout the world. To promote congregational support for the upcoming UJA/Federation fund-raiser, Len Kliegman prepared a piece for publication in the Beth Sholom News that highlighted Israel’s world-wide woes. It is reprinted here to point up the irony that, just ten years later, Israel’s plight is more desperate



than ever in all the categories listed in the earlier piece, while Moslem terror reigns supreme here in America and in Israel.

"This is the day the Lord has made, we will be glad and rejoice in it." (Psalm 118: 24) With these words everyone was invited to join in the day we for which we had been waiting for so long: The *Siyum Ha-Torah* and Consecration of our New Wing. In the synagogue those who had dedicated passages in our new Torah took part in making a final inscription under the guidance of our *Sofer*, Dr. Eric Ray, while we were also witness to Dr. Ray's final inscription in our new Sefer Torah. Amid the joyful singing and dancing, we also were privileged to join in the sacred rite of Dedication of the David and Shoshanna Wingate Religious and Educational Center.

The June 12, 1992 Temple installation saw James Schlesinger installed as our new president, and deservedly so, for no other person worked so long and so hard to achieve that office. Sisterhood's new president was Eva Gerber, while Lawrence Glass took over the reins of the Men's Club and the P.T.A. elected Roberta Zeldis.

With the additional space afforded by the Sandler Chapel and Rubenstein Auditorium in the new building, Family Services were reinstituted for the High Holidays along with the family N'eilah Service, both of which continue to this day. The Annual Breakfast on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary took place on Sunday morning, November 8th, with Sandy and Steve Seltzer as the very worthy guests of honor. Support for the Seminary has been growing dramatically at Beth Sholom and we are now one of the largest Seminary fund-raisers in the country.

1993 saw three tragedies hit our synagogue family. Our founding president, Max M. Greenfield, a man of wit, and brilliance, died on March 13, 1993; Beth Sholom's first Rabbi, Ario S. Hyams, whose musical talent, vigor and scholarship endeared him to all who knew him, died on May 6, 1993; and, saddest of all, was the death on July 2, 1993 of Rachel Grodin, the beautiful and talented daughter of Gerri and Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, who lost a valiant battle with cancer.

In March Helen and David Frank were honored at the Israel Bonds Breakfast.

With the approach of Summer, 1993, Ian Jacknis, our Assistant Rabbi, resigned to assume the pulpit of the South Huntington Jewish Center here on Long Island. He left with the very warm wishes of the entire membership, many of whom have known him since he was a child in our Hebrew School. In November, Seth Frisch, a young Rabbi, was engaged to assist Rabbi Sternstein in some of the duties that Rabbi Jacknis had heretofore performed.

October 31, 1993 saw Rabbi Joseph Sternstein honored by his alma mater, the Jewish Theological Seminary, at our annual Seminary breakfast. In recognition of the respect and affection in which Rabbi Sternstein is held by his colleagues, Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Seminary, was our guest speaker. Needless to say, it was a highly emotional and successful event.

In view of the upcoming retirement of Rabbi Sternstein in the Summer of 1994 (after 25 years of devoted service to the congregation), a search committee, chaired by Judy Goldberg, was appointed to undertake the vital task of finding the right rabbi to replace Rabbi Sternstein. The committee, comprised of 35 members, including a steering committee of nine people, followed all the formalities of the Rabbinical Assembly in soliciting resumé's, studying them and interviewing the most likely candidates.



After many months, the committee submitted its recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The selection of Rabbi Alan B. Lucas followed, and he was subsequently elected by the membership to serve as the third Rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom.

The installations in June of 1993 found James Schlesinger continuing as Temple president; Eva Gerber, Sisterhood; Men's Club president-Isidore Adelson; and Nancy Jacob heading the P.T.A. Fay and Joe Morris were Guests of Honor at the Israel Bond Breakfast on March 13, 1994, chaired by Len Kliegman.

The Temple Beth Sholom Judaica Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration took place on April 24th, 1994. Honoring Tess Hyams and the memory of her late husband, Rabbi Ario Hyams, the festive event also featured the dedication of the Irving S. Ruttenberg Gallery. Planning was under the direction of Bette-Ann Spielman, museum curator, and Bat-Sheva Slavin, Assoc. Curator. The following month saw Karen and William Brickner honored at a Dessert Reception for the benefit of UJA/Federation, the committee for which was chaired by Pauline Mattana and Stephen Silverberg.

Installations in June, 1994 elevated Howard Goldstein to the Temple presidency with Sisterhood, Men's Club and P.T.A. under the leadership of Eva Gerber, Mel Jacob and Nancy Jacob, in that order.

Upon his retirement to Rabbi Emeritus status, Rabbi Sternstein and Gerri moved to a new home they purchased in Great Neck, just a short walk from Temple Israel, where he was immediately made to feel at home. In fact, most Shabbat mornings would find him *davening* there in the company of Rabbi Norman Kahan (Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sinai of Roslyn) and Rabbi Gil Rosenthal, Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Alan Lucas, his wife, Edy and their three children, moved into their new home in Roslyn Heights and immediately began preparing for the High Holidays, which came "early" that year. The Slichot evening program on August 27th was devoted to meeting and greeting Rabbi Alan and Edy Lucas. Rabbi Lucas, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, was graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Cincinnati; he received a Master's Degree and Rabbinic Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary. For the past thirteen years, Rabbi Lucas served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor, NJ, and, among many Jewish communal and religious activities, was recently appointed to the prestigious Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly. On October 16th, the Temple conducted a formal Installation ceremony with Rabbi Dr. Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary formally installing Rabbi Lucas as our third rabbi. A festive collation, featuring Klezmer music and divine desserts followed; the Installation Committee who organized the event was comprised of Deborah Brosowsky, Arthur Goldberg, Howard Goldstein, Stephen Lovell, Linda Moskowitz, Leonard Nadel and Rose Schechter.



The Solomon Schechter School Dinner was held on December 5th at Beth Sholom with our William Spielman, president of the school and the new Solomon Schechter High School, among the honorees.

Sadly, just a week before, we were devastated to learn of the death of Susan Goldpin, beloved wife of Max Goldpin, on November 28th, 1994. Though her talents bequeathed so many beautiful things to us, such as our Chupah and Chapel Ark Curtains, her greatest gift was her gentleness of spirit. Of her it can truly be said, "She will be sorely missed."



The new year started slowly, but on March 9, 11 and 12, 1995, after six months of rehearsing, designing and building, the curtain of our Rubenstein Auditorium rose on a rollicking presentation of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun!* More than 60 people were involved in this project along with many USY volunteers. The cast included, among others: Nat Slavin, Jeanette Bregman, Glen Albert, Debra Brandwein, Mark Eichenholtz, Mel Jacob, Stephen Greenstein, Judy Levy, Ellen Moses and Barbara Pomerantz. Larry Glass was in charge of producing a financially successful Playbill.

On April 9th, our Judaica Museum unveiled its exhibition of The Dreyfus Affair, commemorating the centennial of the traumatic event that, many say, gave new life to Zionism through the talented pen of Theodore Herzl. This exhibit, on loan to us from Bar Ilan University, then traveled to Copenhagen, Philadelphia and other major cities.

On June 1st, Deborah and Fred Brosowsky were honored by UJA/Federation at a dessert reception. Also in June, we accepted with regret the retirement of Addie Roth as Director of the Beth Sholom Nursery School after thirty-three years! But, with what joy did we celebrate her achievements in creating one of the premier Nursery Schools on Long Island and throughout the country. Our new Nursery School Director will be Sandra Frank, as she, together with Malka Me-Zahav, will continue to build on past successes. Another major new arrival was Rabbi Sidney Solomon, who, after serving as the Rabbi at the Jewish Center of Kew Garden Hills for many years, assumed the role Ritual Director of Temple Beth Sholom.

June, the month of weddings and installations, found Howard Goldstein being reelected to a second term as Temple president, while Madeline Yousefzadeh took over as Sisterhood president, the Men's Club chose Stephen Silverberg, and Bonnie Cahn became president of the P.T.A.

The Slichot evening program on September 16, 1995 found the Judaica Museum offering a new "double feature" entitled "Bezalel: In The Shadow of God," and "Jerusalem, Eternal City: Color, Light, and Shadow." Bette-Ann Spielman and Helen Adelson chaired the program and amplified the exhibit for us. This presentation formed a dramatic curtain-raiser for the announcement by Program Vice President Itchy Adelson of a yearlong program entitled Jerusalem 3000! With Judy Goldberg serving as Coordinator, the 14-month schedule included guest lecturers, weekend Kallah, Cantorial Concert (chaired by Pauline Mattana and Marty Kay), Letters of Jerusalem (offering members' personal writings of memories of Jerusalem and Israel, administered by Susan Katz), a special Judaica Museum Exhibit (to be arranged by Bette-Ann Spielman and Bat-Sheva Slavin), a Commemorative Journal chaired by Rita Kroll and Ellen Fingerman, and a 2-day Jerusalem Fair on April 20-21, 1996 chaired by Robin Silverberg and Nancy Jacob.

The Family Kallah on the weekend of November 10th-11th featured Joel Roth as Scholar-in-Residence with the theme of Jerusalem 3000. Roz Bloom, Deborah Brosowsky and Wende Jager-Hyman chaired the event. On November 19th, the Annual Jewish Theological Seminary Breakfast honored Connie and Jerry Lazarus.

It was with sadness that we noted the death on July 1, 1995 of our beloved past-president, Dr. Morris Fond. Just four months later, the congregation was shocked to learn of a double tragedy – the deaths of two of our highly esteemed members, past president Sidney Rosenfeld and his dear wife Bella, in a car accident while driving to Florida on November 9, 1995.



From December 20, 1995 to January 1, 1996, Rabbi Alan and Edy Lucas and Malka Me-Zahav led many Beth Shalom families on a tour through Israel and Jordan. Not long after their return, the congregation was treated to two highly informative evenings through the benefaction of the Marilyn and Barry Rubinstein Family Foundation: On February 29th we took part in a "Dialogue on the Search for Peace in the Middle East" with panelists Ambassador Colette Avital, Consul General of Israel in NY; Dr. Richard Kaufman, International Economist & Financial Consultant; Seymour Reish, president of the American Zionist movement and past-president of B'nai Brith International; Rabbi Mordecai Waxman of Temple Israel in Great Neck; and Rabbi Avi Weiss, activist Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. The second event was on March 20th, when Thomas Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist of The New York Times, spoke on his view of the Israel/Palestinian impasse. The dialogue committee was comprised of Judy Goldberg, Norma Grill, Arlene Katz, Rita Kroll, Pauline Mattana and Sharon Pikus.

Finally, Saturday evening, April 20th arrived, and with it the Champagne Reception and Opening of the Jerusalem 3000 Fair, featuring a Jewish cabaret, café, kiosk, merchandise vendors, arts and crafts booths, and an art gallery, among a host of other sights. All dazzling designs were by Bat-Sheva Slavin, while construction crews were under the supervision of Mansour Zarabi and Itchy Adelson.

May 5th marked the date of the Cantorial Concert, also endowed by the Rubinstein Family Foundation. On June 11th, Ruth and Sidney Kahan were honored by UJA/Federation at its annual Dessert Reception. This proved to be a moving outpouring of affection by an overflow crowd who came in tribute to people who literally devoted most of their lives to Beth Shalom and the entire Jewish community.

June, 1996 installations found Philip Adler elected Temple president; Ester Causanschi, Sisterhood; Men's Club, Barry Shipper; and Bonnie Cahn heading the P.T.A. again. The Slichot evening program on September 7th, featured a new Judaica Museum exhibition entitle "A Thread of Blue" – A tribute to Susan Goldpin. A new Temple Directory was issued after the High Holidays; Deedee and Stephen Lovell were honored at the November 10th Jewish Theological Seminary Breakfast; also in November, Ruth Kosover Solomon, CSW (wife of Rabbi Sidney Solomon), started a Bereavement Support Group, and a Chesed Committee was formed by Itchy Adelson, Mansour Zarabi and Melody Alstodt.

Friday evening, February 7, 1997, featured an intergenerational Shabbat Dinner (following Shabbat Services) honoring our second-generation members.

On Saturday evening, May 10th, a long-overdue honor was bestowed on Bernice Cohen for 18 years of selfless service as unpaid Executive Director and so many more years as Temple president, Sisterhood president, trustee and general confidante to so many who knock on her ever-open door. Accordingly, she was the honored guest at the Temple's 45th Anniversary Dinner Dance, which, along with the accompanying Journal, was a huge success.

On January 26, 1997, the team of Leila and Milton Horowitz (North) and Peppy and Jerry Silverstein (South) ran another luncheon in Florida, with 140 attendees celebrating the Temple's 45th Anniversary. Special guests of honor were Tess Hyams and her family.

April 13th found us enjoying the East Meets West Cantors' Concert starring Cantor Aaron Bensoussan, Cantor Avi Albrecht and the TBS Adult Choir. Also in April, the Israel Bonds Dessert Buffet honored Melody and Harvey Alstodt, and in June, Lisa and Jim Schlesinger were honored at the UJA/Federation Dessert Reception.



June 1997 installations brought us the reelection of Phil Adler as Temple president and Ester Causanschi at Sisterhood. Men's Club chose Irving Chernofsky and Shari Schnitzer became P.T.A. president. In September, the Rabbi announced the creation of a *Kehillah Kedosha* (The Re-Spiritualization of a Contemporary Synagogue) through the benefaction of a UJA/Federation Continuity Grant for this purpose. As Family Life Educator and *Kehillah Kedosha* Coordinator, Daniella Kolodny worked with our new rabbinic intern, Neil Zuckerman, to achieve the desired results through special family services, Havurot, work with Chesed Committee and other projects. A Havurah service was soon started offering lots of singing, intimate prayer experience and spirit, with 50 people showing up for the first Shabbat.

The 1997 Summer Camp was a great success for all, from Tiny Tots (age 3) to teenage CITs. Camp was filled to capacity for the third straight year; heated pools provided excellent swimming and instructional environments, and field trips rounded out the activities program. Special kudos go to Arthur Caul (our director for 18 years), his assistant director Ginger Bloom, and to Danny Fisher, who has done a great job year after year as chairman of the camp committee.

Arlene and Danny Fisher were honored at the Jewish Theological Seminary Breakfast on November 16th. The dedicated committee members were Arlene Katz, Alan Schecter, Mansour Zarabi and Steve Zeldis.

At the convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in mid-November, Harold Kalb and Jim Schlesinger were installed as Vice Presidents, Harry Brochstein became a Director, and the Solomon Schechter Award for our Jerusalem 3000 Program was accepted on behalf of TBS by Helen and Itchy Adelson.

March 17, 1998 marked the date of the Solomon Schechter High School Dinner at Beth Sholom, with special emphasis on celebration of the first high school graduating class and the guests of honor, David and Shoshanna Wingate. Just a week later, on March 24th, Helen and Itchy Adelson were honored at the Israel Bonds Dessert Reception.

The Israel 50 Lecture Series, under the guidance of Norma Grill and Arlene Katz, featured Yuval Rabin, the son of the late Itzhak Rabin, on March 19th, and on April 2nd, we heard Ambassador Dennis Ross, special Middle East coordinator for the State Department. The Israel 50 Cantors' Concert, on May 21st, starred, in addition to our own Cantor Bensoussan, Cantors Alberto Mizrahi of Chicago, and baritone Gerard Edary, along with the Temple's Adult Choir.

June, 1998 saw the installation of Martin Kay as Temple president, Ester Causanschi again serving as Sisterhood president, and Irving Chernofsky and Shari Schnitzer heading Men's Club and P.T.A. Our Boy Scout Troop #267 announced that it now had all the necessary grills, griddles and utensils to provide a complete Kosher camping facility. 267 is the only troop on L.I. to be so equipped. Also in June, Jane & Michael Axelrod were honored at the UJA/Federation Dessert Reception.

Arlene and Seymour Katz were guests of honor at the Jewish Theological Seminary Breakfast on November 15th, chaired by Alan Schecter, Mansour Zarabi and Steve Zeldis. The Men's Club/Sisterhood Antiques Show on March 7, 1999 was billed as "The Finest Antiques Show From Montauk To Manhattan," and it lived up to its billing! On March 16th, Jim Schlesinger was honored at the Solomon



Schechter High School Dinner held here at Beth Sholom. Jim, a past V.P. of Schechter, was, at that time, its Treasurer.

Shabbat Religious Services on February 19th – 20th were conducted by Rabbi Emeritus Joseph Sternstein with his customary enthusiasm and sermonic erudition. On April 14th, Clarice and Irving Chaykin were honored by Israel Bonds. We were proud to learn that Josh Cahn, of TBS Scout Troop 267, achieved Eagle rank, and achievement earned by only 2% of all boys in scouting!

Beth Sholom's joint Mitzvah Day with Temple Sinai took place on May 2nd. The variety of service projects included clothing, food, environmental cleanup, blood drive, visiting seniors and many others. Judy Marcus and Marcia Atlas led the Beth Sholom brigade.

On April 3rd, *Shabbat Hol Ha'Moed Pesach*, Rabbi Lucas dedicated our new Siddur Sim Shalom. The new siddurim were made available through the generosity of Bernice & Albert Cohen. On May 20th, Rabbi Alan and Edy Lucas invited the congregation to a *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot* at their home to honor the custom of Jews' staying up to study Torah on the first night of Shavuot.

On June 9th, UJA/Federation's Breakfast reception (chaired by Julie Feinman) honored Norma and Robert Solomon.

During the Spring of 1999, after Steve Lovell's search committee's efforts, the Temple welcomed Rabbi Adam Feldman as our new Assistant Rabbi, his wife Sarah Buckholz and baby daughter Talia.

After working with the North Shore Hebrew High School for several years, we left that group and formed our own Machon Beth Sholom Hebrew High School with Rabbi Karen Gluckstern-Reiss as principal. Like Rabbi Feldman, Rabbi Gluckstern-Reiss was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary. Also in the Spring, a revised constitution for Beth Sholom was approved by the Board and the membership.

After 11 years at Beth Sholom, Cantor Aaron Bensoussan announced that he was resigning to take up a position at Bet Emet Synagogue in Toronto, Canada. On June 25th, 300 people turned out for services and a Shabbat Dinner to bid farewell to Cantor Bensoussan, his wife, Phyllis, and son, Joshua. The farewell dinner and program was chaired by Ester Causanschi and Pauline Mattana.

Installations in June of 1999 picked up Marty Kay's option for another year as Temple president, while Nadine Kesten took over as Sisterhood president, Fred Kurtzman was elected president of Men's Club, and Shari Schnitzer continued at the head of P.T.A. The first order of business for the new administration and the Rabbi was to arrange for cantorial leadership in the absence of a regular cantor. Starting with the High Holidays and Sukkot, we enjoyed the very professional talents of Cantor Boaz Tarsi, professor of music at the Cantor's Institute of the Seminary; Henry Rosenbloom, Dean of the Cantorial School; and George Mordechai, a senior student at the Cantor's Institute. These highly skilled men also continued to fill in during the year at Shabbat Services as well.

In November, a Tree of Life was placed in the Gallery of the Wingate Center. The Tree of Life, sponsored by Arlene and Daniel Fisher in honor of their children, Jeffrey and Sharon, provides leaves and stones of varying prices that may be purchased for any joyous occasion Helen and Itchy





Adelson are chairing the Tree of Life Campaign. Also in November Fay and Joe Morris and Ken Cooper were honored at The Seminary Breakfast chaired by Arlene Katz, Alan Schechter and Mansour Zarabi.

In 1999 we were deeply saddened to learn of the deaths of past-president William Grossman on April 21st, and, on December 31st, Albert Cohen, husband of Bernice, who, though he never accepted any elective office, was a major benefactor of Temple Beth Sholom, not only financially but in the immeasurable value of his sage advice and counsel.

On April 9, 2000 a formal dinner-dance was held honoring Malka Me-Zahav, who was our stalwart Educational Director since 1982. Judi Marcus, Shari Schnitzer and Judy Goldberg chaired this glorious testimonial event, and the Journal was handled by Lori Beyer, Barbara Goldberg and Jill Naviasky.

About this time Assistant Rabbi Adam Feldman started a Learner Service on Shabbat mornings. During January/February of 2000 a new educational program entitled, "Study With Our Rabbis" was started in the Temple. Three 1-hour course sessions were taught by Rabbis Lucas, Feldman and Solomon, followed by a lecture each of the three evenings by Dr. Robert Goldenberg, professor of History and Judaic studies. In May the Israel Bonds dessert reception honored Mavash and Mansour Zarabi, and was chaired by Helen and Itchy Adelson, and in June, Judi and Andrew Marcus were honored at the UJA/Federation Reception.

After a search of a year and a half, the Cantor Search Committee, under the chairmanship of Phil Adler, announced that Cantor Ofer Barnoy, most recently cantor at Shelter Rock Jewish Center, was to be our new Cantor.

As our transition into the 21st century continues, we looked forward to the continued leadership of our outstanding clergy and professional staff to guide us along a path of continuity of the Jewish values and ideals from which our beloved synagogue was born, while continuing to keep pace in an ever-changing world.

Leonard Kliegman



THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 21ST CENTURY

In 2000 – 2002, Rose Schechter was President; Molly Chernofsky, Sisterhood President; Stuart Cooper and Alan Goldstein, Men's Club Co-Presidents; Joy Novick, PTA President.

Entering the 21st century meant celebrating the kickoff of the 50th Anniversary of Temple Beth Sholom with exciting events and programs.

Dr. Rose Schechter, our new President, introduced the Kehillah Kedosha initiative — TBS as part of a “sacred community.” A true cross-section of our membership participated in surveys and special panels giving input of where they felt our shul should be headed in the coming years.

Rabbi Alan Lucas dragged us into the 21st century as he implemented a number of technological advances that have served our congregation. One of his most interesting innovations was to make our High Holiday services available on the telephone to anyone who was homebound. He also made his High Holiday Sermons available on the TBS website. Our Assistant Rabbi Adam Feldman began the very successful Shabbat Morning Learner's Minyan and continued teaching his popular Sisterhood classes.

Meanwhile, Molly Chernofsky (in her first incarnation as Sisterhood President) instituted a variety of educational and cultural programs and continued the meaningful Prayer Circle for the sick. Sisterhood's Torah Fund Project was involved in the rededication of the Mathilda Schechter Residence Hall at the Seminary.

In recognition of TBS's 50th Anniversary, we were honored to have the Jewish Theological Seminary's Chancellor, I. Schorsch, as our guest speaker at our annual JTS Breakfast.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism awarded our shul many awards including a special METNY award to our Nursery School, headed by Sandra Frank.

In early winter we celebrated with a fantastic Klezmer concert under the direction of Cantor Ofer Barnoy. Pauline Mattana and her hardworking committee have brought us many wonderful concerts over the years.

Our Tree of Life in the gallery continued to add leaves and donations to commemorate anniversaries, babies and special family happenings.

In February of 2001, we hosted a wonderful USY Regional Kinnus. Teens from all over the New York area converged on our synagogue and brought a special kind of “*ruach*” to the entire congregation.

We continued into the spring with a Mitzvah Day shared with Temple Sinai; here is where our connection to the community at large makes us feel that we can make a difference.

The highlight of spring 2001 was our beautifully decorated and well-attended Purim Costume Gala, chaired by Shari Schnitzer. The ancient city of Shushan was recreated in our ballroom where the King's Castle was surrounded by dancers and merchants of old Persia.



After the whirlwind of the High Holiday season in 2001, many of our members participated in Solidarity Day — making it known how we stand with Israel. Our devoted Scout leader, Steve Cahn, was honored by the Scouting community for serving the Jewish youth of Long Island.

Our Anniversary year was building to a crescendo, when Bat-Sheva Slavin, our Museum Curator, presented a commissioned, congregational gift to ourselves in celebration of our 50th. The magnificent Tree of Life *Shtender* was brought to our shul from Israel where it was created and unveiled at the Jubilee Gala. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary, under the direction of Judy Goldberg, Judi Marcus and Bat-Sheva Slavin, five large memory-filled collages, representing each of the five decades, were hung in the Board Room and a commemorative video, Temple on the Hill, was made of the founding of Beth Sholom. It featured numerous founding and early members in personal interviews. The Jubilee Ball was the culmination of all the diverse celebrations surrounding our 50th Anniversary. Founding members, past presidents, clergy and past clergy were recognized at this festive event.



Adult education classes, Sisterhood Classes and luncheons, DARE meetings, Rabbi Solomon's *Gabai* training workshops, *layning* classes, MBS, book talks . . . it seemed as if every day at TBS was full of wonderful happenings.

2002-2003

Danny Fisher was installed as our new president. Danny felt that the congregation should hear directly from its officers, so instead of a monthly President's message, Danny had asked his officers to have their voices heard in the Officers' Corner column in our bulletin. The officers were also asked to take their turn on the Bima each Shabbat, so members would get to know them better.

The Endowment Fund chaired by Bernice Cohen was meeting much success in building for the future of TBS, and let us not forget that there was a special tribute Journal and Shabbat Dinner in Bernice's honor.

Cantor Barnoy held a special Musicales at the home of Sharon & Rubin Pikus in Florida. It was wonderful for all our snowbirds to gather at such a lovely evening.

2003-2005

Our incoming President Dr. Steven Zeldis presided over our first annual golf tournament in August and then was hurdled into the High Holiday frenzy. Once again Rabbi Lucas helped us face the new technologies by writing a wonderful personal blog while he was studying in Israel for the summer.

Rabbi Lucas was honored at our annual JTS breakfast that celebrated his 25th year in the rabbinate. Later in the fall, Rabbi Lucas conducted a personal tour of the Seminary to the delight of the many members who attended, many of whom had never been to the Seminary.



The highlight of fall 2003 was the Simchat Torah celebration and presentation of the “Wings of Torah” Talit. The Talit was the inspiration of Bette-Ann Spielman z”l in honor of past-president William Spielman z”l; it was the result of the tireless work of Bette-Ann, Bat-Sheva Slavin and their devoted group of women and men who cut and sewed for months so that we were able to use it for the first time on Simchat Torah. In the spring there was a very successful Israeli Art Show and sale, and once again, the delightful Hebrew School year-end Zimriyah led by our tireless and devoted Principal Malka Me-Zahav.

Steven Zeldis initiated the Re-Imagine Project, taking our synagogue forward with the input of many members and leaders. It became the manifesto of “Vision Beth Sholom.” We were most grateful for the grant from UJA to help take us through this project.

The Haftarah Scroll project was undertaken in memory of Noel Kaplan z”l; members and families could dedicate individual haftarahs in the illuminated scrolls to be used every Shabbat and holiday.

The 350th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in America was recognized by a year-long celebration of special programs including a Judaica Antique Road Show. The anniversary culminated in a special weekend of events including speakers, a Sephardic musicale and a special multimedia timeline presentation.

The Judaica museum staged a special evening and exhibit honoring all of our TBS Armed Forces veterans (some of whom even fit into their old uniforms!).

Cantor Barnoy took a very special trip to Rome with a delegation of 150 rabbis and cantors where he met Pope John Paul II. Roslyn was also an exciting place when METNY United Synagogue held its Biennial Convention here at Beth Sholom.

That spring, after seven years of service, we said a fond farewell to our Associate Rabbi Adam Feldman and his wonderful family as he left to become the Senior Rabbi in Princeton, NJ.

2005-2007

Lawrence Glass took the helm as our President and we welcomed our new Assistant Rabbi Jeni S. Friedman. Sadly, just we started the new administration, we lost our beloved first *Rebbetzin*. Tess Hyams z”l was the dear wife of Rabbi Ario S. Hyams. It was Tess who had guided our Sisterhood into emphasizing education and social action.

August was an extraordinary time for more than 50 members and their families when they began a ten-day adventure of learning and discovery with Rabbi and Edy Lucas in Israel.

Our new Capital Campaign was well on its way to fulfilling the dream of a new and modern Early Childhood Center. Having raised more than \$4 million, the Campaign helped us ensure a TBS that would keep up with the future. The new building would be named for Annette z”l and Barnet z”l Ostrow.

It was a bittersweet farewell to our longtime, beloved Educational Director, Malka Me-Zahav, who retired. A memorable dinner was held in her honor during which she was presented with a book of recollections, letters and memorabilia. Sharon Solomon, a well-respected teacher in our Religious School, became the new School Principal. In addition, as a result of the Re-Imagine project’s vision



statement for education, a life-long learning program called Derech was formed and directed by Gila Hidani Ward.

Programming Vice President Bat-Sheva Slavin and her committee developed a year-long series of programs to commemorate the 55th anniversary of TBS. Throughout the year special Friday night Shabbat themed dinners explored Jewish culture all over the world: growing up in India, Jews in WWII Shanghai, Dutch Sephardic living, etc. In addition, a series of films covering different aspects of Jewish life were shown.

The Elijah's Chair competition was an exciting new event for TBS. It wouldn't be until the spring of 2011 that the winning Elijah's Chair would be placed on permanent exhibition.

Our Friday Live services continued to be a smash hit with many members participating and playing along with Rabbi Lucas, Cantor Barnoy and the other clergy.

The new Seminary Chancellor-elect Arnold Eisen was our honored guest at the JTS breakfast paying tribute to our own Bernice Cohen, who in addition to being our first woman President and former Executive Director for 25 years, has been an avid supporter of the Seminary for many years.

Our Tikun Committee/Social Action coordinated the Passover packages for our Jewish soldiers serving abroad, the Knitsvah project to provide blankets, sweaters and hats for infants at the Jacobi Medical Center, and packaging food items for a local food pantry.

2007-2009

With the start of a new year and administration, we welcomed Donna Bartolomeo as our new Executive Director and Susan Zelman as our newly installed President. Susan began her presidency by participating on the JTS Mission to Israel, which helped set the tone for our programming and celebration of Israel's 60th birthday. The programming year revolved around Israel@60, a milestone year. Films, speakers, museum exhibits all led up to the weeklong celebrations in May.

The excitement was building for months towards our record-breaking Night Under the Stars. Shabbat 1000 was a true happening. "Sit down and be counted" was our new motto. Over 850 people gathered in our parking lot for a barbeque Shabbat dinner. The weather was perfect with clear blue skies and a lovely warm breeze. Babies to bubbes — everyone was there to share an extraordinary Shabbat experience — it was a joyous night.

It was with great sadness that at the end of December 2007, our Rabbi Emeritus Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein passed away. He was a man who dedicated his life to his love of Israel and served for many years as President of ZOA and the Jewish National Fund. His leadership and eloquence helped us to become one of the first and foremost Conservative egalitarian synagogues.

The administration was busy all year making plans with architects and contractors. The time had come to replace our nursery school with a state of the art Early Childhood Center. In one short year



we went from a hole in the ground to a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 8, 2009. The committee, overseen by Richard Levine, would meet weekly at 7 am. We all survived the mess and inconvenience with good humor and much pride. Despite the very difficult financial times we managed to create something wonderful and special.

2009-2011

One of Louis Naviasky's first duties as President of TBS was to officiate at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Ostrow Early Childhood Centre. It was a great event for everyone who was there. Helayne Cohen, Director of the ECC, welcomed all the children to this wonderful new school.



Rabbi Friedman and Gila Hadani Ward led a Sunday morning Gleaning Project to an organic farm in Jamesport. All food that was harvested by the TBS group was donated to the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) in Hempstead.

Men's Club hosted the famed comedian Freddie Roman for an evening of laughs and camaraderie. Men's Club could always be counted on to help with Chanukah latkes at the Hebrew School and special Scotch tasting and Passover wine tasting evenings were always popular. Men's Club continued to send out the Yom Hashoah candles to the entire congregation.

After a wonderful fundraising campaign led by Sharon Pikus, TBS partnered with Shelter Rock Jewish Center to purchase a JNF sponsored fire truck for Hadera, Israel. The fire truck was dedicated in November 2009.

The TBS Hebrew school continued to partner with a school in Israel, exchanging programs, ideas and teachers. The students were in touch with each other and we sent teachers and some members as delegates to Partnership 2009 in Israel.

We were proud to initiate a new family experience called Shabbateeny for children 2 and under. Rabbi Cara Weinstein Rosenthal and David Rosenthal have made it an interactive song-filled experience that is an ongoing Shabbat happening. Of course, we continue to have our Mishpacha and Mini minyans to include all the school age children in our congregation



Shabbat 1000
June 4, 2010





A major fundraiser was the Disco, Denim and Dinner at Club TBS. Fun was in full swing and it was agreed that this would be a sure-fire repeat event.

A commemorative dinner in memory of Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein z"l was part of a Shabbaton weeked featuring Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff.

Our year ended with another Shabbat 1000 dinner in our parking lot where more than 500 members gathered together to be with their TBS family.

We had a wonderful sendoff for Rabbi Friedman, who was returning to school for her PhD. The Shabbat dinner included an astounding scrapbook of remembrances from members of TBS. All of Rabbi Friedman's students from her Sisterhood classes and Shabbat afternoon classes for the last five years presented her with a special gift of their own in appreciation of all she had given them.

Our new assistant Rabbi Cecelia Beyer and her husband Gabe joined the TBS family in early summer. After 15 years at TBS (and 45 in the Rabbinate) Rabbi Sidney Solomon would no longer be our full time Ritual Director. He and his wife Ruthie had decided to move closer to some of their children. Rabbi Solomon is still with us three days a week. The outpouring of affection for Rabbi and Ruthie was so very special at the Dinner Dance celebration held in his honor. The gift presented in his honor from his wellwishers was a hand-made Torah holder for the Sandler chapel where he touched so many lives. Rabbi Solomon was also presented with a wonderful scrapbook created by all his friends at TBS. He was an innovator at TBS, encouraging so many to read Torah and Haftarah on a regular basis. He knew how to include people and make them feel welcome and comfortable at our services.



Purim 2011



It has been an eventful time for us at TBS; after nearly 40 years there will be a new caterer to serve our members. Joseph Craig Caterers will be starting a major renovation sometime in the fall.

All sorts of activities highlighting the TBS 60th Anniversary have taken place this year: a special Cantors' Concert, a wonderful Chanukah Dinner, another Disco, Dinner and Denim, a Florida Reunion (attended by Rabbi Lucas, Cantor Barnoy, Bernice Cohen, Donna Bartolomeo, Marc Magid and Louis Naviasky), a fantastic Family Fun Festival and of course, our Black and White Gala in June. In addition, we have begun a new outreach program to our adult community — Hazak — that had its very successful kickoff event in early May.

We look forward to the next 60 . . . *Yasher Koach* to all and may we continue to grow from strength to strength.

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