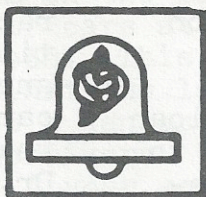


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## SPRING DANCE



In last month's ACTION NEWS mention was made of our upcoming annual Spring Dance. As Chairlady, I'm really excited about this year's dance because after shopping around to find the best place for the most reasonable price, it was unanimously agreed upon to have the dance on Saturday, May 1st at the New Hyde Park Elk's Lodge #2107, 901 Lakeville Road. The Lodge has recently been remodeled and decorated in very attractive Spanish motif.

A ticket to the dance will give you an evening of fun, door prizes and dancing with each table enjoying its own cold buffet including salads and coffee. There will also be an OPEN bar with UNLIMITED drinking between the hours of 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

I'm sure you're now wondering what all this will cost but you will be pleasantly

surprised at the amazing low price of just \$10 a ticket.

We expect the tickets to sell quickly, so get together with friends and neighbors and get your tickets now before we're all sold out. Call either me  
Chris McGann - 343-3971  
or  
Ginney Slaney - 343-2029

## TRAFFIC LIGHT NIXED

When we lost the crossing guard at 87 Ave. and Commonwealth Blvd. back in September, the B.C.C.A. wrote letter to Theodore Karagheuzoff, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Traffic urging him to consider the safety of the many children crossing at this intersection. It was our opinion that there was a definite need for some kind of traffic control at this intersection as cars tend to speed along Commonwealth Blvd. with little

or no regard to the fact that they are passing through a school zone.

Unfortunately, Mr. Karagheuzoff and his department do not agree with us and according to a recent letter received from his department, states, "We have determined that the existing controls are proper for the traffic conditions at this location, at this time."

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## NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY

1976

at 8:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms ALys Ensmann

of

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# Where Bellerose Worships

— For this chapter in our series, we will look into the history of the Temple Sholom, located on Union Turnpike.

Temple Sholom is a constituent congregation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It adheres to the principles and practices of Reform Judaism.

The congregation of Temple Sholom was founded in 1949 by a group of dedicated Jews who sought expression for themselves and their children of a felt need for Jewish and American integration through a liberal form and interpretation of Judaism.

The first services for the Reform congregation in this area were held in the auditorium of Hillside Hospital which was, at that time, supported by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, before it became part of the Long Island Jewish Hospital complex. Religious school was first held at individual homes. They gradually increased to warrant use of stores in Glen Oaks Village until 1951 when their first building went up. This was on the north side of Union Turnpike and is the one presently occupied by Our Lady of Fatima Council 3263 of the Knights of Columbus. There they remained until the erection of the present Temple building on Union Turnpike and 264th Street in 1956.

This new building was then very much a multi-purpose building - one large room with movable partitions, permitting its use as a synagogue, religious center and schoolroom until 1964 when an addition was built to the Temple, extending it to 263rd Street. This extension became the school for Hebrew classes for the Sunday school and where the nursery school classes were held.

At the time of the formation of the Reform congregation, the United Nations was housed a short distance away at Lake Success. How appropriate then was the choice of "Sholom" for the name of their Temple, since "Sholom" means "Peace"! It is a word of greeting equally correct when used as a salutation or in bidding farewell.

At the beginning, the Jewish Institute of Religion sent student rabbis to care for the new congregation. The first fulltime rabbi assigned was Dr. Samuel Teitelbaum, who came in 1955 and remained for eleven years. Following him came Dr. Leonard Stern who served for three years. In 1968, Dr. Reuben Luckens came to Temple Sholom and is the present spiritual leader of the congregation which numbers approximately 150 families.

The Temple Sholom has many activities. Dr. Marvin Antosofsky, Cantor, leads the Temple Choir and also gives individual training to Bar Mitzvah and Bar Mitzvah candidates. There is the Temple Sisterhood and the Temple Brotherhood. There is a Temple Youth Group for Boys and Girls from the ninth grade up to eighteen years of age, as well as a very active Golden Age Group. As mentioned before, there is a nursery school serving the community for children ages three and four. In addition there are adult education classes as well as Hebrew and Sunday schools.

The Bellerose Chapter of Hadassah uses the facilities of the Temple Sholom, as well as the Laurelton Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Singles dances open to mature members of the community are held twice a month.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Congregation Temple Sholom was celebrated in 1974.

My thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Flax who so graciously welcomed me into their home for my research on the Temple Sholom and to Mrs. Kaplan who arranged this introduction.

Two other houses of worship also serve the Jewish population in this area. For the Conservative, the Bellerose Jewish Center is located at 254th Street and Union Turnpike. Their spiritual leader is the Rabbi Alvin M. Poplack. For the Orthodox, Young Israel of New Hyde Park at 264th Street and 77th Avenue conduct their services under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Meyer Bilitzky.

Betty Platania



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However, conditions do change from time to time, and if any substantial changes should occur, we will resurvey this location."

And so the situation will remain as is, no crossing guard, no policeman, no stop sign, no traffic light. Let's just pray that no tragedy occurs before this department decides to resurvey the location.

Christina McGann

## SECURITY

Echoing one of the TV channels we ask "Do you know where your children are?" Do you know what they are up to? It is quite obvious that some of the parents in this area are not aware of what their children are up to. They are engaging in the foolish and dangerous game of hitchhiking rides on cars as they drive along 86th and 87th Avenue.

They block the road so drivers are forced to slow down, then they grab on to the door handle or bumper. This is foolhardy. Kids have fallen off one car to be nearly hit by a car going in the opposite direction. In trying to grab on to a door handle, they could slip and find themselves under the rear wheel of the car.

Teenage drivers have been seen giving the younger children a thrill by pulling them on the back of their cars at high speeds. This is against the law and also a danger to the hitchhikers.

If your son or daughter comes home wet from head to foot, clothes full of snow, it would pay parents to inquire as to what the children have been up to --- before someone is seriously hurt or killed. We don't want to sound preachy, but these foolish and dangerous street games must be stopped. We do not want to be the ones to say, "We told you so!"

George Wolf

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IS CON EDISON ONE GREAT  
BIG QUESTION MARK TO  
YOU?

You have received your Con Edison utility bill, and the more you study it, the greater the puzzlement seems to grow.

Ms. Alys Ensmann of Con Edison in a slide and film program at our next meeting (March 4) will supply the answers if you have the questions. She will answer such questions as What is a kilowatt? How does it relate to electricity used at home? How do you read your meter? How are complaints handled? Now is the time to formulate the questions that you always wanted to ask.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. As usual, refreshments will follow the meeting.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The GHT Leisure Club is in the process of organizing to provide worthwhile social activities for the Senior Citizens of Belle-rose. The Group meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Oak Room at St. Gregory's. Election of officers will take place soon. Please attend and help the Club get off to a successful start.

The name "GHT" derives from G(St. Gregory's) H (House of Hope) T (Holy Trinity)

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## CREED FARMHOUSE

Bellerose has its own link to Colonial past in the Creed Farmhouse built around 1750.

James Trent, President of the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society gave a slide presentation and outlined the activities and goals of the Society to the B.C.C.A. at its February meeting. The Farmhouse, one of the five oldest structures in Queens is visible from Little Neck Parkway. This landmark is being repaired and refurnished and developed into an historic museum and educational complex.  
The Creed Farmhouse

with its 52 acres, together with its barns, potting shed, and greenhouses, make it the largest natural farm within New York City. Enthusiasts have restored the greenhouses sufficiently

for the Martin Van Buren Ornamental Horticultural Program to be transferred there.

For local history buffs and those interested in the past of the Bellerose area, this is an exciting project. You can become a part of this project by joining the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society.

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## BICENTENNIAL

The Auction of the Little Plains Bicentennial Committee of Bellerose, Queens Village, Hollis and Bellaire will take place on Sunday, March 28 at 12 noon Unity Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 98-01 218th Street, Queens Village.

Join in the fun! Help support the Committee! Enrich your home with a "Bargain"!