

# Shofar

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*Exodus 33:12-34:26*

## YAMIM NORA'IM

Days of Awe

5768/2007

### THE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

conducted by **Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach, Rabbi Gerald Serotta, Cantor Ramón Tasat and Director of Education Lisa Pressman**

### SELICHOT .....Saturday, September 8 at 9 PM

The climax of the Hebrew month of Elul comes during the service of *Selichot*, an important exercise in spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe. At midnight on the Saturday night/Sunday morning before *Rosh Hashanah*, Jews around the world gather together for what is, truly, the first of the High Holy Day services, a brief but intense experience during which the music and liturgy of the season are used for the first time. The service is filled with drama and awe, as in the dark of the night we begin to bare our souls, and plead for forgiveness.

This year at Temple Shalom we begin in the Social Hall at 9 PM for an exploration of—

### Teshuvah in an Age of Terror.

We gather together to watch the acclaimed Israeli film *Lalechet Al HaMayim* (Walk on Water), which deals with the themes of modern-day terrorism, the Holocaust, retribution and reconciliation. The discussion following the film will address issues of growth and age, the balance between justice and mercy, and the very nature of repentance.

Following the film, we break for coffee, cake and conversation. We then enter the Sanctuary at 11:20 PM to the background melodies of the season, where the Tenth Grade/Confirmation Class will lead us in *Havdalah* (the ceremony marking the end of Shabbat) and then in candlelight and to the midnight call of the Shofar, the actual service of Selichot begins.

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**Children at Temple Shalom Services:  
Always welcome, but options provided during the  
High Holy Days as well**

Childcare will be available at early Erev (evening) services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and all daytime services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, as well as for the Yom Kippur Afternoon and Concluding Services. Children are always welcome in the main Sanctuary at all services at Temple Shalom (and, of course, in our new "Quiet Room" area for those with particularly high energy at the moment) but we know that some of our youngest children may be happier in a play-oriented and supervised environment than they would be at a Sanctuary service.

Childcare is provided by a neighboring Church Youth Group, supplemented by other participants, and supervised by their Youth Minister. All the children who are in our child care programs are encouraged to return to the Sanctuary for our fabulous Children's and Tot's services. For those who are ready to try the Sanctuary service, but need a break, there will be Drop-In sitting where parents may bring their children in and out.

**The deadline for child care reservations is September 3, 2007.**

**Cost is \$5 per child. Please call the office 301-587-2273.**

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH . . . . .Wednesday, September 12**

**Early Service . . . . .6:30 PM**

**Late Service . . . . .9 PM**

The Jewish calendar year turns with the setting of the sun on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We welcome the New Year of 5768 with hope and prayer for a time of fulfillment and peace.

Child care provided at the early service only (see above).

Rabbi Serotta will speak.

**FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH . . .Thursday, September 13**

**Congregational Morning Service**

**Early Service . . . . .8:30 AM**

**Late Service . . . . .11:45 AM**

Once again we help the community through our High Holy Day Hunger Drive. Return the empty grocery bag we will provide, complete with items from the list enclosed with the bag. (The filled bags should be brought back to the Temple on Yom Kippur itself. For security reasons we cannot accept bags brought in the intermediate days.)

Childcare: see above.

Rabbi Feshbach will speak.

**Rosh Hashanah Children's Service . . . . .2:45 PM**

We continue our celebration of the New Year with a joyous and upbeat service, especially appropriate for children ages six and higher. The Children's service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach, our new Director of Education Lisa Pressman, and Songleaders Joyce Kammerman and Carol Boyd Leon.

Story: **The Treasure**

**Rosh Hashanah Tot Service . . . . .4:15 PM**

We welcome the New Year in celebration and song, with spirit and stories for the youngest among us: this service is especially appropriate for children ages two through five. The Tot service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach, Joyce Kammerman and Carol Boyd Leon.

Story: **The Star**

**Tashlich . . . . .5 PM**

Join us for the ancient rite of Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of our sins into a body of water. This practice is based on a verse from the prophet Micah, who hoped that God would cast off the sins of Israel into the sea. We walk to a stream on Rosh Hashanah afternoon and throw bread into the water. By the act we symbolically cast off our sins, and begin the New Year with a clean slate. Gather in the Temple parking lot following the Tot Service for a brief walk to a nearby creek. BYOB (Bring your own bread crumbs to toss into the water.)



**SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH . . .Friday, September 14**

**Intimate Morning Service . . . . .10 AM-12:30 PM**

This service is open to any who want to attend. This service offers an intimate, powerful and less formal experience of High Holy Day worship, as well as the chance to connect with some other traditions and liturgy.



**SHABBAT SHUVAH (The Sabbath of Repentance)**

**EREV SHABBAT . . . . .Friday, September 14**

**Shabbat Evening Service . . . . .8 PM**

The Shabbat in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is one of the most significant occasions in Jewish life: the liturgy contains references to and wording from the High Holy Days in a way which is unique to this service.

**SHABBAT MORNING . . . . .Saturday, September 15**

**Shabbat Morning Service and Study . . . . .10 AM**

Our Shabbat morning minyan meets in the Chapel to worship and to wrestle with the portion of the week, including the special liturgical additions and prophetic selections for the Sabbath of Repentance.



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**YOM KIPPUR**

**KOL NIDREI SERVICE . . . . .Friday, September 21**

Early Service . . . . .6:30 PM

Late Service . . . . .9 PM

Childcare provided at the early service only (see page 2).

Rabbi Feshbach will speak.

**YOM KIPPUR DAY . . . . .Saturday, September 22**

**Congregational Morning Service**

Early Service . . . . .8:30 AM

Late Service . . . . .11:45 AM

Babysitting and supervision provided as an option for children by a local Church Youth Group; see above.

Andrea Mark will deliver the President's Annual High Holy Day message.

Rabbi Serotta will speak.

**Personal and Guided Study**

One tradition in the observance of Yom Kippur is to remain in the synagogue throughout the entire day. For those who wish to do so, there will be texts available for self-study and exploration in the Temple library throughout the morning, so that someone attending the early service could study during the late service, or the other way around. In addition, Director of Education Lisa Pressman will lead a discussion in the Chapel beginning at NOON, so that those who attend the early service may have a chance to join together in a group for spiritual exploration during the late service.

**Yom Kippur Young Children Oriented Service . . . . .2:45 PM**

We focus on the themes of the Day of Atonement through music and liturgy appropriate for young children. This service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach, Director of Education Lisa Pressman, Songleaders Joyce Kammerman and Carol Boyd Leon.

**Yom Kippur Mid-Day Opportunities for Adults . . . . .2:45 PM**

\*Jewish Journeys: come hear three generations of Temple members share reflections on their own Jewish lives.

\*Tikkun Olam Forum: come hear and speak about the latest important initiatives of our Tikkun Olam Committee, from Darfur to same-sex marriage to issues relating to housing and the environment.

\*Teshuvah and Civil Rights led by our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Bruce E. Kahn.

\*Text Study: Hilchot Teshuvah, an exploration of Maimonides' classic text dealing with the laws of repentance and forgiveness, led by Rabbi Gerry Serotta.

\*Meditation: An "alternative" spiritual approach with stretching, breathing and rejuvenation, led by Temple Shalom member Mary Beth Lewis.

\*Our Traditional "Fast" Walk to Rock Creek Park, with Ken and Audrey Kramer

**Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor and Ne'ilah . . . . .4:15 PM**

We gather in the Sanctuary for a full Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. This unique service includes the Grand *Aleinu*, a poetic reconstruction of the history of our people, aspects of the traditional *Avodah* service (the moment when the High Priest of old sought atonement for the entire people), the Eleh Ezkerah martyrology, the reading of the Holiness Code from the Torah, and the Book of Jonah as the Haftarah. The *Yizkor Memorial Service* begins immediately upon the completion of the Afternoon service, with no defined break. We estimate that Yizkor might begin at approximately 5:30 PM; once again, this is not an exact time.

During the Yizkor service we will continue a custom from the past several years. **We will place a wicker basket in the center of the bimah and, immediately before the Yizkor prayer itself, will invite anyone who would like to do so to come forward silently to place a stone, a note, an object, anything that will help us connect with the memory of a loved one.** You can either leave the objects there, or retrieve them at some point after Yom Kippur. If this approach is something that might be helpful to you, please bring whatever item would mean something to you to this service.

The Ne'ilah Concluding Service begins immediately upon the completion of the Yizkor prayers. Please remain in the Sanctuary through the conclusion of Ne'ilah. The final sounding of the shofar will take place at approximately 7 PM. All children present in the Sanctuary at that time will be called forward to participate in leading the congregation in a very brief ceremony of Havdalah.



**SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH**

**EREV SUKKOT . . . . .Wednesday, September 26**

Snack and Schmoozing . . . . .5:45 PM

Outdoor Erev Sukkot Service . . . . .6 PM

Bring your *lulav* and *etrog*, or shake ours under the *sukkah* during *Kiddush*.

Dinner Under the Sukkah (Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner & Celebrate) . . . . .7 PM

**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT . . . . .Thursday, September 27**

Joint Sukkot Festival Morning Service at Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD . . . . .10:30 AM

Continuing our tradition of joint Festival morning services with other area Reform synagogues, Temple Shalom, Temple Sinai, Temple Emanuel and Or Chadash of Damascus.

**EREV SHABBAT/CHOL HA'MOED**

**SUKKOT . . . . .Friday, September 28**

Kabbalat Shabbat Early Friday Evening Service

Under the Sukkah . . . . .6:15 PM

Pot Luck Dairy Dinner Under the Sukkah . . . . .7 PM

**(There will be no 8 PM Friday night service this night)**

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**SHABBAT CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT . . .Saturday, September 29**

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study . . . . .10 AM

We come together in worship and study, to explore the special Torah and Haftarah readings associated with the "intermediate" Shabbat, the Sabbath which takes place in the middle of Sukkot.

Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Michael Holland . .10 AM

We gather in the Sanctuary for our upstairs Shabbat morning service, featuring the liturgical additions and special Scriptural readings linked to the Shabbat in Sukkot.

**HAVDALAH andTOT SUKKOT . . . . .Saturday, September 29**

Picnic Dinner Under the Sukkah for Young Families . . . . .6 PM

Havdalah and Tot Sukkot Service . . . . .:6:45 pm

**EREV SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE . . . . .Wednesday, October 3**

Erev Simchat Torah Service . . . . .:7 PM

The end touches the beginning; the ancient words are new again. Come celebrate the cycle of Torah as we honor our students of Torah of all ages, we unroll the scroll, and we hear the very last and the very first verses of the Torah, and we dance with the scrolls throughout the synagogue. (Religious School Consecration, which often takes place on Simchat Torah, will this year be held on December 7, 2007, the Shabbat which takes place during Chanukah.)

**SHEMINIATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH FESTIVAL MORNING and YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE . . . . .Thursday, October 4**

Joint Festival Service at Temple Sinai, 3101 Military Road, NW, Washington, D.C. . . . .:10:30 AM

The unique joy of Simchat Torah and festive celebration of the season, along with the remembrance of the past, through the traditional memorial prayers of Yizkor.

*Do you or someone  
you know in our  
Temple Shalom  
Community  
need help?*

**We're here:**

**Call the office or**

**Rabbi Feshbach at 301-587-2273**

**or our Mitzvah Corps through**

**Wilma Braun at [wilmabr@verizon.net](mailto:wilmabr@verizon.net).**

**From the President**

September 2007

Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days are approaching and, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

These "Yamim Nora'im", Days of Awe, provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed and to look forward to the year ahead. 5767 was a wonderful year for our congregation and 5768 promises to be just as terrific.

Our Temple is an exciting, vibrant Reform Congregation with a myriad of opportunities for participation by each and every one of our members. It is our goal to help you connect spiritually, educationally, and socially. Please join us this year in an activity that interests you. I truly believe your life will be enriched by the friendships you make and the good work that you do as part of the Temple Shalom family.

May 5768 be a year of peace, prosperity, and good health for all.

*Andrea Mark*

Andrea Mark  
President



## From the Rabbi Knower of Secrets

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

As I write these words the world holds its breath. Real men and women are dying every day in senseless slaughter in Iraq, Iran thinks scholars are a security threat, unfinished business in Pakistan and Afghanistan comes back to haunt us. Israel watches as the Palestinians divide and conquer themselves. New Orleans takes a halting, wheezing step forward, and an election in this country begins too soon even for seasoned political junkies. (Too soon—or not soon enough!) But no, this week the world holds its breath over the fate... of an imaginary adolescent wizard.

Which gets me to thinking, about the High Holy Days. The powerful prayer, one of the central questions of the season: “Who shall live, and who shall die?” (Although I believe the even more important challenge is not “who shall live,” but “how shall we live?”)

And now, this morning, I wake up to find that a pirate copy of the new Harry Potter book is available all over the web. But is it real? (A *very* strange question to ask about a work of fantasy and fiction!) Is it authentic? Who will look? And who will wait? Who has patience? And who does not?

The experience of being given a wrapped present days early, before the particular occasion for which the gift is meant, is a Rorschach test of enormous effectiveness. Is anticipation delicious? Or impossible? Who puts the gift aside? And who rips it open right away?

The sense of *not knowing* is basic to the human experience. We work, we plan, we hope and we pray. But we cannot know what tomorrow will bring. Not for sure. Not with certainty. We cannot even be sure... about the rest of today.

But “not knowing” extends to more than the future. It is also about the people around us. About the present. And, indeed, about all the different things we might yet learn about the past.

There is a *berakha* in our tradition, an exclamation of awareness, to be recited upon looking out at a large group of people. I may well return to

this prayer, to explore it in more detail, during the days to come. (Or I may not. Who can know for sure?) The *berakha* is this: “Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of Existence... *Chacham HaRazim*. Knower of Secrets. The One who is Wise to our Ways.”

It is not only (or even) that only God can know the future. Perhaps, by the theology that some of us hold, God is not a puppeteer. Perhaps even God does not dictate the details, control the outcome, may *not* even know the end of the book before it is written. But the Eye of the World, I believe, sees into the soul. Knows us from the inside. Is wise to our ways.

Perhaps, then, God knows not what *will* happen, but what *can* happen. Not what we will do, but who we can be. And God hears how we hurt, even if not completely in charge of how well we will heal.

Let us, then, try to open ourselves up, to the God of love, and the love of one another. Let this be a year in which we are able to hear the whispers of the innermost secrets, the power and the pain, that is born by others—and which we carry within ourselves. Let it be a year of goodness and growth, of healing and helping and love.

On behalf of Julie, Benjamin, Daniel, and Talia, from my family to yours: may this New Year of 5678 be one of health and happiness and peace, for each of us, and for the world.

L’shanah Tovah Tikateivu,

May you be written in the Book of Life... for a good year.

Michael L. Feshbach

Rabbi

### Honor Your Loved Ones— Purchase a Memorial Plaque

**Bronze plaques (2" x 8") in the sanctuary, affixed to wooden planks along the back wall of the sanctuary. It is a special way to honor the memory of a loved one. They include the dates of death according to Hebrew or secular calendars. On the week of the *yahrzeit*, individual plaques are moved to a prominent location.**

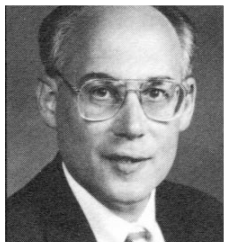
**\$500 donation per plaque.**

**Call the office 301-587-2273 for information.**

### Share a Simcha

A few weeks ago, Executive Director Susan Zemsky coined a new phrase for something a few Temple members have done recently. They sponsored an Oneg Shabbat. “Share a Simcha” is how Susan described what these members had done, choosing to celebrate a birthday with the congregation by sponsoring an Oneg on the Friday before or after their special day. Every member of the Temple has a birthday, so “sharing a simcha” is easy. So are anniversaries, school graduations, the birth of a child or grandchild, job promotions, moving into a new home, etc.

**Pick an event that’s “a biggie” in your family’s life, select a Friday night that’s adjacent to it and give Susan a call at the Temple office, 301-587-2273.**



## From the Rabbi Emeritus Teshuvah and Civil Rights

Message from Rabbi Bruce Kahn

On Yom Kippur morning the haftarah portion from Isaiah 58 contains this admonition:

*"No this is the fast I desire: To unlock fetters of wickedness,  
And untie the cords of the yoke to let the oppressed go free;  
To break off every yoke.*

*It is to share your bread with the hungry,  
And to take the wretched poor into your home;*

*When you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to neglect your own kin.*

*Then shall your light burst through like the dawn."*

We are to seriously engage the redemptive process on the Holy Days: get clear our beliefs and values, especially what we think God wants of us; confess without equivocation or rationalization the right and wrong in our record; seek out one another to make peace; amend our behavior and practice the changes to give them permanence. This is a liberating process that helps us move toward wholeness and puts the holy in the High Holy Days.

It is clear to me from the Isaiah text and from the Jewish redemptive process that a strong link exists between social justice and the Days of Awe. It is clear to me from an even broader study of holy writ and the lessons to be learned from Jewish history that pursuits of social justice in general and civil rights in particular reveal much about the health of our faith.

Some of you know that in addition to serving voluntarily as Temple Shalom's Rabbi Emeritus, I work full time as the executive director of the Equal Rights Center. This agency combats illegal discrimination in housing, lending, employment, public accommodations, and government services. We are heavily involved in reducing and eliminating the victimization of the innocent based on race, national origin, sex, sexual identity, source of income, religion, disability, age, marital status, immigrant status, and more including firing from their jobs or evicting from their homes women simply because they have been violently abused by the men in their lives. Yes, I wrote it correctly and you read it correctly!

From my daily vantage point I see a tragic decline in civil rights engagement and enforcement. The result is that bigotry and illegal discrimination are on the rise. Without practice past behavioral corrections weaken and give way to old ways of thinking and doing things that we would like to believe belong only to history. I wish that were true. It is not.

On Yom Kippur afternoon some of you may wish to join me in a discussion about "Teshuvah and Civil Rights." I would welcome that.

Perhaps later this fall, in one adult education forum or another, I will have other chances to address this topic and lessons learned from the work I have been doing in recent years.

From Toby and me to each of you:  
Shanah tovah umtookah—a very good and sweet year,

*Bruce E. Kahn*

Bruce E. Kahn,  
Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Shalom and Executive Director of the Equal Rights Center



## From the Director of Education

Message from Lisa Pressman

*Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day.  
Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at  
home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you  
get up.*

*Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:6-7*

The roots of Jewish education are written within our Torah and expanded in the Talmud. In the quote above, the Torah tells us that it is incumbent upon the older generation to teach the younger. In Talmud, Bava Batra, we are told to create schools to help continue the learning of traditions. For thousands of years, Jews the world over have connected to their traditions, history, language and culture through Jewish schools alongside the Jewish home.

As our New Year begins, 5768, we connect and re-connect to Jewish life and learning. We have spent the summer at Temple Shalom preparing for the new year of study for our students and families. You are the key to your child's Jewish education and we look to you to be a part of the process.

We invite parents to join us for family education programs in the school and congregational programming throughout the year. Our family education programs are directly connected to your child's grade level curriculum and the activities are specially designed for our parents and students. Your participation in our programs model life-long learning and the conversations that you share at school can be continued on the ride home. Connecting the school and the home is an important goal of Jewish learning in our school. We hope the activities will provide learning experiences for you and your child together as well as adult level learning that will enrich your personal Jewish connections.

We look to the New Year for new beginnings and reconnecting to those things forgotten. I am very excited to be a new member of the Temple Shalom family and I look forward to meeting many of you at our Religious School opening day on Sunday, September 9th. Please stop by my office anytime to say hello.

L'shalom,

Lisa Pressman

## Reminder

The membership directory is coming out soon!!!!  
Don't be left out—get your ad in and remind your  
friends and family about your business or services.

Go to page 23 for details.



## New Year's Message for 5768

# Taking Refuge

Message from Rabbi Gerry Serotta

Every Jewish New Year has both a traditional number and potentially a name, since each letter of the Hebrew alphabet corresponds to a number. And every year I enjoy the challenge of seeking out the meaning or meanings hidden in the name/number of the year. Perhaps the year 5768 will signal to us a new direction in our personal and spiritual growth.

Using the five Hebrew letters of the year (creatively rearranged a bit,) we come to the possibility that in this year we may “take refuge.” Shin, Tav, Chet, Samech, Heh actually spell out the word, sheh-t’chasah, meaning “that you will take refuge.” The word may be familiar to you from its usage within Psalm 118, traditionally recited on holidays as part of the Hallel psalms, where it reads “it is better to take refuge in God than to rely on mortal leaders,” (Tov L’chasot Ba’Adonai Mivtoach B’N’deveem).

For those of you who don’t recognize this expression or who have longed to probe a little bit into the literature of the Psalms (at one and the same time perhaps the most beloved, challenging, and comforting parts of our Bible,) I am delighted to report that with God’s help we will complete our five plus years of study of the prophets this September and after celebrating this achievement with the congregation on Simchat Torah, we will turn to the Book of Psalms, the first book in the section of the Bible known as “Writings.” We meet Thursday afternoons, 12:15 until 1:15 in the chapel. Occasional drop-ins are as welcome as regulars. The class will resume this year on September 6 as we complete the book of Zachariah and the “Reading of the Writings” will begin on October 11 with Psalm 1.

The expression from Psalm 118 of a lack of faith in leadership certainly reflects our experience of the failures of leadership we see all around us in the world. With bad news from many parts of the globe weighing our spirits down, I am looking forward to the High

Holy Days with the opportunity to join with you and our whole community in worship. On those days I will share some thoughts about our internal spiritual repair work, our mission as a Jewish people in world repair, and also about our relationship with the fate and prospects for the State of Israel as it will mark the 60th anniversary of its declaration in May, 2008. The entire world community will also mark 60 years since the UN partition resolution of November 29, 1947, which created the accepted legal basis for an Israeli Jewish State and a Palestinian Arab State in Palestine/ Eretz Yisrael.

I will be basing some of my remarks on a passage from Talmud (Tractate Yevamot) which instructs us on what it is that we need to teach the person who has decided that they want to join the Jewish people as a Jew-by-choice. I hope to show that this text teaches even “Jews-by-birth” some valuable lessons about how we construct our Jewish identity and how we express our Jewish obligations.

I prefer this contemporary term, Jew-by-Choice, to the term “convert,” for at least two important reasons. First, it represents the reality that this process reflects an acceptance of the “fate” of a people more than it implies a “conversion” from one “faith” to another. I have met some Jews by Choice whose faith remained constant during this process and others who have new and renewed experiences of “faith.” The whole process is perhaps best characterized as a mutual adoption, whereby an individual person adopts the Jewish people and we adopt him or her simultaneously.

But more importantly in the world of the 21st Century, becoming a Jew-by-Choice places one squarely in the same spiritual domain as most other American Jews today, i.e., we are all Jews by choice in some sense. Unlike the situation in other countries or other historical epochs, we really do have the ability to assimilate in this society. In some

fashion, therefore, “Jews-by-birth” become Jews-by-choice through our spiritual commitments at the start of every Jewish year. We are not literally “born-again” as Jews each year, but there is an element associated with the confessional prayers (Ashamnu and Al Cheit) and the implied trial for our life, which is part of the Holy Day liturgy, that requires us to make new and better choices for ourselves each year.

And this yearly choice and process also connects us with the name and possible theme of the new Jewish year (5768) ending, as it does in “68” (which is written Samech Chet in Hebrew). Samech Chet actually creates an abbreviation which can stand for Sefer Chayyim, translated in English as the Book of Life. So as we reflect upon and measure our days from the past year and focus on how we might grow and change in our individual lives in the year in 5768 we hopefully will, with God’s help, write ourselves into the Book of Life for blessing

At the turning of the New Year we also look forward to the “choosing” of new challenges and new opportunities for growth and learning together. The world outside, the olam (realm of time and space) of politics is in deep need of tikkun (repair), but so is our inner world of heart and spirit, tikkun halev.

Our family joins me in wishing you and yours that you will be written in the Sefer HaChayyim for a year of peace and blessings.

(Rabbi) Gerry Serotta



## From the Cantor

### Message from Hazzan Dr. Ramón Tasat

Dear friends,

As a member of your clergy I have always been at your service striving to fulfill your spiritual needs.

You have sought out the synagogue for communal gatherings. You have come perhaps to find solace, or to meet friends. You have come, in some way, to meet God. Many of you have yearned for meaning and purpose to nourish your minds and develop your souls.

Cantor Benjie-Ellen Schiller, a prominent figure in the Reform movement said:

“Although the numbers of affiliated Jews are diminishing, those who religiously attend our services are thriving. They exhibit impressive vigor and passion for prayer, study, and social activism. They take adult education courses, learn to read from the Torah, and sing in our volunteer choirs. These regulars have wholeheartedly expressed their desire to sing within the service and we, cantors, have responded to their call for inclusion by finding ways to sing with them, rather than for them. Moreover, singing prayers has become their entrance into Jewish ritual life as well as their gateway into learning Jewish sacred texts. Singing gives them the sacred key which allows their access to Jewish sacred tradition...”

“...We will see a gradual increase in traditional chant within our Reform services. In addition, we are broadening our definition of contemporary liturgical music by incorporating various musical traditions, ancient to modern, from across the Jewish spectrum...”

I am excited to say that Temple Shalom stands at the forefront of what Cantor Schiller considers the musical future of the Reform movement.

Last February Agnieszka Namjalowska came in from Poland as our Artist in Residence. She captivated our members and numerous guests with her message of inclusion. She also explained how, through the creation of Tslil, the first Jewish choir in Poland post-Shoa, she consistently broke social barriers bringing people together and strengthening her Jewish identity and rediscovering through music and poetry, Yiddish culture and language.

Agnieszka’s participation was the push for another event that I am proud to have initiated together with The American Center of Polish Culture and The American Jewish Committee: I am talking of the invitation we offered the Israeli Ambassador to Poland and the Polish Ambassador to Israel, to speak on the relevant topic of “Polish—Israeli Relations: Friendship and Strategic Partnership.” These activities have also had the effect of bringing Temple Shalom closer to the Jewish and non Jewish Community alike and strengthening what already is an image of being an institution associated with excellent cultural events and provocative programming.

During this past year more than 25 adults and teenagers read from the Torah (sometimes more than once!) and participated helping lead services musically. It was greatly rewarding to see them grow Jewishly, to discuss with them the Torah excerpts they were planning to read publicly or prayers that helped them become more intensely connected with God and with our congregants.

Shir Shalom prays with us every second Shabbat of the month. They create a sacred space that helps us transcend the anxiety and disconnection that so many

times we experience during the regular week. A few months ago, Cantor Larry Aschler, Cantor at Beth Ami Reform congregation in Rockville, came to pray with us. He remarked to Shir Shalom that this was the first time he had ever seen a choir in such an intimate relationship with the congregation. He graciously added that this model is one he hopes to emulate at Beth Ami.

Last January, Shir Shalom, our adult choir, began to record a compact disc that will be distributed to our Temple Shalom members as part of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Temple Shalom. The production of this CD will help teach the congregation the music we use at services and achieve a deeper understanding of the prayers we recite.

This upcoming year presents us with exciting new challenges

- Shir Shalom and the Temple Shalom Youth Choir will perform at a concert together with a number of choirs and soloists from the Jewish Community at Strathmore Hall on March 2, 2008 as part of the celebrations for Israel’s 60th anniversary. Please join us!
- Rahel Musleah will be Temple Shalom’s Artist in Residence for 2008. Her topic: “A Passage to Jewish India: Spirit, Song and Story.”
- On October 23, 2007, Temple Shalom will host a concert with the participation of the finalists of the Horowitz Music Competition. This competition is held in Ukraine, and the finalists come to America to tour and give concerts. Due to my involvement in the Washington Musical community, Temple Shalom has been selected to be one of the sites in the Washington DC area.

I hope that our prayers will continue to uncover the majesty within the Godly world around us and the intimacy of our sacred relationship with the Divine.

I hope to see you soon to personally wish you a happy New Year when we will be able to actively illuminate the world with our actions and dissolve any darkness that might lie deep in our hearts.

Hazzan Dr. Ramón Tasat

### *Calling All Singers, Calling All Singers*

Shir Shalom is looking for new members. If you have ever thought about or dreamed about singing with Shir Shalom, now is your chance!

There is no audition; you don’t need any musical training.

You need not be able to read Hebrew.

Rehearse with us every Thursday night from 7:15 to 9:15 PM.

Bring your voice and your spirit, that will do.

We work hard, but it is immensely rewarding, and also lots of fun.

Ask any member of Shir Shalom, and they will tell you that Thursday night has become one of their favorite nights of the week. We learn, we sing, and there are always refreshments and schmoozing at the end of the night.

Shir Shalom prays through music at services on the second Friday night of each month. In addition, Shir Shalom participates in other local events, notably the area wide choral festival and in 2008 the concert at Strathmore Hall celebrating the 60th anniversary of the birth of Israel.

Think hard, think long, make a good decision, and plan to join us on Thursday nights at Temple Shalom. We would love to have you join us.

## FROM THE TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP DIRECTOR

Message from Joyce Kammerman

*“Temple Shalom Youth Groups—They’re not just good... they’re TaSTY”*

Dear Members of the Temple Shalom Family,

I once again have the honor and privilege of working as your Director of Youth Activities/Youth Educator. This year will bring many opportunities for our kindergarten through 12th graders to come together for social, social action, and spiritual events. Our TaSTY Tots (K-third grade), TaSTY Kids (fourth and fifth grades), and TaSTY Junior (sixth and seventh grades), will be seeing some of their favorites (how many of you thought, “Yay! Chocolate Seder!?”), as well as some new, sure to be awesome, events. Our TaSTY Senior (grades 8-12) will continue to wow us with their ruach (spirit) and commitment to wonderful, engaging programs for our teens.

As we begin a new year, I hope you will look into the future—past the cycle of holidays and yearly calendar events. Ahead to a time when today’s Jewish youth are tomorrow’s Jewish leaders. Please join me in helping to prepare our Temple Shalom youth to be active members of this community and future Jewish communities by encouraging your kids to participate in our youth group activities. They will come away with great memories, life-long friends, and a strong Jewish identity that they will carry with them for life.

As we enter 5768, I want to wish you all a sweet, happy New Year. I am truly looking forward to working with your wonderful children. From my family to yours—Shana Tova.

B’shalom—  
Joyce Kammerman

## Tenth Year of Temple Shalom Book Discussions 2007–2008

### Sunday, September 30

*Sixth Lamentation*, by William Brodrick (fiction)—

an eloquent “literary thriller” about a suspected Nazi war criminal who claims sanctuary in a modern-day monastery in the English countryside.

**Nov. 18**—*Woman in Jerusalem*, by Abraham B. Yehoshua and Hillel Halkin (fiction)—Israel’s master novelist (Mr. Mani) tells a spellbinding tale about an unidentified woman who is so beguiling that even in death she can lead a man to fall in love with her and commit himself to discover her identity and take action to restore her dignity.

For the entire season list please go to



[www.templeshalom.net](http://www.templeshalom.net)



## From the Executive Director

Message from Susan  
Zemsky

The High Holy Days mark the beginning and the end for much of what happens at Temple Shalom. It is the culmination of several months of preparation. Some of the tasks at hand involve putting the final touches on building projects. Other tasks involve beginning things that need to be completed over the course of the coming year. Temple Shalom is a busy place. All that happens in our community would not be possible without the fabulous volunteers that work with our staff on a regular basis.

The office has a core of committed volunteers who regularly stuff envelopes, stick on mailing labels and help us sort out many jobs each month. They are great and I cannot start the year without thanking them. If you would like to join in on all the fun we have on these projects just let us know. And then there is the administration team. What would last year have been without them? What a wonderful group of dedicated workers who support Temple Shalom on a daily basis. A huge thank you to Debbie Kopp, Sharon Ostrye, Patricia Sullivan, and Susan Riddles who have tirelessly supported all our programs, religious services, life cycle events, educational programs and kept things in order. There will be some changes in our staffing this year. Susan Riddles has taken another position close to home and we will miss her. We welcome our new bookkeeper, Jody Friedman, who was hired in August. We also have a new school administrator, Muriel Asher. Some of you may remember Muriel from last year’s Israel trip. Please introduce yourselves to them when you are next in the building.

The members of the administrative staff take your comments and feedback seriously and I want to thank you for your thoughtful input. It is because of these conversations and the relationships that we have with our congregants that we are able to look at the systems in place and be sure they are supportive.

We are proud of the energy saving program here at the Temple. The new lights around the building use far fewer kwh and that in turn conserves energy and saves us money. We are excited about the paper recycling bin on the back parking lot that not only saves the Temple the cost of trash removal but has created a new income stream to benefit our youth programming. Please keep those newspapers, office paper and magazines coming! This is a community effort that will pay off for all of us in the long run.

As we enter the High Holy Days of 5768 I would wish for all of us the ability to look back at last year and feel good about what we’ve done and looking forward to that which we can accomplish in the year to come. Happy New Year from my family to my Temple Shalom family!

Susan Goutos Zemsky

Executive Director

FROM THE RENAISSANCE GROUP

## Greetings from the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group

Since the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group was formed in September of 2001, our programs have become a vital part of the Temple's activities. Our mission is to provide social and cultural opportunities for Temple members over the age of 50 who wish to pursue an active lifestyle. Over the past six years, our events have included museum visits, theatre and concert performances, film evenings, dinner parties at local restaurants, excursions to places of interest, such as the Jewish Center at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, the National Arboretum, and the National Zoo. We traditionally end each season with a gala cocktail party and buffet in June.

On Sunday evening, September 30, the Renaissance Group will launch its seventh year with our annual meeting and ice-cream/dessert social. At that time, the Steering Committee will be on hand to announce this year's plans and to note your suggestions for future activities. Please join us for this important meeting. I look forward to meeting you then.

On behalf of the Renaissance Group Steering Committee, I wish you and your loved ones a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

L'shalom

Francine Simons

Chair, Renaissance Group Steering Committee



## Sisterhood News

**The Temple Shalom Sisterhood is currently planning some exciting programs starting this fall.**

**Keep your eyes open for the schedule of events and details.....**

**The Sisterhood is a great way to meet people! Members and Non-members are welcome to participate.**

**Come join us and see what we're about.**

**Contact: Andrea Karp**

**AskandreaK@aol.com or**

**Susan Stamm SStamm@starpower.net**

## Adult Ed Learn and Live

Some organizations that train people in rescue and emergency response techniques have a slogan—LEARN AND LIVE. That same principle can be applied to our Jewish culture and life. It is no secret that the Jewish tradition of learning and thirst for knowledge is perhaps one of the major factors responsible for our survival through the centuries. In fact, the origin of the term Rabbi is "teacher", further emphasizing the central importance of study. At Temple Shalom life-long learning and study is an essential part of our community and congregational life.

During the coming year, the Temple Shalom Adult Education Committee (AEDC) will present a comprehensive variety of offerings organized around two very important events. First is the publication and incorporation into worship of the New Reform Jewish Siddur. Coming this fall, will be course offerings and discussions focused on the context and continuing evolution of modern Reform Jewish approaches to our traditional Mitzvot of Torah, Worship and Acts of Loving Kindness.

The second event—The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the state of Israel—will be our theme for the spring. Mark your calendars for the Adult Education Retreat on April 4–6, 2008 as the focal point of our celebration. It is said that the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary is the traditional benchmark for achieving the status of wisdom. We invite you to join us in sampling the wisdom of Israel through literature, film, politics, history, economics, and education.

To extend the opportunity for learning and support through other Temple Shalom activities, as an example, the AEDC has a formal alliance with the Tikkun Olam committee. In that alliance we will be looking to complement their current themes of sustainable environmental interactions, civil rights, justice in housing and respect for individuals and populations through work against torture and genocide.

The AEDC needs interested volunteers to join us to shape and participate in the planning and implementation of these and other educational activities. You can expect attendance at ad hoc meetings centered on specific activities plus long-range more thematic planning. If you have an interest in learning and working together with other motivated congregants, the rewards and joy of study, and the fulfillment that comes with helping others enrich their Jewish identity, then we want and need you.



**Details of the coming year's learning opportunities including dates, times and places will soon be posted on the Temple Shalom website, as well as published in a complete Adult Education catalog.**

**In addition, Adult Education activities will be announced regularly at temple events. For further information, or to volunteer, or to be placed on our evolving e-mail information list, please contact either Barbara Saragovitz 301-589-6357 or Steven Hirschfeld 301-879-0775.**

**Summary of the July 12, 2007  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Andrea Mark welcomed new Trustees Marc Blumenstein and Steven Hirschfeld and asked those around the table to introduce themselves.

Rabbi Feshbach introduced the issue concerning civil marriages in Maryland and a request from him and Rabbi Serotta to approve placing a banner “Civil Marriage is a Civil Right” on the Temple lawn. Nicole Berner-Kadish gave background on the current issue at hand. There is a lawsuit pending in the Maryland courts, and a decision is expected shortly. Regardless of the outcome, the decision will likely provoke a battle in the Maryland legislature, along with an effort to ban same-sex marriage in Maryland. It is also expected that groups organizing against same-sex marriage will try to use faith-based organizations to back their effort. A group called Equality Maryland is looking for religious organizations which support civil rights for all couples, and one of the visible ways they can show support is to display this banner. The Board approved a motion allowing the issue to be placed before the Tikkun Olam Committee, as it is an issue that is timely, is one on which our voice would make a difference, and is in keeping with the Reform Jewish tradition. Nicole Berner-Kadish has agreed to be the point person on this issue for the Tikkun Olam Committee. Andrea Mark thanked her for bringing the issue to the Board and for agreeing to work further on the issue.

Allison Druin reported on the Membership Committee’s recent work, including the new member reception at Rabbi Feshbach’s house. The new member bags, now given to new congregants, have been very popular. The committee is also looking at creating nametags for everyone in the congregation that people would put on while they are in the building and take off before they leave. Birthday cards for everyone are also being explored.

Andrea Mark encouraged all Board members to consider going to the Biennial in San Diego on December 12-16. The next Board meeting is September 6th.

**MEET OUR BOARD:**

**Steven Hirschfeld**

**Board of Trustee Member**



Steven Hirschfeld joined Temple Shalom along with his wife, Dr. France Carrier, in 1995. They were married by Rabbi Bruce Kahn and have been regularly attending services and activities since. They participated in the capital fund drive and the commissioning of a new sefer Torah. Steven had the honor of writing a letter ( \_mem\_ in \_Mitzrayim) to complete the scroll and the entire book of Devarim in the scroll named Shalom is dedicated to France. They also participated in the drive for sanctuary renovation. Steven has read Torah several times and commented as D’var Torah. He has also participated in the Mitzvah Corps, educational programs, the Tikkun Olam Committee, was a co-chair for Mitzvah Day and a co-chair for the Blood Drive. Currently he is co-chair of Adult Education, co-chair of Mitzvah Day and a member of the Tikkun Olam Committee.

Together with France, the Hirschfelds have led summer worship services for several years using the theme of the World Union for Progressive Judaism as an organizing principle for a multi-cultural, multi-lingual audience participation occasion. They have participated in other worship services as ushers, oneg hosts, and Bema guests. Their son Joshua Samuel has also been on the Bema multiple times and particularly enjoys carrying a small Torah during services. Joshua is a member of the Bar Mitzvah class of 2017. During their travels, the Hirschfelds enjoy davening at other synagogues around the world, which always leads to an interesting experience and a story to share.

Steven Hirschfeld, MD PhD, is a Captain in the United States Public Health Service and serves as the Associate Director for Clinical Research at the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

**Marc Blumenstein**

**Board of Trustee Member**



Marc Blumenstein came to the Board as co-chair of the Religious Education Committee. Marc also recently served as a member of the Search Committee for a new Director of Education, a search which culminated in the hiring of Lisa Pressman.

Serving on the Religious Education Committee and now helping to lead the committee along with Debbie Kopp the past year, Marc has helped to raise the awareness of “diversity in Judaism” at Temple Shalom. With the support of Rabbi Feshbach and the leadership at Temple, Marc says that “it has been my joy to see us embrace the diversity within our congregation and the Jewish community at large. Education continues to guide not only our academic curriculum for the school, but helps to shape the principles which drive our congregation”.

Marc is also on the board of Adoptions Together, Inc., a full service adoption agency in Silver Spring and Baltimore, Maryland which fosters the practice that all children deserve to be placed in loving, permanent homes. As board member and adoptive father, Marc works with the Center for Adoptive Families co-facilitating workshops for transracially adoptive families and single adoptive parents.

Marc lives in Chevy Chase with his son, Zachary, a sixth grade student at Chevy Chase Elementary School and at Temple Shalom Religious School.

# September 2007

**1**  
**SATURDAY** 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service: B'nai Mitzvah of  
Ian Silver-Georges & Jonathan Shaw

**3**  
**MONDAY** Offices closed in observance of the holiday

**4**  
**TUESDAY** 7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

**5**  
**WEDNESDAY** 6:45 PM Confirmation Class

**6**  
**THURSDAY** 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

**7**  
**FRIDAY** 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service

**8**  
**SATURDAY** 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
10 AM Shabbat Morning Service: Bat  
Mitzvah of Sarah Altemus-Cullen  
9 PM Selichot Program  
10:30 PM Coffee, Cake & Conversation  
11 PM Selichot Service

**9**  
**SUNDAY** 8:45 AM Grades Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> first day of  
Religious School Early Session.  
11:15 AM Grades 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> first day of  
Religious School Late Session ALL 7<sup>th</sup>  
Graders should attend this session.  
6:30 PM Chai school only  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
8:15 PM Joint Beit Midrash Torah Study (at  
Ohr Kodesh)

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

8:15 PM

### Joint Beit Midrash Torah Study Dedicated to the Victims of 9/11

located at  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**  
8300 Meadowbrook Lane  
Chevy Chase

**A**long with three other synagogues from across the denominational spectrum—Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Temple Shalom, and Tifereth Israel—we are sponsoring a Joint Beit Midrash that will gather on Sunday evenings throughout the year for Torah study. As a prelude to that program and in preparation for Yamim Noraim we will gather for joint study of the Book of Jonah. Communal study will be followed by presentations from the Rabbis of each synagogue. As we move farther away from the tragic events of 9/11, it becomes easier to forget the victims who perished on that terrible day. This must never happen. We sanctify their memory with communal unity and Torah study.

**10**  
**MONDAY** 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism—Fall 07

**12**  
**WEDNESDAY** NOON Offices Close for Rosh Hashanah  
6:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Early Service  
9 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Late Service

**13**  
**THURSDAY** 8 AM Office closed in observance of holiday  
8:30 AM Early Morning Rosh Hashanah Service  
11:45 AM Late Morning Rosh Hashanah Service  
2:45 PM Rosh Hashanah Children's Service  
4:15 PM Rosh Hashanah Tot Service  
5 PM Tashlich

**14**  
**FRIDAY** 8 AM Office closed in observance of holiday  
10 AM Second Day Rosh Hashanah Shabbat  
Service  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**15**  
**SATURDAY** 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study

**16**  
**SUNDAY** 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session  
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Religious School—Evening Session

**17**  
**MONDAY** 7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism—Fall 07

**18**  
**TUESDAY** 4:30 PM First day of Tuesday Hebrew  
Classes—Early Session

**19**  
**WEDNESDAY** 4:30 PM First day of Wednesday Hebrew  
Classes

6 PM Rabbi / President / ED  
Administrative VP meeting  
6:45 PM First day of Tuesday Hebrew  
Classes—Late Session

**20**  
**THURSDAY** 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

## Volunteer thank you luncheon



**21**  
**FRIDAY** 6:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur Service Early Service  
 9 PM Erev Yom Kippur Service Late Service

**22**  
**SATURDAY** 8:30 AM Yom Kippur Service Early Service  
 11:45 AM Yom Kippur Service Late Service  
 NOON Yom Kippur Study Session  
 2:45 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Study & Discussions (Adults)  
 2:45 PM Yom Kippur Family Service  
 4:15 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor, and Ne'ilah

**23**  
**SUNDAY** 10 AM Sukkah Building

**24**  
**MONDAY** 7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism—Fall 07

**25**  
**TUESDAY** 4:30 PM Hebrew School  
 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

**26**  
**WEDNESDAY** 6 PM Erev Sukkot Service  
 7 PM Picnic Dinner Under the Stars

**27**  
**THURSDAY** 8 AM Office closed in observance of holiday

**28**  
**FRIDAY** 6:15 PM Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot, Service Under the Sukkah  
 7 PM Pot Luck Dinner Under the Sukkah

*Caren and Lou Novick*  
**Invite You**

to share in our simcha on the occasion of  
 Jenny Rose's Bat Mitzvah.

**Saturday**  
**October 6, 2007**  
**at 10 AM**

Join us for a kiddush luncheon immediately following services.

*Please RSVP to*  
*caren@novickgroup.com*

**29**  
**SATURDAY** 10 AM Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Michael Holland  
 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
 6 PM Picnic Under the Sukkah  
 6:45 PM Havdalah & Tot Sukkot Service

**30**  
**SUNDAY** 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session & Open House  
 9:30 AM Book Discussion Group  
 11:15 AM Religious School Late Session  
 5 PM 7th Grade "Pizza in the Hut" Sukkot Program  
 6 PM Renaissance Opening Event  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

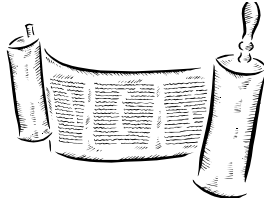
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Mitzvah Corps	Wilma Braun
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Nominating	Marilyn Ripin
Outreach Committee	TBD
Religious Education	Debbie Kopp Marc Blumenstein
Renaissance Committee	Francine Simons
Secretary	Margo Gottesman
Sisterhood	Andrea Karp Susan Stamm
Special Funds	Harvey Berger
Tikkun Olam	TBD
Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth Committee	Margo Gottesman



## **Calling All College Students!**

Stay in touch with your Temple Shalom family! Let us know your school address so that we may let you know about upcoming college, temple and Hillel events. Drop us a line at [info@templeshalom.net](mailto:info@templeshalom.net)

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENING SESSIONS



## THE 5768 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS! SEPTEMBER

Sunday	9	Grades Pre-K – 7th First Day of School. ALL 7 <sup>th</sup> Graders should attend the Late Morning session (11:15 AM – 1:15 PM). Family Ed for grades 3-6 <sup>th</sup> (and meet Lisa Pressman)
Sunday	16	Religious School Early Session Grades K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Family Ed (and meet Lisa Pressman)
	16	Religious School Late Session Grades K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Family Ed (and meet Lisa Pressman)
	16	Religious School Evening Session
	16	10TH Grade/Confirmation
	16	Chai School
Tuesday	18	First day of Tuesday Hebrew classes
Wednesday	19	First day of Wednesday Hebrew classes
Sunday	23	Sukkah Building
Tuesday	25	Tuesday Hebrew class
Sunday	30	Religious School Early Session and Open House
	30	Religious School Late Session and Open House
	30	Religious School Evening Session and Open House

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Early Session: 8:45 AM TO 10:45 AM (PRE K–6th)

Late Session: 11:15 AM. TO 1:15 PM. (1st–7th)

Evening Session: 6:30 PM–8:30 PM for 7th & Chai [grades 8 & 9] & 10th/Conf.

6:30 PM TO 8 PM (Post-Confirmation)

### MID-WEEK SCHEDULE

Aleph (4th)–Dalet (7th):

4:30 - 6 PM (Tuesday or Wednesday)

and 6:45 - 8:15 PM (Wednesday)

10TH/Confirmation Class: 6:45 - 8:15 PM.

Post-Confirmation Program: To Be Announced

## Civil Marriage Rights for All

You may have noticed lately signs popping up on lawns around the state declaring that “Civil Marriage is a Civil Right.” Any day now, the Maryland Supreme Court is expected to rule on a case challenging the State’s ban on same sex marriage. Whichever way the verdict goes, a battle in the Maryland legislature is expected to ensue. Equality Maryland, a group that advocates for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Maryland, has already begun its campaign to win equal rights in the Legislature.

In July, the Temple Shalom Board of Directors voted to join other progressive faith-based communities around our state to speak up for equal rights to civil marriage in the State of Maryland. The Temple Board adopted the following motion:

*In accordance with the modern teachings of Reform Judaism and our own basic beliefs, Temple Shalom welcomes same-sex couples as members. Temple Shalom further believes that, in conformance with basic civil rights, the state of Maryland should provide for civil marriages for such couples, according to them the same benefits and privileges as are granted to other couples.*

In addition, a sense of the Board motion approved the display of a “Civil Marriage is a Civil Right” banner on our lawn, pending the action of the Tikkun Olam Committee.

This struggle is important to our community as a matter of principle and the ultimate outcome will have an immediate and profound effect on the lives of a large number of our congregants, lesbian and gay couples and their children who our now denied the protections of this basic civil right. The issue will now go to the Tikkun Olam Committee for further action. Congregant Nicole Berner-Kadish has agreed to be the point person on this issue for the committee.

### ARZA

## Apples and Milk and Honey:

### ROSH HASHANAH WISHES FROM ARZA

There’s an old tradition of sharing tapuchim (apples) and dvash (honey) on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize our hopes for a sweet New Year. Another ancient tradition combines the dvash (honey) with chalav (milk) and sees the two as symbols of the land of Israel. As we welcome this New Year and look forward to Israel’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday next spring, we at ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, want to remind you of the power of chalav (milk) and dvash (honey). Most adults don’t drink very much milk anymore, but we know that it was our primary source of nourishment when we were young. Parents and teachers alike told us that milk made our bones strong. Likewise there are Jews who don’t connect with Israel very much, but if we look back on our history, we realize that the land and people of Israel was where we were born and where we became a Jewish People. It is still a part of us; it is the source of our strength. And honey, so pure and sweet, comes, as a well known Israeli song reminds us, with an occasional bee sting. May the year 5768 be a time when we all reconnect with the place of chalav and dvash, with the strength and nourishment of our people’s past, and the sweetness of Israel’s future—even when that sweetness is accompanied by an occasional sting. Please remember that ARZA is here to help you connect with Israel. Visit us at [www.arza.org](http://www.arza.org).

## To Teach, Perchance to Inspire

Think back to your Hebrew school experience. Was there a teacher who made a difference or had a positive impact on your Jewish identity? Would you have benefited from a positive Jewish role model early on in your Jewish education? Your synagogue school and schools throughout the Washington, DC area are searching for people who have the interest and motivation to transmit their knowledge and Jewish commitment to inspire the next generation. Become a part-time teacher in a synagogue school. Positions open on Sunday mornings, weekday afternoons and evenings for 2007-2008 (5768).

If any of the following or a combination applies to you, we would love to speak with you about teaching in our congregational schools:

- Experienced or certified teacher
- Enjoy working with kids
- Knowledgeable about Jewish holidays, traditions, bible
- Fluent in Hebrew
- Conversant with the Siddur and synagogue services (Shabbat and holidays)
- Enjoy exploring ethical dilemmas

If you have one or more of the qualities listed above but don’t have the background in teaching, we will train you and provide the support you need to become a successful teacher.

Contact: Alan Caro, Teacher Recruitment Coordinator of the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, [acarop@pill.org](mailto:acarop@pill.org) or call 240-535-0888.

**Mitzvah Corps wishes everyone a happy, healthy New Year! Please let us know if you need help with handling life’s problems—illness, bereavement, etc—and we will do our best to offer you support—concrete and otherwise. If you would like to help those in the Temple with these needs, just give us a call. L’Shana Tovah! Wilma Braun**

**Just give us a call at 301-587-2273.**

# Recycle Your Paper at Temple Shalom.

Save trees and earn money for the Temple at the same time!

We're doing a lot to go green at Temple Shalom. From installing energy-efficient lighting to closing one day a week in the summer, we're finding ways to conserve resources and save the planet.

Now, Temple Shalom has joined the worldwide Abitibi Paper Retriever program. Which means you can bring almost all your recyclable paper to Temple Shalom to help save trees while at the same time generating dollars to support our children's programs.



For more information, call the Temple office at 301-587-2273, or visit [www.paperretriever.com](http://www.paperretriever.com)



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### What You Can Recycle

Almost everything paper:

- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Newspaper
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- Office paper
- Fax paper
- Notebooks
- Folders

Even window envelopes are OK. But no phone books or cardboard.

### It's Quick and Easy

Recycling through Paper Retriever at Temple Shalom is one of the easiest and most rewarding ways to help the environment. So start today.

Just look for the large, bright Paper Retriever recycling bin in the Temple parking lot.

Abitibi Paper Retriever® is a free, community-based program, with approximately 25,000 collection points, including schools, places of worship and non-profit organizations. Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division pays these organizations for their paper recycling efforts.

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# ROOM PARENTS WANTED!

The Youth Committee is seeking parents to serve as Room Parents for the Religious School in grades K through 10. Detailed information about the Room Parent program can be found under the Youth Committee section of the website.

If you are interested in being a room parent, please send an e-mail with your contact information and your child (children)'s grade(s) and Sunday session(s) (early or late or evening) to Bonnie Green at evergreenhaus@aol.com.

We look forward to your participation!



## Tenth Year of Temple Shalom Book Discussions 2007–2008

**Sept. 30**—*Sixth Lamentation*, by William Brodrick (fiction)—an eloquent “literary thriller” about a suspected Nazi war criminal who claims sanctuary in a modern-day monastery in the English countryside.

**Nov. 18**—*Woman in Jerusalem*, by Abraham B. Yehoshua and Hillel Halkin (fiction)—Israel’s master novelist (Mr. Mani) tells a spellbinding tale about an unidentified woman who is so beguiling that even in death she can lead a man to fall in love with her and commit himself to discover her identity and take action to restore her dignity.

**Jan. 27**—*The Great Escape*, by Katie Marton (non-fiction)—Noted journalist and bestselling author Marton offers a haunting tale of nine Jewish Hungarians who escaped fascism and anti-Semitism for the New World; they each experienced insecurity, isolation, a sense of perpetual exile and also world fame.

**Mar. TBD**—*The Yiddish Policeman’s Union*, by Michael Chabon (fiction)—From the author of *The Amazing Adventures of Cavalier and Clay*, this novel begins similarly to Philip Roth’s *The Plot Against America*; it begins with the question, “What if, on the eve of World War II, a temporary Jewish Settlement were proposed in Sitka, Alaska, rather than in Israel,” it is a murder-mystery, speculative-history about the “frozen Chosen”.

**May 18**—*Einstein: His Life and Universe*, by Walter Isaacson (biography)—As a scientist, Albert Einstein is undoubtedly the most epic among 20th-century thinkers; this biography also portrays Einstein as a man, husband, father and friend, with interesting revelations about a variety of subjects, including his interest in Zionism .

The last two books are relatively new, so if readers don’t want to purchase them at full price, they may want to plan ahead and consider ordering them used on-line or obtaining them well in advance from a public library.

For those who are interested, we have a list of “favorites” from some of the “regular” participants.

**Temple Shalom, 9-10:30 AM (during the early session of religious school).** If you want to participate in future book discussions, you are more than welcome to join us. Come for one discussion or all five next year. We offer bagels, cream cheese, coffee and always a great discussion. There is no fee to participate. For further information, contact Heidi Coleman at 301-588-1173 or heidi.coleman@dot.gov.

Happy Reading!!

## Share a sacred bond with the Jewish community.

By reserving burial space in the Temple Shalom section at the Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, you make a covenant with the visionaries of the past and the generations of the future. You help unite the Jewish community of greater Washington in building the area’s most inclusive Jewish cemetery.

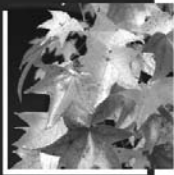
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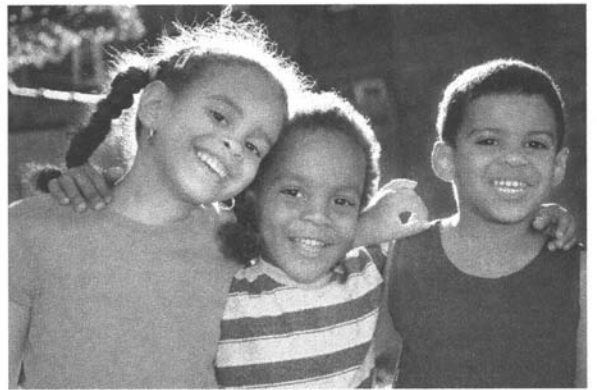
Fifteen area congregations, including Temple Shalom, have reserved burial sections for their members. They are Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, Beth Shalom Congregation & Talmud Torah, B’nai Israel Congregation, Chabad Lubavich of Upper Montgomery County, Congregation B’nai Tzedek, Ezras Israel Congregation of Rockville, Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim, Hevrat Shalom, Kehilat Shalom, Kemp Mill Synagogue, Shaare Torah, Temple Beth Ami, Temple Sinai, and Washington Hebrew Congregation.

The Garden of Remembrance is in Clarksburg, Maryland. It is the region’s only not-for-profit cemetery operated by a board of Jewish community leaders and open to members of all congregations as well as those unaffiliated with a congregation.

Schedule an appointment to discuss your needs today. Call Susan Zensky at (301) 587-2273, or visit our website at [www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org) for more information.



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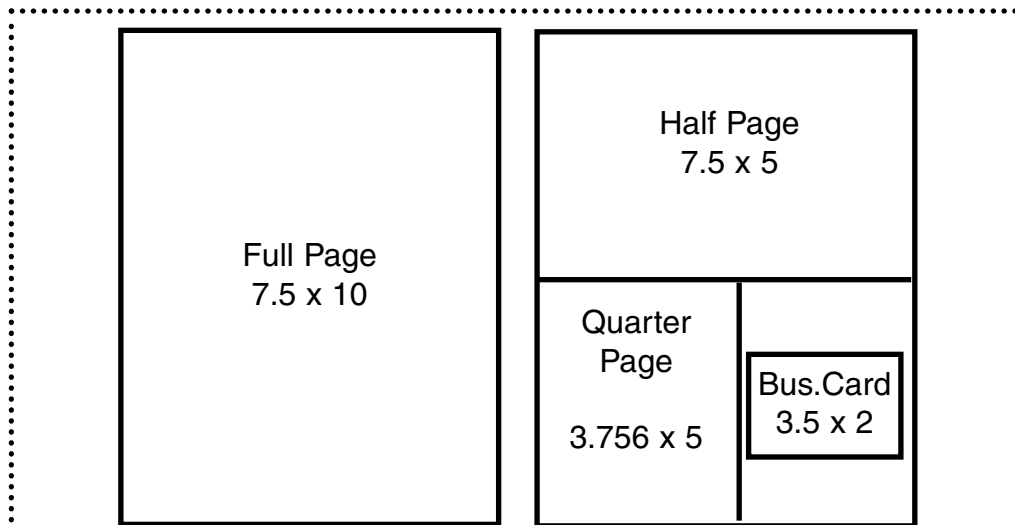
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