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Erev Shabbat Family Service 7:30 PM

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Shabbat Morning Worship and Study 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Service & B'not Mitzvah of Samantha Platt and Alayna Trilling 10 AM

Parashat Tazria
Leviticus 12:1–13:59

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FRI

Erev Shabbat Service with Shir Shalom Choir 8 PM

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Primary Age Shabbat Service 9 AM
Shabbat Morning Family Service 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of David Fireman 10 AM

Parashat Metzora
Leviticus 14:1–15:33

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Tot Pesach: Mini-Seder 6 PM
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Shabbat Morning Worship and Study 10 am
Passover—First Seder

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Passover—Seventh Day
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Exodus 14:30–15:21



As part of our year-long celebration of



Temple Shalom presents Israeli Art Exhibition and Sale

from the Safrai Gallery of Jerusalem

An exciting and fun-filled 4-day cultural event.

Featuring 1500 works of art by 100 artists.

Original Oil Paintings • Watercolors • Lithographs • Etchings

Opening Night Patrons Reception

Honor our patrons. Gallery talk.
Israeli wine tasting. Musical entertainment.
\$36 per person.

Thursday, May 15

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Exhibition Open

Visit Temple Shalom to view and purchase fine art.

Friday, May 16

9 AM – 4 PM

Party Night! Open to the Public!

Enjoy Middle Eastern-themed desserts, raffles
and musical entertainment of Israeli performing
group Shorashim – and of course, all the art.
\$18 per person in advance; \$20 at the door.

Saturday, May 17

8 PM – 11:30 PM

Exhibition Open

Visit Temple Shalom to view and purchase fine art.

Sunday, May 18

9 AM – 6 PM



Join the
Temple Shalom Renaissance Group
for a tour of the

College Park Aviation Museum



College Park, MD

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
10:30 AM

This museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is located on the grounds of the world's oldest continuously operating airport. Founded in 1909, it was used by Wilbur Wright to provide flight instruction to the first military aviators. Visitors today have the opportunity to see the display of unique aircraft and artifacts.

Our tour will be led by
Temple Shalom member, Mort Friedman,
a docent at the museum.

After the tour, please join us for lunch at the
94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, designed to resemble a
circa 1919 French farmhouse.

The restaurant is located near the museum.

Please reserve by sending a check
payable to Temple Shalom for
\$5 per person (does not include lunch) by

April 15th to:
Maurice Axelrad
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Please call Maurice for
further information and
for driving directions.



Forum on Darfur

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Join us on
Sunday April 13, 2008

6:30-8:30 PM

Temple Shalom
8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

We will hear from an esteemed panel on
the situation in Darfur and how we can help.

Panel Participants

- Ruth Messinger is the president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS). AJWS is an international development organization supporting social change projects throughout the world. In February 2006 in honor of her tireless work to end the genocide in Darfur, Ms. Messinger received the prestigious Albert D. Chernin Award. She has been named one of the 50 most influential Jews, due to her over 30 years in public service.
- John Heffernan is the Genocide Prevention Initiative Director for the United States Holocaust Museum. He has over 20 years experience in human rights, conflict resolution, and reconstruction efforts. The Holocaust Museum has declared Darfur a Genocide Emergency, and the Genocide Prevention Director's role is to research, develop responses, and educate the public on instances of genocide. Prior to his position with the Holocaust Museum Mr. Heffernan was Senior Investigator for Physicians for Human Rights, where he worked on developing and implementing a strategy for Darfur.
- Mohamed Yahya is the Executive Director for the Damanga Coalition of Freedom and Democracy. A native of Sudan, he founded the group to alert the world to the abuses of his country. He also has been active in assisting Sudanese refugees. Fearing reprisals from the Sudanese government, he has obtained political asylum in the United States where he continues to advocate for the people of Sudan.

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Texts of Terror: Part II

“Pour Out Your Wrath...”

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

Last month, in this column, I wrote about problematic passages in Jewish tradition, “texts of terror” and the question of what to do about them. In particular, I mentioned the ninth chapter of the book of Esther, with its description of the Jews of Persia taking revenge upon all of their enemies.

Maybe it’s better, however, when we don’t act on such feelings. Maybe we should project our sense of vulnerability and our desire for a less than savory outcome for our enemies onto God’s to-do list, rather than ours. Perhaps it is therapeutic, at some level, to give voice to vengeance but not action, to acknowledge the anger after centuries of persecution—but to leave it at that: words on a page, the honesty of the heart.

But even that is a problem. For words shape the world around us—and what we frame as “prayer,” our pleas to God, shape our sense of sanctification, and have an impact on what we think is right and wrong.

Which leads us from Purim, to Passover—and a passage in the haggadah that most Reform Jews have never seen before.

But before I get there, a quick trip, in what will seem like a different direction.

This coming month, as I am sure you know, a great religious leader is coming to our country, and our city. Benedict XVI’s first Papal Visit to the United States brings him here—and to the new stadium for an April event harder to get tickets for than the Nationals games themselves.

For me, one of the great privileges and honors of my role as a rabbi is the opportunity to meet with, learn from and interact with the other great faith traditions of the world. Recently, through arrangements made by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), area rabbis had the chance to meet with the new leader of the Diocese of Washington, Archbishop Donald Wuerl. This was his first “official” meeting with Jewish leaders in his new home; rabbis in Pittsburgh have had wonderful things to say about working with him.

In the course of the discussion during that meeting, among the questions that came up was one about new permission for an old Roman Catholic tradition—renewed allowance for those who choose to celebrate the mass in Latin.

One of the issues with the old rite was the language concerning Jews. Especially on Good Friday, there were prayers which referred to our community in what Jews have always considered to be less than flattering terms. If the old mass were reintroduced, several rabbis wondered, what would become of those hard words.

The question proved a prophetic one. Subsequent to our meeting, the new text was issued—and while it removes reference to the “blindness” of the Jews, it still calls upon us to convert.

This has caused a firestorm of protest in the Jewish world. It seems to really bother many people that other religions would focus on us, would call upon us to abandon our tradition.

But the prayer doesn’t bother me.

Or, more to the point, it doesn’t bother me that much.

Of course, I wish there were no references that singled us out, no sense on anyone’s part that anyone else’s tradition was invalid or incomplete.

But that Catholics want other people to become Catholic? That is, in one way at least, simply an expression of pride, of conviction, even—in how it is meant if not in how it is heard—of love.

These words have led to problems throughout history, yes. And I could wish they were different. But the counterbalance, for me, is the fact that there has been more positive progress in Catholic-Jewish relations in the past 40 years than there was in the entire 2000 years before that. The strides we have made are huge, enormous: we can learn from each other now, share the spirit of our heart with each other, view each other—in the words of Pope Benedict’s predecessor—as brothers and sisters in faith.

Besides, I am not sure how much there is to be gained by demanding of another group that they denounce (or even “denounce and reject”) each other over words we don’t like. For explicit, blatant anti-semitism, I understand our desire... but I note the impact we have, when we want other people to jump through hoops of our own standards and expectations. It is counter-productive. And it breeds resentment.

But my main point in this whole question is this: we are not alone, in having prayers with problems. And we are not alone, in not being sure what to do about them.

In the Passover Haggadah, towards the end of the evening, when the children are nodding off and half the house is pressing to jump ahead, comes a reading adapted from the Biblical books of Psalms and Lamentations, a reading omitted from all but the most recent Reform haggadot. The reading is called *Sh’foch Chamat’cha*, “Pour out Your Wrath.” It is a clear call for divine retribution upon our enemies. The words, in translation, read:

Pour out Your fury on the nations that do not know You,
upon the dominions that do not invoke Your name.
For they have devoured Jacob, and desolated his home.
Pour out Your wrath on them, so Your blazing anger may overtake them.
Pursue them in wrath and destroy them from God’s heavens.
from Psalms 79:6-7 and Lamentations 3:66

As with the ninth chapter of Esther, then, there are choices which confront us. We can skip these words. We can ignore them. Or we can tackle the issues they present head on.

In the Haggadah we have prepared for our own family (copies of which are available by request) we have included these words—and then added “talking points” to address them, to reframe and refit them for an era of tolerance, and in a prayer for peace. The questions we ask, after reading the troubling words, are these:

- What is the “tipping point” between justice and revenge?
- Is there any legitimate place for retribution?
- Should we express our hurt and anger or bury it, and suppress it?
- What about the lesson that we learned earlier, to *continued on page 4*



A Country of Contradictions?

Lisa Pressman, Director of Education

I came back from my fifth trip to Israel this past month excited about bringing Israel to our classrooms. Not just the Israel of the Bible which is so much a part of the Land I saw but also the Isarel that is lived each day in the streets of Tel Aviv, Tiberias and Jerusalem—the three cities that we visited on my recent visit. I have studied Israel, ancient and modern, and I have walked the streets of Jerusalem and been to Mt. Gilboa the site of ancient warfare. I took the prayers from our congregation to the Kotel, the Western Wall of the Temple mount, and I placed our prayers in its crevices.

Our theme for the trip was “Israel Engagement.” This was not political—how to engage the Palestinians and the Israelis in meaningful peace talks, or social—how to help us to better understand our Israeli cousins and them us. Israel Engagement was: How do we engage and connect our congregants, children and parents, with Israel today. How do we bring Israel and meaningful questions about Israel into our classrooms and into the homes of our membership. I have lots of ideas: Israeli flags in each room; an Israel bulletin board that describes things going on in Israel each month, a Mizrach in each room (Mizrach means East and you place it on an Easterly wall to show the direction to Israel); Israeli candy; Israel celebrations, Israeli dancing (folk and modern); Israeli music in the halls and on and on.

Yes, we can put the symbols of Israel up front and hope that it makes a difference but will that really help us to “see” Israel and the culture of this modern country? Will our students really understand the deep feelings, fears, love, passion and anger that is a part of Israeli life?

Israel participates in a song fest in Europe each year called Eurovision; The citizens of each country vote on a song that will represent them at Eurovision. The Israelis have won a number of times and their songs are beautiful, sweet, patriotic, as is the 2008 entrant entitled “As If Here.” However something very strange happened last year. The Israelis voted on a song that was almost disqualified from the competition. It was titled, “Push the Button.” As you see in the lyrics pictured, “Push the Button” is not a beautiful ditty, it is a serious statement about the world and the fears of Israel’s Jewish population. Why after so many years of lovely poetry and music did the Israelis choose to tell the world how they were feeling?

These and other questions will be asked in our classrooms; in the Chai School we will bring such questions to our older students; in 5th grade our children will study ancient Israel through the study of Torah and they learn about modern Israel through magazines like *Babaganuz* and their textbook on modern Israel; in the younger grades we will be introducing our students to modern Israel and Israeli children just like themselves. Isarel, ancient and modern, is a country of contradictions; I sat in the cemetery on the edge of the Kineret, the Sea of Galilee, and as the sun set I looked over to the far side and the lights of Jordan in the distance. How safe we were and how beautiful it was with the full moon shining on the water and how sad it was to think of the lives lost that had created this beautiful place and how fragile it still is.

2007 Eurovision

Push the button
The world is full of terror
If someone makes an error
He's gonna blow us up to biddy biddy
kingdom come
There are some crazy rulers
They hide and try to fool us
With demonic, technologic willingness
to harm They're gonna push the but-
ton, push the button
Push the bu... push the bu... push the
button

2007 Eurovision

As If Here
My soul is hoping for the warm
heart's prayers
It's hard, it's hard when a longing in
front of the moon
Is here for a while and than escapes,
the crying is chasing after

Push the Button lyrics

Texts of Terror: Part II continued

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take sweetness from our cup, for the plagues upon Egypt, and the divine command to the angels that they not sing praises and rejoice over the death of the Egyptians?

Kol Dichfin (The Open Door), the new Reform haggadah published just in the last several years, addresses these words in the following way:

“Other voices call for a different response to hatred and prejudice, for the Jewish spirit burns with a passion for peace. In every generation, courageous souls seek understanding with those who oppose us. Tonight, we begin a new tradition, asking God for guidance as we seek partners to seek a world of justice and peace...”

We Jews have been hurt by history. But in a spirit of facing forward I hope for healing, and reconciliation, and being able to live together, one and all. I conclude with words of hope, including a quote from Primo Levi, a man who suffered himself, and yet found an openness with which to greet the world:

This night, we make a promise to ourselves.
We will look to the future, with hope renewed.
That those who are suffering will find relief,
that those who are persecuted will find freedom,
that all who are in pain will be healed.

Light the lamp, open the door wide
So the pilgrim can come in,
Gentile or Jew;
Under the rags perhaps
the prophet is concealed.
Let him enter and sit down with us.

Primo Levi

So may it be for us.
A good Pesach, and a meaningful one,
from my family, to yours!

Michael Feshbach
Rabbi Michael Feshbach

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 13, 2008

Linda Gurevich presented the proposal for the new employee health plan, which has been reviewed by the Temple's counsel, health insurance broker, and the Executive Committee. The motion passed with one abstention.

Harvey Berger, Chair of Special Purpose Funds, discussed a formal policy for the Herman Rosenfeld Fund, which was originally established to assist Jews from the Soviet Union who became members of Temple Shalom. With the Rosenfeld family's permission, the fund was repurposed four years ago to assist Temple members in need with Religious School tuition and fees, but lacked a formal policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie Knoll gave an update on the Israel art sale fund raiser, scheduled for May 15-18. She passed around forms and asked all Board members to become patrons of the event and to volunteer to work at the event. Andrea Mark thanked Julie and the committee and encouraged the Board to become patrons, to spread the word and bring their friends to the art show, and to volunteer during that week.

Margo Gottesman gave an update on the Cantor search. The committee has received 14 applications for the position from three men and 11 women. Of those, seven were chosen for phone interviews. Two finalists were brought into town for in-person interviews, which included a musical audition. Two delegations from the committee also visited each of the finalists in their home congregations. Second interviews are being held with each of the finalists, and the search committee hopes to make a recommendation to the Board in April.

Now that the congregation is using *Mishkan T'filah*, Andrea Mark noted that we have many copies of the old *Gates of Prayer* that were dedicated in honor or in memory of congregants and their relatives. A small group of volunteers has looked through all the old prayer books and compiled a list. They propose sending a letter to those congregants offering to let them have the book(s) they dedicated and encouraging them to dedicate a copy of *Mishkan T'filah*. The Board approved this, as well as the proposal to increase the cost to dedicate a new prayer book to \$36 per book. The Board discussed donating undedicated copies of *Gates of Prayer* to other congregations who might need them. Based on discussions on her listservs, Susan Zemsky said her sense is that there is little demand for the old prayer book, as new congregations want to use *Mishkan T'filah*.

Alan Lewis gave the Financial Secretary's report. Alan noted that we are two to three percent behind in dues collection compared with this time last year.

Scott Schreiber reviewed the budget statements. In planning for next year's budget, the Finance Committee is looking at ways to cut expenses. He also noted that it has been difficult to project the Religious School enrollment; thus, that budget has also been challenging to prepare. Scott mentioned that fifth-year payments will be due next year for members who made five-year pledges to the capital campaign. The Finance Committee will be having more meetings to work on the budget. Scott believes that because of excellent oversight by the finance

committee, the synagogue has sufficient reserves and signature programming will continue.

Regarding the budget for this fiscal year, Scott and Mark Ross reviewed the budget through January 31, 2008. We are on target with most of the line items. They do not yet have end-of-year projections, but they will have those closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Andrea Mark gave an update on staff restructuring matters since the last letter from the Board of Trustees was sent on February 20th. Many congregants have expressed their support for the Board and a willingness to get more involved. Some congregants were concerned about continuity on the Tikkun Olam committee. Andrea has responded to those congregants to assure them that the committee's work is member-driven and has always been a high priority at Temple Shalom, and that she expects this to continue. Rabbi Feshbach has also met with many members to discuss their concerns. The Board discussed a celebratory event later in the spring to thank Rabbi Serotta and Cantor Tasat for their years of service.

Cantor Search Update

By Margo Gottesman

In its quest to hire Temple Shalom's first full-time invested cantor, the cantorial search committee continued its hard work during February and March. After reviewing the resumes and audition CDs of all the applicants, the committee conducted phone interviews with seven candidates. Based on these interviews, the committee narrowed down its list to two finalists.

In March, two delegations from the search committee visited and celebrated Shabbat with the finalists in their home congregations. These visits were the committee's opportunity to see the cantors worship and interact with their congregations and clergy. Following the delegation visits, both finalists were invited back to Temple Shalom for a second round of interviews with the committee, the senior staff, and Rabbi Feshbach. After gathering and discussing the feedback from all these interviews, the committee will meet to decide on a finalist and forward its recommendation to the Board of Trustees. It is our goal to announce our new cantor well in advance of the annual meeting in June.

Members of Temple Shalom are welcome to provide any comments or suggestions to the committee at cantorsearch@templeshalom.net. More information on invested Reform cantors can be found by visiting the website of the American Conference of Cantors at www.accantors.org.

Forum on Darfur

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Join us on Sunday April 13, 2008, for a discussion by an esteemed panel on the situation in Darfur and about how we can help.

Rabbi Or N. Rose, associate dean of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, has framed the complex issues surrounding Sudan's role in Darfur and China's support of Sudan in an Op-Ed piece (excerpts below) for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that urges China, as host of the 2008 Summer Olympics, to reconsider its support of Sudan.

"Steven Spielberg announced recently that he had resigned as the artistic director of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, writing in a public statement, 'I find that my conscience will not allow me to continue with business as usual....Sudan's government bears the bulk of the responsibility for these ongoing crimes [in Darfur] but the international community, particularly China, should be doing more to end the continuing human suffering there.'

Spielberg joined two other groups of prominent figures that issued public statements [in February 2008] condemning the Chinese Government for its support of Sudan. On February 12, 120 members of the U.S. House of Representatives called on President Hu Jintao of China to use his influence with Khartoum to help advance peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts in Darfur. In a separate letter to the Chinese president, a coalition of Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Olympic athletes, celebrities and other notables criticized Beijing for its defense of Sudan in the United Nations and for continuing to engage in a vigorous trade relationship – oil being the key commodity – with President Omar al-Bashir and his despotic regime....

As Beijing prepares to host the 2008 Summer Olympics, one hopes that Chinese leaders will recognize the absurdity of welcoming athletes from around the globe for a sporting competition based on the principles of good will and fair play while aiding and abetting a genocidal government. As actress and activist Mia Farrow said recently, 'China hopes that these games will be its post-Tiananmen Square coming-out party. But how can Beijing host the Olympic Games at home and underwrite genocide in Darfur?In a culture where celebrities often gain attention for their poor judgment and bad behavior, Spielberg, Farrow and the other high-profile activists...should be applauded for their justice efforts. Now we must join them in the struggle to save Darfur and to create a permanent anti-genocide movement.'" Rabbi Or N. Rose

Panel Discussion April 13, 2008

6:30–8:30 PM

Refreshments Following

At Temple Shalom

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Panel Participants

- Andrew Natsios is Distinguished Professor in Practice of Diplomacy at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He served as the White House Special Envoy to Sudan from 2006 to 2007. From 2001 to 2006 he was Administrator for the US Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Ruth Messinger is the president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS). AJWS is an international development organization supporting social change projects throughout the world.
- John Heffernan is the Genocide Prevention Initiative Director for the United States Holocaust Museum. The Holocaust Museum has declared Darfur a Genocide Emergency, and the Genocide Prevention Director's role is to research, develop responses, and educate the public on instances of genocide.
- Mohamed Yahya is the Executive Director for the Damanga Coalition of Freedom and Democracy. A native of Sudan, he founded the group to alert the world to the abuses in his country and to assist Sudanese refugees.

SHABBAT AT HOME 2008

Shabbat at Home was a huge success again this year. More than 85 families participated. (Translation: over 300 adults and children!) We've heard through the grapevine that the food was delicious, the conversation engaging, and most importantly, it was wonderful to share Shabbat with new and old friends.

About 45 people attended Saturday morning services in the Chapel—triple the usual number—with many folks staying to join the regulars at Torah study.

We're looking forward to continuing this tradition next year.

Changes at Shepherd's Table

Dan Freedman, a Temple Shalom member who has spearheaded the Temple's volunteer project at Shepherd's Table since 2000, is stepping down. He has done a fantastic job in coordinating the once-monthly project. Shepherd's Table is a Silver Spring non-profit that provides help to people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance.

In an article Dan wrote for the Shofar in 2000, Dan said that: "In working at Shepherd's Table, the Temple Shalom group is trying its best to live out the true meaning of the Bible's reference to "gemilut chasadim," the performance of loving deeds. We have incorporated church goers who worked the first Monday before the Temple Shalom team arrived, as well as a few walk-ins who were moved to volunteer individually."

At the April Social Concerns Shabbat, on Friday, April 11, Temple Shalom will honor the current and former Temple volunteers of the Temple's Shepherd's Table project. Dan will receive a special tribute. Below is a list of current and former Shepherd's Table volunteers.

The current coordinators are Carol Kahn, Susan Farrer, and Susan Roth. Temple members wishing to volunteer should contact Susan Farrer at susanfarrer@verizon.net

Those of you who would like to help at Shepherd's Table but can't make the Monday evening times now will have an opportunity. Betsy Kingery has begun a Goods Drive for Shepherd's Table, which is always

in need of large, Costco size, cans of vegetables (especially green beans). Men's and women's underwear and socks of all sizes are also most welcome (new please). Drop them off on the stage in the bin marked Shepherd's Table. Betsy will make monthly pickups and dropoffs. For more information please call Betsy at 301-951-8442

Shepherd's Table Volunteer List (This list may not be complete, may not include names of spouses or children, and may also include some non-Temple members. We apologize for any names inadvertently left off):

Heidi Coleman	Ruth Ilan	Susan Roth
Chris Cropper	Linda Kahn	Dan Rozman
Suzanne Eichhorn	Carol Kahn	Gerry Serotta
Alice Epstein	Larry Katzman	Nina Shapiro-Perl
Susan Farrer	Danna Katzman	Rob Weinzimer
Ann Feinberg	Betsy Kingery	
Jacob Freedman	Vicki Lipov	
Andrew Freedman	Bob Maarsen	
Michael Goffredi	Gregory McFadden	
Matt Goodman	Peter Perl	
Larry Himelfarb	Barrie Ripin	
Ron Homberg	Marilyn Ripin	

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Larry Katzman

On Sunday evening, April 13, the Committee will hold an important symposium at the Temple on Darfur, "Darfur: The Crisis Today and Developments Tomorrow". A distinguished panel of speakers will make remarks and respond to questions. The panelists include Andrew Natsios, the former White House envoy to Darfur; Ruth Messinger, President of American World Jewish Service; John Hefferman of the US Holocaust Museum's Genocide Prevention Initiative; and Mohamed Yahya of the Damanga Coalition of Freedom and Democracy. Refreshments will follow the event. If you are an avid photographer and willing to take 20-30 photos at this event, please contact one of the event coordinators, Tim Greene at 301-589-2274, or Marilyn Feister at 301-989-0572.

On the preceding Friday evening, April 11, Rabbi Serotta will mark this Social Concerns Shabbat by addressing the Darfur crisis in his sermon.

At that same Social Concerns Shabbat, Temple Shalom will honor the current and former Temple volunteers of the Temple's Shepherd's Table project. Dan Freedman, who is stepping down after eight years as project coordinator, will receive a special tribute. Elsewhere in this issue is a reprint of an article by Dan about Shepherd's Table that ran in a 2000 edition of the Shofar. There, you can also find a list of current and past volunteers. Shepherd's Table is a Silver Spring non-profit that provides help to people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance. Since 2000, Temple volunteers have donated their services on the first Monday of each month in preparing and serving dinner to as many as 150

For more information about the committee or to volunteer, please contact the committee chair, Larry Katzman, at 301-565-0707, or dkatzman2@comcast.net

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A full "energy audit" report has been received from the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light As reported previously, Allison Fisher of this group conducted an "energy assessment" tour of the Temple on January 27 to assist us in understanding ways to reduce energy consumption and increase efficiency beyond what we have already done. Accompanying Allison on the three-hour tour were Steve Hirschfeld of the Tikkun Olam Committee and the Board, Mike Gurevich of the Building Committee, Alexandra Halpern of the Tikkun Olam Committee, and Craig Schultz of the House and Grounds Committee.

The report details short range changes (such as replacing incandescent lights with CFL's, using shrink wrap on old windows, and installing more programmable thermostats), longer-term changes (such as installing solar hot water heating), and behavioral changes (such as turning off lights when leaving a room, holding educational sessions on good energy behavior, and closing the building to all programming one evening per week). The committee will pass this report on to the Building Committee, House and Grounds Committee, Executive Director, and the Board and act as a "nudge" to effectuate some of the recommended changes. It will also explore other avenues for reducing the Temple's carbon footprint that were not addressed in the report, such as green landscaping and carpooling.

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Forum on Darfur

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MONDAY 7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–Spring 08 (at WHC–DC))

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TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School–Afternoon Session
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Evening Session

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THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

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FRIDAY 6 PM Tot Pesach
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

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6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting
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THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

4
FRIDAY 7:30 PM 4th and 5th Grade Shabbaton
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service–led by K–3rd Grades

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SATURDAY 8 AM 4th & 5th Grade Shabbaton continues
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study
10 AM Shabbat Service & B'not Mitzvah of S. Platt/A. Trilling

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SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session—6th Grade Family Ed
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session—6th Grade Family Ed
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
1:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing. Grade 6
4 PM Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing. Grade 7
4 PM Boys Into Mentschen
5:30 PM Women's Seder
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class

7
MONDAY 7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–Spring 08 (at WHC–DC)

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TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School–Afternoon Session
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Evening Session

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THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

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FRIDAY 5 PM 10th Grade Retreat
8 PM Brotherhood Shabbat Service with Shir Shalom Choir

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SATURDAY 8 AM 10th Grade Retreat
9 AM Primary Age Shabbat Service—led by Pre-K – 1st Grades
10 AM Shabbat Morning Family Service – led by the 4th Grade
10 AM Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of David Fireman
11 AM TaSTY Tots Chocolate Seder
11 AM Torah Study

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SUNDAY 8:45 AM 3rd Grade Model Seder
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session–5th Grade Family Ed
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session–5th Grade Family Ed
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session

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6 PM Passover—First Night

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SUNDAY

8:45 AM No Religious School
9 AM Clergy Cook Off—Breakfast
10:30 AM Passover Festival Morning Service

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TUESDAY

4:30 PM Hebrew School

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WEDNESDAY

7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School—Afternoon Session
6:45 PM Hebrew School—Evening Session

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THURSDAY

12:15 PM Reading the Writings
4:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class Rehearsal
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

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FRIDAY

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner
7 PM Post Confirmation Picture
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service: Post Confirmation Graduation

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SATURDAY

10:30 AM Passover Service at Temple Sinai

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SUNDAY

8:45 AM Religious School Early Session—4th Grade Family Ed
9 AM Religious School Open House for Prospective Families
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session—4th Grade Family Ed
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

7 PM Chai School Pizza

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MONDAY

7:30 PM Intro To Judaism—Spring 08 (at WHC—DC)

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TUESDAY

10:30 AM Renaissance Group—College Park Aviation Tour
4:30 PM Hebrew School
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

Shir Shalom Presents

My Heart is in the East

A Musical Celebration of Israel's 60th Birthday at Temple Shalom on Thursday, May 8, 8 PM

Hazzan Dr. Ramon Tasat, Director.
Admission is free, but please consider a donation.

Israeli Art Exhibition and Sale

May 15–18

Temple Israel presents original oil paintings, watercolors, lithographs, and etchings from the Safrai Gallery of Jerusalem in celebration of Israel's 60th Anniversary.

Opening night patrons reception:
Thursday, May 15, 6:30–9:30 PM

Exhibition Open:
Friday, May 16, 9 AM–4 PM

Party Night: Saturday, May 17, 8 PM
Preview; 9:15–11:30 PM Show and Sale

Exhibition Open:
Sunday, May 18, 9 AM–6 PM



Hold the DATE!

**Shir Shalom
Serenades Israel**

Thursday, May 8, 2008



God's Profits: Faith, Fraud, and the Republican Crusade for Values Voters

by Sarah Posner

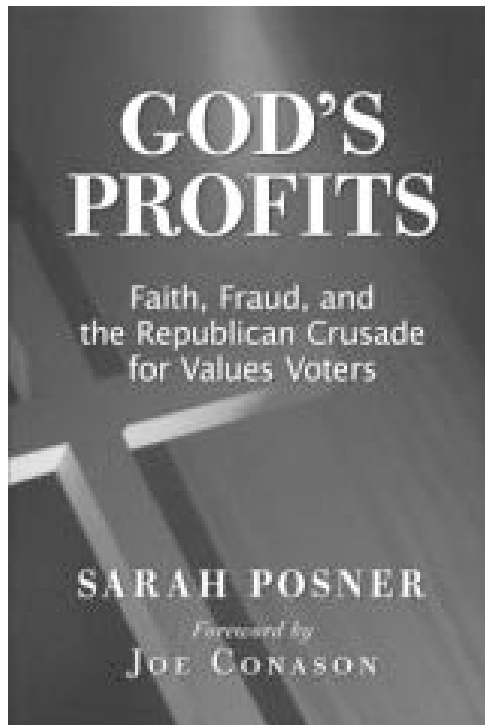
In this newly published exposé, Temple Shalom congregant and journalist, Sarah Posner, examines the financial and political activities of prominent televangelists who represent the "prosperity gospel movement."

The prosperity gospel teaches that personal security is assured by tithes to the pastor. Thus, through global congregations garnered in worldwide television broadcasts the movement's most charismatic leaders have fueled corporate enterprises branded as churches. With millions of dollars at hand and tens of thousands of congregants who vote, these leaders have enjoyed access to top Administration officials and Republican Party leaders, thereby influencing, Posner alleges, elections, judicial nominations, foreign policy and national legislative agendas.

As the 2008 presidential election heats up and leaders in both parties promote their religious bona fides, Posner ventures inside the prosperity gospel movement to show how its leaders have influenced American politics during the current administration and how they aim to influence the next.

God's Profits presents the stars of a new evangelical movement and unmasks its underlying theology. The book calls upon Sarah Posner's experiences as an investigative journalist covering the activities of conservative evangelicals. Her reporting on the religious right has been described as "dogged, informed, and ceaselessly illuminating." Posner authors TheFundamentaList, which counts down weekly news stories about the religious right, for The American Prospect Online (www.prospect.org), and she has written for The Nation, Washington Spectator, The Gadflyer and AlterNet.

Sarah Posner and her family—husband Douglas Wolfe and son Nathan Wolfe—live in Bethesda. Nathan is a third grade student in Temple Shalom Religious School.



Detailed information about Sarah's new book is available at www.GodsProfits.com.

Erev Yom Hashoah v'haG'vurah— Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day on Thursday, May 1, 2008 7:30 PM

We come together for our annual observance of Yom HaShoah, with the lighting of our special Holocaust Menorah, the recitation of the names of loved ones of our congregation who perished in the Holocaust, and the participation of our Seventh and Tenth Grade classes.

This year we are grateful, as well, to long-time Temple member Jutta Levy. Jutta lived as a young girl in Germany under Hitler for nearly seven years, participated in the Spielberg Shoah tape project... and will, on May 1st, share her story with us, her synagogue family, for the first time in many years.

A Question and a Reminder: Do you have family members or loved ones who were lost in the Shoah? Does the Temple have these names? Perhaps, in the past, you did not know that we included this custom in our annual observance of Yom HaShoah. Or perhaps you are a new member of the synagogue who did not yet give us these names.

Please send any such names you think we might not have to Temple Shalom as soon as possible. You can send them to Rabbi Feshbach at rabbifeshbach@temple-shalom.net, with the subject line "Names for Yom HaShoah."

Any names received by Friday, April 25 will be included in the service on May 1st.

2008 Passover Wine Sale

Try Something Different This Year

Let the Brotherhood of Temple Shalom introduce you to some of the world's most remarkable and affordable kosher for Passover wines. Bring a new taste to your seder and support the Temple. Sample these wines at our tasting and sale on April 6. Wines will also be on sale, though not available for tasting, on April 13. For more information, contact Harvey Berger at 240-605-5791.



Red Wines

- Barkan Merlot 12.00
- Alfasi Cabernet Sauvignon 12.00
- Segals Fusion Blend 14.00
- Teal Lake Cabernet/Shiraz 15.00
- Herzog Red Zinfandel 16.00

White Wines

- Barkan Chardonnay 12.00
- Barkan Sauvignon Blanc 12.00
- Yarden Mt. Hermon White 15.00
- Borgo Reale Pinot Grigio 16.00
- Goose Bay Sauvignon Blanc ... 19.00

Sweeter Wines

- Bartenura Moscato 15.00
- Herzog White Zinfandel 10.00

Brotherhood of Temple Shalom 2008 Passover Wine Sale Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Bring this completed form together with your check payable to Temple Shalom to the wine tasting on April 6 or the sale on April 13. Wine will be available to take home on those dates. You may also order through the Temple by phone at 301-587-2273 or fax at 301-588-9368 by April 11 and pick up your wine April 13.

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- Bartenura Moscato 15.00 x _____ = \$ _____
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Total order: \$ _____



Unite in a new tradition.

By reserving burial space 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.

The Garden of Remembrance is the area's only not-for-profit cemetery operated by a board of Jewish community leaders. Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative congregations, as well as many individuals unaffiliated with congregations, have reserved areas at the cemetery.

Begin a new tradition for your family and community. Visit our website at www.gardenofremembrance.org or call Susan Zemsky at (301) 587-2273.



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A tradition continues...

The taste of freedom and fried onions fills the air...

We come together as four Reform congregations, Temple Shalom, Temple Sinai, Temple Emanuel and Or Chadash of Damascus, to break bread (or matzah), to be with each other, and to fulfill the Biblical commandment "v'samachta b'chagecha; to rejoice in the Festivals," which for these holidays we can do more easily together than apart...

We come together for the following Festival Celebrations:

First Morning of Passover

Sunday, April 20, 2008

at Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, MD

Clergy Cook Off: Matza-Brei Cooked by the Rabbis and Cantors, 9 AM

previous years have featured Savory Matza-Brei (from Rabbi Serotta), Matza Brei with Cilantro and Green Salsa (from Rabbi Paul Tuchman), Matza Brei Flambee (from Rabbi Scott Sperling), Matza Brei with Basil, Mozzarella and Tomato, and "traditional" Matzai Brei (from Rabbi Fred Reiner and Rabbi Feshbach).

Join us for breakfast after your seder,
to see what we are cooking up this year!

Passover Festival Morning Service, 10:30 AM

A joyous and uplifting service for the first day of Pesach...
featuring the Hallel Psalms of Praise and the Biblical readings
about the very first Passover.

Seventh Day of Passover

Saturday, April 26, 2008

at Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road, NW, Washington DC

Passover Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service, 10:30 AM

We come together at Temple Sinai for a service at which the escape from Egypt is recalled, and the mourning memorial prayers known as Yizkor are recited.

"Last Matzah" Kiddush Lunch to follow the service

Looking ahead... Shavuot

**We will observe Erev Shavuot at
Temple Shalom on Sunday, June 8, 2008**

with our Service of Confirmation at 10 AM, followed by a luncheon reception, with a Picnic Dinner at 6 PM and Tot Shavuot at 6:45 PM, our Erev Shavuot Service at 8 PM, followed by Dairy Dessert at 9:30 PM and our study sessions for Tikkun Leil Shavuot, beginning at 10 PM. Watch for more details on these events in the May and June Shofar.

Our Joint Festival Service with other Reform synagogues continues on

Monday, June 9, 2008

at Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD

Shavuot Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service, 10:30 AM

Luncheon follows the service

Purim 2008





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