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14	14	Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah of Sam Loman & Andrew Matus 10 AM
	SAT	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM <i>Parashat Beha'alotecha</i> Numbers 8:1-12:16
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	SAT	<i>Parashat Balak</i> Numbers 22:2-25:9
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	SAT	<i>Parashat Matot</i> Numbers 30:2-32:42



## The Temple Shalom Confirmation Class of 5768- 2008

*Cordially Invites You*

to Attend its Confirmation Service

On Sunday the 5th of Sivan,

five thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight

June 8<sup>th</sup>, two thousand and eight

At Ten O'Clock in the Morning

8401 GRUBB ROAD

CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

### THE TEMPLE SHALOM CONFIRMATION CLASS 5768-2008

SARAH BRITTANY BIGMAN	CARLY JANE LOMAN
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Temple Shalom

# Confirmation

## Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

*A service of the heart;  
An exercise in identity;  
An invitation into the lives of our young people!*

### **A note from Rabbi Michael Feshbach**

One of the single most important services in the Jewish calendar comes, this year, on Sunday morning June 8th. That is our service of Confirmation, the culmination of an intense spiritual and educational journey for our Tenth Grade class. As most of you know, in our congregation we consider agreement to continue one's Jewish learning through at least Tenth Grade a basic, minimum expectation, an essential contract between our congregants and our commitment to Judaism — and a requirement before we will assign a family a Bar or Bat Mitzvah date. The result of this level of standards and expectations has been a Confirmation program superior in quality to anything I have ever witnessed before.

But it is not just the program itself — built up by my predecessor and fortified through the support of our leadership over the years — that I am so proud of. It is also the service itself. For, as part of their journey, we ask our young people to write their own reactions to all the basic prayers — and each of the Ten Commandments. And the service is then made from their words, their voices: a living midrash, a fresh take on the tradition. Come to this service not knowing any of the young people involved, and by only half way through the liturgy you will have a sense of who they are, what they think in the deepest ways about God, Judaism, moral values and ethical living. Come listen to young strangers lead a service; lead with an intimate sense of connection to their innermost being — and our shared future.

This is not a service done on the quick and easy; it is choppy, it does not “flow” the way other services do because we contemplate the meaning of each prayer, we ponder and experience different perspectives on familiar words. It is not smooth as far as liturgy goes. But it goes deep, and touches the heart. And, in my mind, it is a service not just for each Confirmand and his or her family — it is a service worthy of celebration, and support, from the entire congregation. In its own way, this is as important an event in the life of our congregation as a High Holy Day service. And I wish it were as well attended, even by those with no personal connection to these students.

It is a summer Sunday morning, and public schools are almost out. It is the last day of sports for some, a chance to stroll and play for others. But if you can — if you are able to do so — please set aside these few hours. This is not a “private” affair. Our young people worked hard, and this is a communal accomplishment. Our students deserve your presence and support. If you can, please know that the doors are open, you are more than welcome — your presence is valued. And you will, I believe, not regret being there.

Please join us, one and all, for our Temple Shalom 5768/2008 service of Confirmation, on Sunday, June 8th, at 10am. A reception follows the service at approximately 12:30 PM.



# Shalom L'Shalom

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

Friends:

I begin my column this month with what may be unusual imagery for a Jewish setting. I begin with pagan mythology, and in particular, with reference to an ancient god. According to that online source of information, Wikipedia:

*In Roman mythology, Janus was the god of gates, doors, doorways, beginnings, and endings. His most prominent remnants in modern culture are his namesakes: the month of January, which begins the new year, and the janitor, who is a caretaker of doors and halls. Janus was usually depicted with two heads, looking in opposite directions, and was frequently used to symbolize change and transitions such as the progression of past to future, of one condition to another, of one vision to another, the growing up of young people, and of one universe to another. He was also known as the figure representing time because he could see into the past with one face and into the future with the other.*

It is June and not January, but still we face a turn of the time, a transition in the life of our synagogue. This, too, is a gateway in time, a time where our gaze is concentrated in two directions, looking backwards and ahead.

It goes without saying, but needs to be acknowledged, that this has been a difficult year in the life of our congregation. Visions and values have collided, people have felt pain, segments of our community have felt hurt either because people believed that voices were not heard, or because some views did not prevail. This is a hurt that calls for healing, a community facing a challenge.

In my remarks at the upcoming annual meeting of our congregation on Thursday evening, June 12, I will depart from my usual format. Instead of a lengthy formal report, I will open with a few moments of framework, and then engage with you in a town-hall style interaction for the time allotted to me. Whatever questions you have that I am able to answer, I will try to address. Whatever connection we can establish in that setting and that format, I hope we are able to at least open a dialog, and build on a shared sense of our sacred work together. This will not be the last time we engage in this kind of interaction with each other; indeed, we are planning truly interactive settings to address important congregational issues — including some delicate and controversial topics in Jewish life — in the year to come. As I said, this forum, with other congregational “business” at hand, may be only the beginning of such a dialog. But a beginning it will be.

That will be on June 12. But here, now, in this space, and in this column, I want to say a few words about the positive contributions of Rabbi Gerry Serotta and Cantor Ramon Tasat. Rabbi Serotta, whose family I knew (I was in rabbinical school with his brother) and whose reputation I was aware of before I came to this congregation, has been a source of collegiality and support. In addition to the more obvious and visible areas of social justice and tikkun olam, and the ways in which his voice has been a source of pride to so many of us, I have learned a great deal from him in our work together. My rabbinate, my style, my ongoing work with you — all will be forever affected in positive ways by what he has taught me, and I am grateful to him for that. And Cantor Tasat’s

sense of passion and depth, his commitment to quality and the musical level to which he has taken our congregation are ideals that have affected me as well. As I have said elsewhere and in other settings, there were times when he lifted my own prayers in ways and to places they had never gone before. Those were precious moments of powerful spiritual connection, and I am grateful for that as well.

## Looking backwards. And looking ahead.

Cantor Lisa Levine joins us in the coming days, and I am very much looking forward to working with her. I first met Cantor Levine when she was Lisa Lipco and we were undergraduates together during our junior years of college, studying abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. We met again at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, our Reform movement seminary, while she was in cantorial school and I was in rabbinical school. We are “classmates” in that she was “invested” as a cantor (the term for the completion of studies used for cantors) and I was ordained in the same year. (Although I recently heard someone refer to “clergy and cantors,” the phrase is partially redundant. In Jewish tradition invested and certified cantors *are* “clergy,” along with rabbis. We have different specialties, different areas of expertise, but both professions are Jewish clergy.) I have followed her career, seen her at biennials and conventions, been moved by her music. She is a presence filled with energy, spirit, warmth, and the loving embrace of an inclusive and welcoming spirituality. *Ashreinu, mah tov chelkeinu!* How fortunate, how blessed we are that she is coming to us! Please join me in welcoming her with warmth and open arms, with the patience that is needed as any new person comes into and gets to know a new community, and with an outreach that will include her family in your embrace.

As Cantor Levine is preparing to come to our congregation, I want to take a final moment to look towards the team we will build together. Your clergy, and your entire professional staff, including our Educator, Lisa Pressman, and Executive Director, Susan Zemsky, will work hard towards the ideals and visions and values we hold dear. We will strive to transform ordinary moments into extraordinary ones, the mundane into the holy, to build a collection of individuals whose lives have intersected into a true *k’nilah k’dosha*, a holy community.

Perhaps, though, we do not need to turn to Roman mythology to find the image that we need. Perhaps there is a Jewish concept that can fit the moment. I look for just the right words — or just the right word — and I find it close to home. *Shalom*. The word means “hello,” and “goodbye” and “peace.” It was also the word chosen to name this place — our Temple. This is a time of turning. It is a time of transition, but also of opportunity. May it be a time of Shalom. And may we go, truly, from strength to strength.

With my best wishes, and my love,

Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

# Shavuot 2008 at Temple Shalom



We celebrate Sinai (the giving of the Torah) and the summer season with the Jewish festival holiday of Shavuot.

## Sunday, June 8, 2008

### Confirmation Service, 10 AM

Confirmation, the personal affirmation of Jewish identity by our young people, was linked by the early Reform movement to the communal acceptance of Torah celebrated during Shavuot, and therefore we hold our Confirmation service on the Sunday prior to this important festival. Join us for this creative and very powerful service, in which our Tenth Grade students share their own words and own reflections on the liturgy and commandments of Jewish life. Reception to follow the service.

### Tot Shavuot, 6:45 PM

Shavuot for the youngest among us.

Sinai recreated! Cheesecake reception!

Come in pajamas (because the Jewish people fell asleep waiting for the Torah, and, ever since, we have “stayed up late” to study Torah on the eve of Shavuot), and bring your favorite stuffed animal or sleeping blanket.

### Erev Shavuot Service, 8 PM

At our evening service we welcome the festival, stand as witness for the Ten Commandments, and celebrate the season.

### Dessert Reception, 9:30 PM

Coffee, Blintzes and Cheesecake — a Shavuot tradition.

Why dairy for Shavuot? We'll talk about it over dessert.

### Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 10 PM – 11 PM

We carry on the tradition of Torah study into the night of Shavuot.

Sessions led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach will include an exploration of passages from the book of Ruth, traditionally read on Shavuot, a brief foray into the world of apocalyptic literature, and a “taste of Talmud.”

## Monday, June 9, 2008

### Shavuot Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service, 10:30 AM at Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD

We continue our custom of coming together as four Reform congregations — Temple Shalom, Temple Sinai, Temple Emanuel and Or Chadash Congregation of Damascus — for shared Festival morning services. This service includes the Hallel Psalms and the recitation of the Yizkor Memorial prayers for loved ones we have lost.

Light luncheon to follow the service.

### Minyan Services Continue Throughout the Year

As we shift, during the summer, to a less formal and more experimental style of worship on Erev Shabbat (Friday nights), please remember that there are other worship opportunities during the week at Temple Shalom as well.

Every Shabbat morning, throughout the entire year and continuing during the summer, our informal **Shabbat Morning Worship and Study** service meets downstairs **Saturday mornings in the Chapel at 10 AM**. If there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a Sanctuary service, the Shabbat Morning Worship and Study service takes place at the same time as the upstairs service. The service is short (around 45 minutes long), truly informal (some people come in jeans or even shorts during the summer), and is followed by an hour and a half of spirited, deep, engaging study of the Torah portion of the week. The service will continue to feature a variety of leaders, from Rabbi Feshbach, to Lisa Pressman, to Cantor Lisa Levine, to visiting rabbis and student rabbis and knowledgeable congregant volunteers. If you like arguing and exploration, or you like a close, supportive intimate service, this Saturday morning opportunity just might be a source of depth, Jewish connection and meaning in your life.

We also offer, every Wednesday of the year, our congregant-led **Wednesday morning minyan at 7 AM**. This service, too, meets in the Chapel, and features a variety of approaches and people coming together from different backgrounds and for different reasons — some in mourning, some to worship while on their way to work. Bagels and spontaneous analysis of the events of the world usually follow the service. This minyan can be a caring, supportive place to say Kaddish for a loved one, or just to come together in prayer and spiritual purpose. Some of the people who have been coming for some time may know each other well by now, but a service is not a “club,” new faces appear and often come back — and everyone is welcome, always.



Temple Shalom

## Temple Shalom's Annual Congregational Meeting!

Thursday  
June 12, 2008  
7:30 PM

Friday Night/Erev Shabbat Services  
**Summer 2008**

**Parashat Chukat**  
**July 4, 2008**

**Open Reception to meet Cantor Lisa Levine, 5 PM**  
Snacks and light hors d'oeuvres served

**Special Early Erev Shabbat service, 6 PM**  
Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Lisa Levine

**Parashat Balak**  
**July 11, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
Our Annual Union Prayer Book Service  
Led by Dr. Jack Lowe and Cantor Lisa Levine  
(see details, page 9)

**Parashat Pinchas**  
**July 18, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
"Ask the Cantor"  
Led by Cantor Lisa Levine

**Parashat Matot**  
**July 25, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
A New Tradition? The return of the blue *Gates of Prayer*,  
our recently "retired" prayerbook, in use again for this evening.  
Service led by the Silver Spring Chavurah  
and Margo Gottesman

**Parashat Mas'ei – Rosh Chodesh Av**  
**August 1, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Family Service, 7 PM**  
"Camp Style Service"  
Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Lisa Levine

**Parashat Devarim – Shabbat Chazon**  
**August 8, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
Led by Dr. Martin Shargel and Cantor Lisa Levine  
Includes "Learning the Music of the High Holy Days: Part One"

**Parashat Va'etchanan**  
**August 15, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
Led by Marilyn Ripin and Cantor Lisa Levine  
Includes "Learning the Music of the High Holy Days: Part Two"

**Parashat Ekev**  
**August 22, 2008**

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach

**Parashat Re'eh**  
**August 29, 2008**

**Tot Shabbat: "Back to Shul" and "Meet the Cantor,"**  
**6:30 PM**

Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Lisa Levine

**Erev Shabbat Service, 8 PM**  
Labor on the Bimah

Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Lisa Levine

With a special focus on Labor issues  
In coordination with Jews United for Justice

*[Watch for further details in August.]*



Minyan Services Continue Throughout the Year



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Lisa Pressman, Director of Education

Jewish learning never ends. It is with us from our first connections to Judaism, whether at birth or in later years, and it is a constant reminder of our traditions and worldview. Judaism demands space in our lives, something we don't always have. How do we find those special moments to connect to our heritage and traditions? When school is in session we have formal programs for children and parents. On Shabbat we have special services on Friday evenings for tots and families and on Shabbat morning for young and old. During the summer it is a bit harder to find those connections and the time to "be Jewish" and share Jewishly.

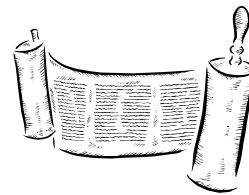
For me the summer is a time to refresh, revision and reawake connections that get lost in the day-to-day operations of the school. The quieter pace in the office allows us to plan for the new year while cleaning and preparing everything for September. Summer can be a wonderful time to find ways to connect to Judaism in simple ways. Here are some ideas that might be of interest to your family in the quiet days of summer:

- Shabbat under the stars. Have your Friday evening meal as a family and watch the stars come out as you celebrate Shabbat. Make it family game or movie night and spend the evening together.
- Explore Jewish, DC:
  - Check the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington Web site at [www.jhsgw.org](http://www.jhsgw.org) for programs. They periodically have walking tours of Jewish DC and exhibitions throughout the community.
  - The American Military Jewish Museum has ongoing exhibitions on the role of Jews in the military. They currently have an exhibition on women in the military. Check out <http://www.nmajmh.org>.
  - The Jewish Museum of Maryland has the largest single collection of regional Jewish Americana in the U.S. They are located at 15 Lloyd St, Baltimore. Check the Web site for ongoing programs at [www.jewishmuseummd.org](http://www.jewishmuseummd.org).
  - If you plan on visiting the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis request a visit to their beautiful synagogue. For information go to [www.usna.edu/visit.htm](http://www.usna.edu/visit.htm).
- Finding Jewish moments can be as easy as looking up and seeing the wonder of nature in the rainbow. Rainbows are special, for in the Torah portion Noah, God sets the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of the Covenant with Noah — God promised not to destroy the world ever again so a rainbow was set in the sky as the sign of his agreement. The blessing for a rainbow is beautiful:

Blessed are You, Lord Our God, Ruler of the universe who remembers the covenant and is faithful to God's covenant and keeps God's promise.

*Barukh ata adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam Zocheir hab'rit v'ne'eman bivrito V'kayam b'ma'amaro.*

# Temple Shalom RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



is for children in  
Pre-K through 12th grade.

## Registration for the 2008–2009 School Year has begun!

If you did not yet receive  
your form in the mail,  
please call the  
School Office.

**301-587-2273**

And don't forget that we are in the office all summer processing your fall registration forms and preparing for the new school year, 5769 — 2008–2009. Please get your registration forms in so you receive the class of your choice. Class assignments will be mailed the third week in August but you can call us at any time to check on your children's classes. I look forward to seeing you all on our opening day, Sunday, September 14, 2008. Have a warm and wonderful summer.

Lisa Pressman  
Director of Education



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Thank You

to our wonderful faculty and staff for another great year of learning!

- NOAH ALLEN, AVRUM ASHERY, ZVI BELLIN, NICK BURKA, ANNE FEINBERG, RABBI MICHAEL FESHBACH, JOSH FIXLER, JEANNETTE GORDON, TRACY GUREVICH, JOYCE KAMMERMAN, VALERIYA KOLDAYEVA, DEBBIE KOPP, ROBIN KRAGEN, SCOTT KRAVETZ, CAROL BOYD LEON, REBEKAH LEVY, TEANNA MAINZER, ANDREA MARK, BARBARA MILLER, REBECCA MYERS, PAULA OLIVER, TALIA ORENCEL, RACHEL ROBINSON, LISA ROZMAN, RABBI GERRY SEROTTA, HOLLY SHERE, RABBI DAN SIKOWITZ, RUTH STUART, MICHAEL TWITTY

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Temple Shalom Family,

As my term comes to a close, I want to express to all of you that it has been an honor and a privilege serving as the President of Temple Shalom.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees for all of their hard work and support during the last two years. Your devotion shows in the countless hours you commit to the day to day operations and long-term planning for the future of Temple Shalom.

Thank you, also, to our committee chairs and volunteers, without whom the wonderful programs we have come to expect would not take place.

I have been guided and assisted by our clergy, executive director, and director of education. A very special todah rabbah (thank you) to my Executive Vice-President Betsy Kingery, whose wisdom and encouragement helped me in ways too numerous to convey in just a few words. I know Temple Shalom will continue to thrive under Betsy's capable leadership.

Thank you to all the members of this congregation. My life has been enriched by the opportunities I have had to worship with you, to study with you, to share in your sadness and your celebrations. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this community.

May we all continue to go from "strength to strength."


L'Shalom,

Andrea Mark

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# June/July 2008

- 1**  
SUNDAY 12 NOON Israel@60 on the National Mall  
9 AM-NOON Confirmation Rehearsal
- 4**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class Rehearsal
- 5**  
THURSDAY 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
- 6**  
FRIDAY 6 PM Confirmation Shabbat Dinner  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service & Confirmation Graduation
- 7**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study
- 8**  
SUNDAY 10 AM Confirmation Service  
1 PM Confirmation Reception  
6 PM Picnic Dinner  
6:45 PM Tot Shavuot  
8 PM Shavuot Festival Evening Service  
9:30 PM Dairy Dessert Reception  
10 PM Tikkun Leil Shavuot
- 9**  
MONDAY 10:30 AM Shavuot Festival & Yizkor Service at Temple Emanuel  
Temple Shalom Office Closed
- 11**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service  
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
- 12**  
THURSDAY 7:30 PM Annual Congregational Meeting



Temple Shalom's  
**Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting!**  
Thursday  
June 12, 2008  
7:30 PM

- 13**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service
- 14**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah of Andrew Matus/Sam Loman
- 18**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan
- 20**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service
- 21**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah
- 22**  
SUNDAY 5-7 PM Renaissance Group Cocktail Party at Temple Shalom
- 25**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
- 26**  
THURSDAY Executive Committee Meeting

- 27**  
FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service
- 28**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service & B'not Mitzvah of Liana Gerech & Meg Lebow
- 4**  
FRIDAY Temple Shalom Office Closed  
5 PM Reception to meet Cantor Lisa Levine  
6 PM Special Early Erev Shabbat Service



**FIRST SERVICE**  
with  
**Cantor Lisa Levine**

**July 4, 2008**

- 5**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
- 6**  
SUNDAY Congregational trip to Israel departs
- 11**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Israeli Art Show & Sale May 17, 2008

photos  
Bob Knoll



**12**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

**18**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**19**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

**20**  
SUNDAY Congregational Trip to Israel Returns

**25**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**26**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August & September B'nai Mitzvah

August 30	Evan Zukerman
September 6	Shoshana Weinstein & Emma Kapstein O'Brien
September 13	Madison Wayne
September 20	Adam Lott & Jacob Ritz
September 27	Jaime & Alyssa Berez

## THE UNION PRAYER BOOK HERITAGE SERVICE JULY 11, 2008

On Friday, July 11, the *Union Prayer Book* (1940–1975) will be used for the Erev Shabbat Evening Service, led by Jack Lowe and Cantor Levine. If you are over 45, here is a chance to revisit the service you grew up with. Is this how you remember it? Please bring your own prayer book if you still have it. And if you have the 1895 or 1922 version, bring it so we can compare.

For all those under 45, or for those who didn't grow up in a Reform congregation, come enjoy this window into the past and understand whence we've come. See how this prayer book defines a service much differently from the *Gates of Prayer* (1975–2007) and from the service we now have with *Mishkan T'filah*, the new Reform prayer book.

This service will especially interest teens, who will be learning our history in Confirmation and Post-Confirmation classes. Come see the Reform Judaism of your grandparents (and bring them, too). It may seem like a different planet.

Be on time at 8 PM to get seats — this service always “sells out.”

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adult Education	Barbara Saragovitz Steve Hirschfeld
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B'nai Mitzvah	Marney Jacobs
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Music	Debra Udey
Nominating	Marilyn Ripin
Outreach Committee	TBD
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Renaissance Committee	Francine Simons
Sisterhood	Andrea Karp Susan Stamm
Special Funds	Harvey Berger
Tikkun Olam	Larry Katzman
Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth Committee	Seth Maiman



# Board of Trustees Meeting

May 6, 2008

## A Summary

Marilyn Ripin gave the Nominating Committee report. Nominated for a one-year term to fill a vacant seat is Stephanie Weldon. Nominated for three-year terms are: Jordin Cohen, Allison Druin, Marc Feinberg, Susan Medick, and Richard Udell. Nominated for officers are: Betsy Kingery, President; Myles Levin, Executive Vice President; Mark Ross, Treasurer; Scott Schreiber, Vice President of Finance; Linda Gurevich, Vice President; Alan Lewis, Financial Secretary; and Margo Gottesman, Secretary. Marilyn thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

Alan Lewis gave the Financial Secretary's report. Thus far this fiscal year, we've gained 30 new members and lost 21 members. Thirty-eight members have requested dues adjustments downward. Five members have adjusted their dues upward. Based on recommendations from the Finance and Executive committees, an average five percent dues increase has been proposed as part of the FY09 budget.

Scott Schreiber and Mark Ross presented the proposed FY09 budget. Scott noted that despite a projected deficit, the congregation is in a solid state financially because of its reserves and endowment fund. Many of the congregation's expenses are set because they are driven by salaries and house and grounds items. Susan Zemsky noted that many of the energy initiatives we made in previous years are now paying off in terms of savings. She is also looking into buying energy as a cooperative with two other synagogues, which may help us realize further savings. A motion to bring the proposed budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting was approved unanimously.

Julie Knoll updated the Board on the Israeli Art Fund Raiser. There are now 50 patrons signed up and fund raising is going well. She encouraged everyone to come and bring friends and neighbors to buy the art.

Andrea Mark discussed the congregation's wish to honor Rabbi Serotta and Cantor Tasat. They both requested that there be no event to honor them, and requested instead a donation to projects of their choosing. Cantor Tasat has requested that the congregation make a donation to the benefit concert he is doing for the Academy of Jewish Religion. Andrea noted that we have done so, and she will make an announcement about this at the Shir Shalom concert on May 8th. Rabbi Serotta has requested a donation to the Rabbis for Human Rights dinner honoring him next fall, and we will do so. Andrea will announce this at the Israeli Art Fund Raiser event. Andrea noted that Rabbi Serotta's last day will be on May 19th and Cantor Tasat's last day will be May 31st, after which they will be on vacation.

Andrea Mark thanked the outgoing members of the Board — Larry Akman, Maurice Axelrad, David Frager, Ken Kramer, and Ken Norkin — for their devoted service to Temple Shalom.

### From the Worship Committee Renewal and Recommitment

Dear Congregational Mishpacha (Family):

The Temple Shalom Worship Committee, following a hiatus in activity, is soon going to meet again to recommit to its work. Along with old and pending issues are new questions to be addressed. The immediate question that we would like to examine is the timing and content of Shabbat services, primarily Friday nights, but as seen as part of the whole Shabbat experience. Reform temples across the nation have been grappling with this issue, which we now need to study carefully.

Temple Shalom needs your assistance through your membership and input in the Worship Committee. We are looking for a broad base of people with various Jewish backgrounds and ages, and we really need your considered input on a variety of matters. If you have any interest and would like to know more, call me at home, 301 299 2244, or e-mail me at zugmere@msn.com; I would be glad to talk to you.

There are exciting times ahead, and I hope you will help to make them happen. Watch the Temple calendar for meeting dates.

L'Shalom,

Martin C. Shargel, Chair, Worship Committee

### From the Brotherhood

On behalf of the Temple Shalom Brotherhood I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and rewarding summer.

To the Gentlemen of Temple Shalom I would like you to spend a little time thinking about our Brotherhood. Many times, in recent articles, in updates from the *bima* each year, I appeal to the men of the congregation to join us for our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

Brotherhood needs you, not just your yearly dues. Yes, the dues help us to carry on the mission and programs of the Brotherhood. It is true that not everybody is able to give of their valuable time during the work week to come to the Temple for meetings.

I am sure that most of you would enjoy an evening of fun where you can enjoy a light dinner, relax and socialize with other members of the Brotherhood just prior to conducting our business meeting.

I won't go through all the events that we have each year as flyers are sent well in advance and our events are highlighted in the *Shofar*. I appeal to each male member of the congregation to come to our meetings each month and become an active member of our Brotherhood. We need your input into our planning and carrying out the mission of the Brotherhood. Come and make new friends. Come and talk to us. Tell us what you think Brotherhood could do to improve the quality of life for our Temple members. We need your input to continue to make our Temple Brotherhood the best it can be.

Shalom

Myles Levin, President, Temple Shalom Brotherhood



## CELEBRATION OF ISRAELI ART A GREAT SUCCESS!

From May 16 to 19 Temple Shalom hosted a celebration of Israeli Art in honor of Israel@60! The highlight of the event was an art sale featuring the works of dozens of Israeli artists from the Safrai Gallery in Jerusalem. The event was a huge success.

The event opened with a reception for the patrons. The “Master Artists,” “Curators,” and “Mavens” enjoyed a Gallery Talk about the various Israeli artists whose works were featured in the exhibit and “noshed” on Israeli food and wine while viewing the art.

At the Saturday evening Gala, over 100 people were treated to a wonderful concert by Shorashim, a musical group from Israel. Attendees enjoyed some fabulous Israeli musical favorites along with some new melodies, and even some jazz renditions of familiar prayers.

Temple members and their guests could be found strolling down the “gallery aisles,” selecting from hundreds of pieces of art, as they made the perfect choice of a painting or lithograph that would be just right for that empty wall space in their home or office. Over 20 people won raffle prizes that had been donated including some great theme baskets like “At the Beach,” “Family Game Night,” and “Baseball,” donated by Temple members and our religious school classes.

A very special thank you to Rabbi Serotta for his work with the Israel Committee and for coordinating this event. Thanks to Julie Knoll for suggesting the idea of a sale and exhibition of Israeli art, an idea that had been brewing since she wandered into the Safrai Gallery in Jerusalem a few years ago. Thanks to the Event Committee: Ruti Berner-Kadish (who worked

with the Embassy of Israel to arrange for Shorashim to join us), Joan Kalin (who arranged for the wine and food), Ken Norkin (for his help with publicity), Ruth Stuart (for securing all the raffle donations), Marc and Anne Feinberg (for handling the sales) and Marta Tanenhaus. Marilyn Goldfarb served as our volunteer coordinator and we owe Marilyn and all of our volunteers a huge *Todah Rabah* for all their help. Many thanks also to the students and families of our religious school for creating the raffle prize baskets. And a special thanks to our Executive Director Susan Zemsky and the office staff for their assistance. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of you who bought Israeli art and to those members whose generosity as Patrons made this event possible.

**Photos of the event in the Calendar!**

### From the Tikkun Olam Committee

## Recap of the Year

Temple Shalom has a long and distinguished track record in social justice, in its commitment to “*tikkun olam*: repair of the world.” This is in keeping both with ancient Jewish teachings and contemporary Reform Principles.

The Reform Principles passed by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the organization of Reform Rabbis in North America) in 1999 stated:

Partners with God in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, we are called to help bring nearer the messianic age. We seek dialogue and joint action with people of other faiths in the hope that together we can bring peace, freedom, and justice to our world. We are obligated to pursue *tzedek*, justice and righteousness, and to narrow the gap between the affluent and the poor, to act against discrimination and oppression, to pursue peace, to welcome the stranger, to protect the earth’s biodiversity and natural resources, and to redeem those in physical, economic, and spiritual bondage. In doing so, we reaffirm social action and social justice as a

central prophetic focus of traditional Reform Jewish belief and practice.

It is in this spirit that Temple Shalom’s Tikkun Olam Committee operates. Our annual Mitzvah Day, in which literally hundreds of members participate, continues the rich tradition of “*Gemilut Hasidim*, acts of loving kindness.” So do many other projects in our Temple community. The range of these projects is quite wide. They include a large and dedicated group serving meals and smiles at Shepherd’s Table (a social services agency in Silver Spring), committed families who prepare hot meals for others in need through So Others Might Eat (SOME), *tzedakah* collections by our Religious School students, and food baskets and other donations by our B’nai Mitzvah students to Mazon, a hunger action group.

This past year, our Committee has also worked to have a more direct impact on some of the causes of injustice and poverty in our midst. Over the year, we organized major events on the “core issues” which the committee had identified: affordable housing in Montgomery County, genocide in Darfur, tor-

ture, and Marriage Equality. Foremost, we adopted a model of a weekend of education and action: a speaker or sermon at Friday night Shabbat services, an educational component with the religious school students, and engaging speakers at an open-to-the-public Saturday evening or Sunday daytime event. The Marriage Equality weekend ended with a Lobby Day in Annapolis the following Monday.

The Committee has been guided by Rabbi Serotta. In the coming year, Rabbi

Feshbach is excited to work with us. In the next issue of the *Shofar*, we will look forward to some of our dreams and goals in the months to come. We invite anyone interested in learning more about the “hottest” committee at the Temple to contact the committee chair, Larry Katzman, at 301-565-0707 or Rabbi Feshbach, at 301-587-2273 or [rabbifeshbach@templeshalom.net](mailto:rabbifeshbach@templeshalom.net).

L’Shalom (In peace),  
Larry Katzman,  
Chair, Tikkun Olam Committee

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