



Temple Shalom

Saturday, April 1

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM

Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Kushner, 10 AM
Vayikra

Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

Friday, April 7

Family Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 8

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM

Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Gabe Mandel and Jacob Pleasure, 10 AM
Tzav

Leviticus 6:1– 8:36

Thursday, April 13

First day of Passover/Pesach

Community Festival Service, 10:30 AM
Pesach

Exodus 12:37–42; 13:3–10

Friday, April 14

Erev Shabbat Service with Shir Shalom Choir, 8 PM

Saturday, April 15

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM
Pesach

Exodus 33:12–34:26

Thursday, April 19

Pesach/Passover Last Day Festival Morning Service

and Yizkor at Temple Sinai, 7:30 AM

Friday, April 21

Erev Shabbat Services, 8 PM

Saturday, April 22

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM

Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Emily Rohmann, 10 AM
Shemini

Leviticus 9:1–11:47

Monday, April 24

Erev Yom Hashoah Service with 7th Grade participation, 7:30 PM

Friday, April 28

Kabbalat Shabbat Services, 6:15 PM

Erev Shabbat Services, 8 PM

Saturday, April 29

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM

Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Ben Kohm, 10 AM

Tazria/Meitzora

Leviticus 12:1–15:33

Shofar

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A World Wrapped Up in Words

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach



Years ago I saw an article (which I now cannot find, even with the assistance of "Google") by our family friend and current Atlantic Monthly editor Cullen Murphy, about endangered and disappearing languages. I remember my feeling of wonder and sadness at reading the article, with many examples of words or phrases or gestures that contained whole concepts, constructs of human thought and intellectual accomplishment soon to be gone forever. There are some words you just can't translate. (Think of the French word "voilà!" "Here it is" just doesn't do it justice; it loses the sense of slightly detached bemusement, of possible slight of hand. The undercurrent is simply missing.) Just last month, in our Introduction to Talmud, we encountered two Aramaic words which required 19 words in English to convey.

I return to the subject now, as a friend and colleague, Rabbi Paul Tuchman (of Congregation Or Chadash in Damascus) has lent me the book *Spoken Here: Travels Among Threatened Languages*, by Mark Abley. I have read only the Introduction. But I almost cried.

A language is not just still life in a dictionary. It grows, it evolves, it is a living thing. And it can die.

Languages die. It happens. It is part of history. No one can order a cab in Akkadian, IM in Hittite, or express frustration to a waiter in Indo-European (although the last of these evolved rather than died). So languages have been entering and leaving human history since we first learned to speak.

But when a language dies it is a loss to us all, for whole ways of looking at the world are gone forever. And now... now we stand on the threshold of perhaps the greatest linguistic extinction in history. Abley thinks this is a turning point in human life: of 6000 languages spoken in the world today, only 600 might still be here a century from now.

Think of the poignancy, and the pathos, of a tribal elder watching the world slip away. Think of what it means to be the last one on Earth to think, to dream,

to watch the world through the lens of your own native tongue. Whole concepts of mental organization, vast and deep insights into nature and human relationships, vanished. Over. Done.

Think of what it would take... to bring a dead language back.

Can it happen? Well. It has happened. Exactly once, in all of human history.

Of course, Hebrew never actually fully died. It remained around, as a language of thought, of poetry, of philosophy—and of prayer.

But no one spoke it. It was no one's native tongue.

I think of the miracle of the revival of Hebrew, of its transformation from its Biblical form to its current life as a spoken, modern language (and Biblical Hebrew relates to modern Hebrew in a way comparable, perhaps, to the way Latin relates to Italian). I think of Eliezer Ben Yehuda (whose great granddaughter's apartment I lived in when studying in Jerusalem) turning to his wife on the boat across the Mediterranean and saying: "this is the last time I will speak in Russian; from now on we will speak only Hebrew"—even though he had to practically single-handedly reinvent the language through the remainder of his life. And I think of how important—how very essential—the Hebrew language is to Jewish life and thought, to the Jewish past... and the Jewish future.

I am often astonished by the fact that we American Jews are the most literate, the most successful, the most professionally accomplished Jewish community in all of our history... and, let's face it, the most Jewishly illiterate as well.

It is not that I do not believe in using the vernacular (in our case, English) in services. I am a Reform Jew. I am fully committed to the balance between emotional connection and rational understanding in our liturgy and our worship experience. I believe in prayer in English (especially good English, preferably—for me—poetry); I absolutely believe that the discussion of the right balance between the two languages is a legitimate area of exploration—and debate. And I know that the balance that works will be different for different people. I view this question of finding the right balance as valid, ongoing, and always subject to experimentation and change.

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	9 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM NO Religious School 2 PM Celebrations 2:30 PM Choices & Options for Senior Living 6:30 PM NO Confirm Class, NO Chai School, NO Rel Sch	10 7:30 PM Women's Torah Study Group	11 4:30 PM NO Hebrew School	12 Erev Pesach 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service 4:30 & 6:45 PM NO Hebrew School 6:45 PM NO Confirm Class	13 OFFICE CLOSED Passover - First Day	14 6:45 PM Tot Pesach 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service with the Shir Shalom Choir	15 9 AM Shabbat Morning Monthly Meditation 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study
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	30 8:45 AM Rel Sch-Early- Kindergarten Family Ed 9 AM Talmud Study 9 AM Rel Sch Open House 10 AM Sukkot in April 11:15 AM Rel Sch - Late 6:30 PM Confirm Class Family Ed: "Driving like a Mensch" 6:30 PM Rel Sch - Evening						

Tell your friends about the Religious School Open House April 30

Visit Our Website For A Complete Calendar of Events www.templeshalom.net



Joint Reform Synagogues Festival Morning Services for Passover and Shavuot

Mark the dates now, and plan to come together with Temple Shalom, Temple Sinai and Temple Emanuel, (with participation from Congregation Or Chadash in Damascus) as we continue our recent tradition of combined Festival Morning Services!

The First Morning of Passover

Thursday, April 13, 2006

Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, MD

We begin with our annual

Clergy Cook Off:

Matza Brei—Have It Your Way

A wild and creative breakfast, served up by the clergy of our congregations, preparing classic and original Matza Brei (past years have seen Matza Brei Mexicana—with green salsa and cilantro, Matza Brei Italiana—with mozzarella, basil and sun-dried tomatoes, Matza Brei Flambee—flaming and delicious, and Savory Matza Brei, with secret sweet ingredient, and, of course, the classic kind your mother made, all from area clergy!) A great time is had by all who cook and all who consume these culinary creations.

Breakfast begins at 9 AM

We continue with a

Pesach Festival Morning Service

The celebratory and triumphant service for the first morning of Passover, featuring the Hallel Psalms and other traditional liturgy, in highly participatory mode.

Service begins at 10 AM

The Last Day of Passover

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road, NW, Washington D.C

Passover Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service

This service brings the celebration of Passover to a close, repeats the Hallel Psalms from the first day of Pesach, includes the reading of the final deliverance and the singing of the Song of the Sea, and concludes with the Yizkor Memorial Prayers for our loved ones.

Service begins at 10:30 AM

Kiddush Luncheon to follow the service

Shavuot Morning

Friday, June 2, 2006

Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD

Shavuot Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service

Shavuot celebrates the giving of Torah, and is observed through the reading of the Ten Commandments. Yizkor Memorial prayers are also recited at this service.

Service begins at 10 AM

Light Kiddush to follow the service



A World Wrapped Up in Words

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No, what saddens me, frankly, is the hostility to Hebrew I hear from time to time. And the anger about it. It is almost... dare I say this?... it is almost a demand for the sanctification of illiteracy. As if Judaism can be completely conveyed and totally lived... without any interaction at all with its original source.

Maybe it is part of a general American lack of comfort with other languages. (The British, when they ruled the world, were notoriously similar.) Or maybe it is a reflection that learning a language takes time. And everyone, these days, is simply too busy.

But I know that a language carries valence, and vision, and values. That there are whole worlds in the words we use. “*Tzedakah*” is *not* “charity”, however much we may want to say it is. The first is based on the root *tzedek*, which means “justice” or “righteousness,” and is therefore a response to need; the second—and equally valid but fundamentally *different* concept, comes from a Greek word which means “love”—the word “charisma” is related—and therefore is an act based on a feeling.

How do we find our own balance, between being ever welcoming of those who are new to Jewish life, and stepping into the voice which echoes back and forward in our own tradition? How do we balance the ever open door, and the sounds of the soul?

Pesach approaches. We will gather soon, for the taste of freedom, the comfort of family... and the sounds of the seder. The seder is a time to make sure that the door is open, that all are welcome, that everyone has a place. Our tradition instructs us that *this* ritual *must* be accessible, and explained, to one and all. It involves children. It uses all the senses. And it is supposed to be understood. I was once at a seder in Israel, and all of a sudden I realized that the parents were “explaining” a part of the seder that was *familiar to me...* to their children. What was going on? The part that was familiar to me was... in Aramaic, and I had not realized it. These Israeli parents were... *translating the Aramaic...* into Hebrew!

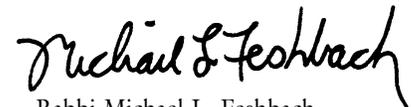
But with the commandment to understand what is going on at the seder, there is also an opportunity. To sing the ancient melodies (as well as add new ones—do you know the one about the Frogs in Pharaoh’s Bed?) To hear some of the ancient sounds. To try, for a moment, to stretch a little. To listen. To open ourselves up, to the words from long ago.

And if we just hear the sounds, and do not yet really get it all...

If we try to do just a little more then before, and then fall back on the familiar...

If we stay firmly planted in our American world, but take just a step, just a peek, just a look into a new level of Jewish life...

Doyyeinu. It will be enough. For now.



Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

The Israeli and Palestinian Elections: Is There a Future Peace Process and What Should be the Role of US Policy?



**Tuesday
April 25
2006
at
7:30 PM
at the
Temple**

For the last two decades, he served at the Department of State as an adviser to six Secretaries of State, where he helped formulate U.S. policy on the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli peace process, most recently as the Senior Adviser for Arab-Israeli Negotiations. He also served as the Deputy Special Middle East Coordinator for Arab-Israeli negotiations, Senior Member of the State Department’s Policy Planning Staff, in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research and in the Office of the Historian. He has received the Department’s Distinguished, Superior, and Meritorious Honor Awards.

Dr. Miller received his Ph.D. in American Diplomatic and Middle East History from the University of Michigan in 1977 and joined the State Department the following year. During 1982 and 1983, he was a Council on Foreign Relations fellow and a resident schol-

ar at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. In 1984 he served a temporary tour at the American Embassy in Amman, Jordan. Between 1998 and 2000, Mr. Miller served on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He has written three books on the Middle East and lectured widely at universities and Middle East symposia across the country. His articles have appeared in newspapers including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times and The International Herald Tribune.

Aaron David Miller is currently a Senior Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars where he is working on a book about the search for peace in the Middle East. He also served as President of Seeds of Peace from January 2003 to the Summer of 2005.

Dr. Aaron David Miller may be the best-informed person of the ins and outs of the Arab-Israeli conflict and US foreign policy.

Rabbi Samuel Volkman, led two local synagogues, 97

by Paula Amann

Reprinted from Washington Jewish Week Online Edition

Samuel Volkman guided two local fledgling congregations during a long career as rabbi that won respect from colleagues in the clergy and affection from his congregants.

Volkman, a Reform rabbi, died on Saturday at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in the Bronx, N.Y. He was 97 and is thought to have died from pneumonia, after suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome.

Rabbi Joshua Haberman, a former senior rabbi at Washington Hebrew Congregation in the District, remembers Volkman as "a man whose outstanding quality was his personal kindness, his interest in people, his modesty, a man who carried himself with an inner dignity and honored his vocation."

"Such a special man!" recalled Hinda Mirsky of Charlottesville, a founding member of Congregation Ner Shalom in Woodbridge, where Volkman served for many years. "He was kind and he was wonderful with people who were hurting."

Mirsky recalls the long hours Volkman spent with her at the hospital when her husband was suffering from a stroke.

Born in Hungary, he came to the United States as an infant, a descendent of a long line of rabbis, including his father, Aaron, who for a time served B'nai Israel Congregation, now of Rockville.

Ordained at Hebrew Union College in

1934, the younger Volkman was a student rabbi at WHC before heading his own congregations in Chicago, Scranton, Pa., and Charleston, W. Va. During World War II, he served as a naval chaplain at a base in Bainbridge, Md.

During his time in Charleston, he fought for civil rights along with other area clergy and became close friends with Kivie Kaplan, a Jewish NAACP backer. Volkman himself helped lead efforts to desegregate movie theaters, hotels and restaurants in the state of West Virginia.

"I remember that we got threatening phone calls that the house would be bombed and the FBI was monitoring our phone," said daughter Suzanne Volkman Skloot of New York City, who recalls as a teenager in Charleston going to a neighbor's house for safety after school.

Her father's activism led to his appointment to the Civil Rights Commission under President John F. Kennedy, she noted.

Locally, Volkman's posts included Ner Shalom, from 1974 to 1988, and then Congregation Or Chadash in Damascus for some five years.

"I come from a family of as many rabbis as Rabbi Volkman's family and I considered him my rabbi," said former Ner Shalom congregant Marvin Tendler. "On a pastoral level, he was magnificent. He was very caring."

Connie Inukai, an Or Chadash congregant, recalls Volkman's role in the bar mitzvah ceremony of her two sons and the bat mitzvah of her daughter.

"The way he talked to them was inspiring, to encourage them to lead good lives," said Inukai. "My kids loved him."

Volkman followed his career as a synagogue rabbi with stints at Washington Hospital Center and the U.S. Soldiers Home in the District before retiring late in life six years ago.

Rabbi Richard Sternberger, former regional director for what is now the Union for Reform Judaism, an office Volkman headed at one time, remembered Volkman.

"He was a wonderful pastor," said Sternberger. "He served two new congregations ... and really helped them grow and develop."

Sternberger also called his colleague, a voracious reader of theology and philosophy, "one of the most brilliant minds I have ever known."

"His wealth of knowledge was unbelievable," Sternberger noted. "He was someone who should have been teaching at a college or university; his mind was so fine."

The funeral was held Tuesday February 21 at the Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapel in Rockville, with Rabbi Jennifer Weiner of Ner Shalom officiating.

"He had high expectations of himself and others and out of that came his concern for civil rights," said daughter Nancy Volkman, who also noted her father's commitment to Jews persecuted by the Nazis and to the nascent state of Israel.

He and his late wife, Sally Blaufeld Volkman, loved the arts, from opera and paintings.

"Their friends used to say they ought to pay rent at the Kennedy Center and the National Gallery," because they spent so much time there, said his daughter, Nancy of New York City, a clinical psychologist.

Her father, she said, wrote poetry and plays and, as a young man, played the violin.

"They were thrilled to be in Washington because of the rich cultural life and the rich Jewish life here," said Suzanne Skloot, now a cantor-in-training at the Academy of Jewish Religion.

His wife preceded him in death by two years. Also surviving is a grandson, a first-year student in Jerusalem at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Creative Seder Initiative

CSI:DC is a program designed to provide an opportunity for Washington Jews to easily celebrate Passover in their own home.

The kit will include a seder plate, a haggadah, recipes, activities and songs, a box of matzah as well as a coupon for grape juice.

Dates: April 2nd, and April 9th

Volunteers able to work 2 or more hours distributing seder kits at various grocery stores in the area please contact:

(888) 246-1818 or

email volunteer@shalomdc.org

There will be a mandatory training session

Temple Shalom Book Discussion

Sunday, May 21

Discussion of books to select for next year

Bagels and coffee.

No fee to participate.

All welcome.

For information, call
Heidi Coleman at 301-588-1173

Temple Shalom Renaissance Group

Join the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group for a visit to the U.S. National Arboretum. We have arranged for a forty-minute open-air tram tour that will highlight the Arboretum's renowned gardens, collections and natural areas. After the tour we will enjoy a box lunch at the Arboretum's shaded picnic area. The Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Avenue, NE, near the intersection with Bladensburg Road in Washington, DC. *

Thursday, April 27, 2006

11 AM

Please reserve by sending a check payable to Temple Shalom for \$15.00 (includes the charge for the tram ride and lunch) per person by April 10th to:

Pearl Axelrad

7114 Fairfax Road

Bethesda, MD 20814

301-654-4517

**We will provide driving directions. We will also arrange car pools or pick-ups for those who are interested.*

Renaissance Group News

Those of you who have participated in Renaissance Group activities this year know that we have had a most successful season, with events that included museum visits, a film viewing, and a dinner party. Our last few events have been planned and promise to be fun for all who join us.

On **April 27th** we will visit the National Arboretum. We have arranged for a guided tram ride, and a box lunch will be provided. The tour begins at 11 AM. Car pools will be arranged by request. To reserve, please send a check for \$15 per person (this includes the tram tour and lunch), payable to Temple Shalom, to Pearl Axelrad, 7114 Fairfax Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. For further information, call Pearl at 301-654-4517.

On **Thursday evening, May 18th**, we will be at Strathmore Hall for a pops concert by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Last, but certainly not least, we have plans for a cocktail buffet party on June 11th. The party will be at Leisure World in the party room at Overlook. Details regarding time and cost will be available shortly.

For further information about the Renaissance Group, contact me at francine311@comcast.net, 301-838-9530. Also, please let me know if you wish to be added to the Renaissance Group's email list. If you already have asked to be on this list but have changed your email address in the last six months, please forward your new address to me.

The Temple Shalom Renaissance Group is for Temple members over 50 who want to join other members in a variety of social activities.

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore:

The 1950's: Golden Age of Black & White

Join us at Strathmore Hall as the BSO travels back to America's golden era, where the Hit Parade includes music from unforgettable radio shows, TV themes, nostalgic game shows, commercials and the dawn of Rock and Roll.

Thursday, May 18 at 8 PM

To order your tickets, send a check, payable to Temple Shalom, for \$40 per ticket by March 28th to:

Judy Lewis

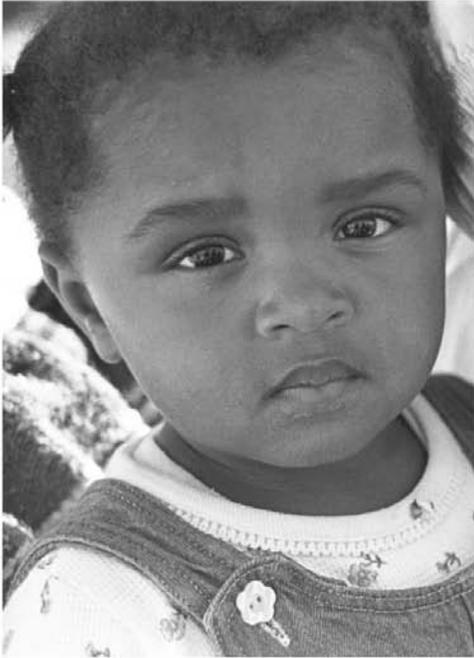
1829 Parkside Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20012

202-829-4664

Please note: For those who are interested and can get to the concert hall by 7, we have arranged for a member of the BSO to speak to our group.

Call Judy for more information.



MAZON'S 4 QUESTIONS:

What threatens over 38 million
Americans this Passover?

Hunger.

Does it have to be this way?

No.

What can we do about it?
**Come together and make
a difference.**

When can we start?

How about now?

PASSOVER 5766/2006

I'm ready to start now!

A check payable to MAZON is enclosed
 Please charge my credit card \$ _____
 Visa MC Discover AmEx

Credit Card Number _____

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Name of Congregation, City, State _____

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*A Spiritual Support Group
For Jewish Men and Women
Living With Illness*

An opportunity to draw on one another
and on Spiritual Resources from Jewish
Tradition (prayer, ancient, and modern
text, psalms and more) for strength,
guidance, hope and solace.

Dates: 4 Sessions
Facilitators: Carol Hausman, PhD

Beginning
April 26 7:30 PM
Philip Pohl, Rabbi

Place: Congregation Beth El

8215 Old Georgetown Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20814
*(more if possible,
less if necessary)*

Registration:

washheal@comcast.net
Dr. Carol Hausman
www.jewishhealingdc.org
202-966-7851

Pre-registration required

Dr. Hausman and Rabbi Pohl are coordinators of the Washington Jewish Healing Network, which publicizes and promotes programs, activities and resources from a Jewish perspective to those seeking spiritual, physical and emotional healing.

Join the Save Darfur Coalition Rally to **STOP GENOCIDE** April 30th, 2006 in Washington, DC

The Reform Jewish Movement is proud to announce its participation in the **Save Darfur: Rally to Stop Genocide on Sunday, April 30th** on the National Mall in Washington, DC. We will be joining with thousands of people from around the country, including prominent political figures, faith leaders, human rights activists, entertainers, and journalists to raise awareness about the genocide that continues to plague the people of Darfur, as well as to demand stronger action to bring about the end of these atrocities.

As you are aware, for the past three years, the Darfur region of Sudan has been plagued by a humanitarian crisis

that has left as many as 400,000 innocent civilians dead, while nearly 2 million additional Darfurians have been displaced from their homes. Furthermore, an additional 500 people continue to lose their lives each day due to disease, malnutrition, and continued attacks at the hands of the Janjaweed, the government-backed militia responsible for the violence. Now is the time for moral voices to speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves.

The Reform Jewish Movement is a co-sponsor of the Rally, and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism is coordinating the Movement's participation.

To learn more about the weekend of events, including the Rally, to register yourself or a group, to order t-shirts, or to find out how to get involved in your community, please visit www.rac.org/rallyfordarfur.

Purim Carnival 2006



COME VOLUNTEER FOR: "SUKKOT IN APRIL" HOME REPAIR EVENT

WHAT: Sukkot in April is a volunteer-driven home repair program for lower income, elderly or disabled homeowners in metropolitan D.C. sponsored by Yachad in conjunction with the "D.C. Christmas in April" program. This will be Temple Shalom's 8th year participating in this worthy cause. Here's the Web information – <http://www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org>

WHY: The program is dedicated to improving the living conditions of elderly, disabled and lower income homeowners by helping them maintain their homes. The benefits to everyone are enormous. The homeowners reduce the threat of living in substandard conditions or the substantial cost of repairs that could cost them their homes. Volunteers get their hearts and hands into worthwhile repair projects.

WHEN: Sunday, April 30 8:30 AM until 5:30 PM Volunteers will be broken into groups to work and will be organized into shifts so it is possible to volunteer for only a morning or afternoon. Full day participation is welcome too!

ORGANIZING FOR THE EVENT BEGINS NOW!! We are looking for 20 to 30 volunteers, skilled or unskilled, who can offer some sweat equity on April 30, 2006. To participate, please complete the form at the bottom of the page and return it to Temple Shalom (Attention Henry Friedman, Tsedek Committee) or send an email containing the same information to friedlew@att.net.

For more information, please contact: **Henry Friedman, Temple Shalom Sukkot in April Team Captain, (301) 588-1813.**

Sukkot in April Sign-Up Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (h) _____ (w) _____ E-mail: _____

Date(s) you are available: April 30 ____

Shift you would prefer: morning ____; afternoon ____; either ____

Any specialized skills (e.g., plumbing; electric; carpentry; painting; dry-wall; etc.) (**none needed**):



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO EXPERIENCE
 TEMPLE SHALOM'S SPRING FUNDRAISER

Taste of the Temple

A SERIES OF DINNER PARTIES
 WITH GREAT FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS

GIVEN BY: MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

COST: \$30 PER PERSON

WHEN: SATURDAY EVENINGS MAY 13 & 20

R.S.V.P.: TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY MAY 6

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

- ◇ Volunteers agree to host a Saturday evening dinner party at their homes on either May 13 or May 20
- ◇ Hosts invite 8 to 10 congregants
- ◇ The meal is the hosts' donation
- ◇ Invitees bring checks for \$30 per person payable to Temple Shalom as their donation

Taste of the Temple Reservation/Participation Form

YES! Taste of the Temple sounds like an easy and enjoyable way to spend an evening with Temple friends and raise money for the Temple!

I/We want to attend a dinner and need the Temple to match us with a host.
 May 13 May 20 No preference

I/We have have accepted an invitation from _____

I/We will be hosting a dinner and have room for _____ (number) assigned guests.

I/We will be hosting a dinner and have filled our table. Guest names enclosed.
 May 13 May 20

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP _____
 Phone: _____ Email _____

I will return this form to the Temple Office **by May 6** to confirm that I am hosting a dinner, to let you know who's coming, or to ask for help in matching us with guests or a host on the evening checked.



Holocaust Martyr's and Heroes Remembrance Day

on
Monday, April 24, 7:30 PM
at Temple Shalom

This year around the world the memory, the sanctity, the very occurrence of the Holocaust is under attack as it has not been for many years.

This year around the world, making fun of the Shoah is seen as an appropriate response to a perceived slight.

This year Jews are made into scapegoats once again, the easy target of distraction on someone else's agenda.

But the memory of our loved ones is in our hands.

We will not be goaded.

We will not be deterred.

We will remember.

And we will never forget.

**We come together this year on
Monday night, April 24, at 7:30 PM
for our Temple Shalom Annual Commemoration of
Yom HaShoah v'HaG'vurah,
Holocaust Martyr's and Heroes Remembrance Day.**

Temple Shalom's observance of Yom HaShoah includes the recitation of names of those of our members' loved ones who perished in the Shoah, as well as the lighting of our congregation's special Holocaust Menorah.



Temple Shalom

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SHOFAR DEADLINE for the May Issue is April 10

Submission should be on a computer disk, preferably in a Microsoft Word (.doc) format or a text (.txt). Please use no left or right justification, no hard returns, underlines, etc. Also please attach a separate hard copy of instructions as to where you wish centering, bolding etc. to appear. Email submissions will be gladly accepted, send to:

execdir@templeshalom.net.

A HARD COPY MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH ALL SUBMISSIONS.

Parents and Students:

In observance of Passover,
Temple Shalom School will be
closed from April 9th–19th

Classes will resume on April 23rd.

**Sunday School will be
closed Sundays, April 9th & 16th**

**Hebrew School will be
closed
Tuesdays, April 11th & 18th
Wednesdays, April 12th & 19th**

**Have a happy Passover
and a
wonderful break.**

