



Temple Shalom

Friday, May 5
Erev Shabbat Family
Services, 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 6
Shabbat Morning Worship
and Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Service:
B'not Mitzvah of Jordan
Solomon & Leah Ragen,
10 AM

Ahare/Kedoshim
Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

Friday, May 12
Erev Shabbat Service with
Shir Shalom Choir, 8 PM

Saturday, May 13
Shabbat Morning Worship
and Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Service:
Bat Mitzvah of Naomi
Cohen, 10 AM
Family Shabbat Morning
Service—Led by 4th
Grade, 9:30 AM
Primary Age Shabbat
Service – Led by 3rd
Grade, 10:45 AM

Emor
Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Friday, May 19
Tot Shabbat Services,
6:45 PM
Erev Shabbat Services, 8 PM

Saturday, May 20
Shabbat Morning Worship
and Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Service:
Bat Mitzvah of Lily
Berman, 10 AM

Behar/Bechukotai
Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Friday, May 26
Kabbalat Shabbat Services,
6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Service and
10th Grade Graduation, 8 PM

Saturday, May 27
Shabbat Morning Worship
and Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Service:
Bat Mitzvah of Mira
Forsythe, 10 AM

BeMidbar
Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

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Temple Shalom

The Temple Shalom Confirmation Class of 5766-2006

Cordially Invites You
to Attend its Confirmation Service

On Sunday the 1st of Sivan, five thousand seven hundred and sixty-six

May 28th, two thousand and six

At Ten O'Clock in the Morning

**8401 GRUBB ROAD
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND**

THE TEMPLE SHALOM CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 5766-2006

ALEX BERNSTEIN	JANNA KLINE
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RYAN WALDMAN

May

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
8 am Parents Cafe 8:45 AM Rel Sch-Early/4th Gr Family Ed 9 AM Talmud Study 5th Gr Partnership Prog 10 AM Mother's Day Brotherhood Brunch 10:45 AM Youth Chorus 11:15 AM Rel Sch-Late/4th Gr Family Ed 2:30 PM Celebrations 6:30 PM Rel Sch-Evening	4:30 PM Hebrew School 6:45 PM Introduction to Conversational Hebrew 7:30 PM Israel 101: Israeli Music, Culture and Literature	7 AM Wed Morning Minyan Service 4:30 PM Heb Sch-Early 6:30 PM Brotherhood Mtg 6:45 PM Confirmation Class-Final Exam 6:45 PM Heb Sch-Late	12:15 PM Lunch With the Prophets 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice	7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service	10 am Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM Shabbat Service & B'not Mitzvah of Jordan Solomon & Leah Ragen	
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	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Book Discussion 10 AM Last Day of Rel Sch 12 PM End of Sch Yr Picnic 1 PM B'nai Mitzvah Reh 6:30 PM Last day of Chai School	5 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal	7:00 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service 5:30 PM Mitzvah Corps Meeting	12:15 PM Lunch With the Prophets 7:15 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice	6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7 PM Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service with 10th Gr Graduation	10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study 10 AM Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Mira Forsythe	
	29	30	31			
10 AM Confirmation Service	Memorial Day Office Closed		7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service			

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Street Smart

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach



A story, that just happens to be true. My previous synagogue was located on a busy street, much like East-West Highway. Unlike here, however, where

the entrance and exits to the parking lot are onto side streets, and you can, in theory, come and go using either street, there, the entrance was from the busy street, and the exit was onto a tiny side street, with a bridge over a small creek to the left of the exit, and a curvy, tree-lined lane to the right. There was a stop sign at the exit from the parking lot.

Came the day when the county, in its wisdom, decided to make improvements on the bridge. I hadn't noticed anything wrong with the bridge, but as I'm not an engineer, I didn't object. During the rather lengthy project, the bridge was, obviously, quite closed. No traffic came or went from the direction to the left of the exit.

So the issue that came up, the question I ask you to consider for a moment, the great existential quandary facing all those leaving that parking lot when the bridge was closed is this: There is no traffic possible from the left. And the exit from the synagogue was only used as an exit, so, essentially, there is now no traffic coming in the other direction either. Do you still... stop at the stop sign?

This is a question I ask, and a story I tell, every year at our Sixth Grade Brunch. It gets at, I think, important questions about values and rules, tradition and behavior. It opens us up to asking questions, of making changes... and to the possibility of loyalty to a code of behavior even in a case where we can't quite rationalize all the reasons to do so.

I even ask the Sixth Graders and their families what they think I did.

For a while, I must confess, I blew on by. I didn't stop. Part of it was the thrill of doing something that seemed utterly safe even though it went against convention and, alright, well, law. I was perfectly prepared to argue, in a court if it ever came to it, that the stop sign was superfluous, was not needed, served no current purpose. I was proud of my ability to reason my way through other

people's rules, to act as an independent moral agent, to do, in the plain and simple truth of the matter, whatever I wanted to do.

But then one day there was a sound from the back seat. It was my then toddler Benjamin, who noticed enough to say "Amen" whenever we went by the synagogue. And I began obeying the stop sign again.

The reasons not to do so were plain enough. So, now, though, were the reasons to stop. So I'll stop here for a moment, and ask you to pause... Why should we still stop at the sign? And what does that have to teach us about Jewish tradition?

The first answer that changed my behavior back into compliance was the issue of being a role model. I never fully understood our tradition's injunction to make a *siyag l'Torah*, to place a "fence around the Torah" before this. It is one of the reasons given why chicken is considered meat*: someone may walk by your house, look in the window, see you eating dark meat chicken with a glass of milk and *think* it was red meat! *Has v'chalilah!* God forbid they should think such a thing! Better to be safe, and make sure we don't even approach such a dangerous situation! Frankly such reasoning moved me very little. And in fact, following a minority opinion in the Talmud, I, personally, actually do combine poultry and dairy. Although... not at home. Because... well, never mind.

But someone looking at me from the outside... or from the back seat... and learning the wrong lesson, coming to the wrong conclusion about stop signs! *That* suddenly made sense to me. We stop at the stop sign so as not to teach the wrong lesson. To make a fence around the Torah.

And more, perhaps, from this point. We stop at this particular stop sign... because stopping at stop signs is what we are supposed to do.

Which leads to another reason. Habit. We are thinking people. But there are also times we operate, as it were, on automatic. Do we really want to be giving this much conscious thought to every sign we encounter? Or do we want to use some "macros" of the mind, general patterns of behavior. Don't stop here... and you might... not stop somewhere else.

And besides. Someday that stop sign is going to have meaning again. Sometimes we do things not because of the past, and not

because of the present, but because of what will happen in the future.

And then there is this. Who wants to bother going to court to have to explain yourself, if you can avoid it in the first place? Stopping is a rule. It is even a law. Sometimes... we just have to follow the rules. For a culture, for a country, that really goes overboard on the message of freedom, on its emphasis on "do whatever you want," maybe the experience of following a rule that doesn't make sense... makes sense.

Maybe even we Reform Jews have forgotten the power of a phrase from the Torah: *na'aseh v'nishmah*. "We will do, and we will hear." We will obey. And *then* we'll understand! Maybe we've had too much of Missouri in our attitude towards Jewish tradition: show me! Prove your worth! Prove you have something to offer me! Prove you are worth my precious time! Maybe, instead, we should remember... that we have to prove our worth to our tradition, just as much as the other way around.

Loyalty. Rational thinking. Connection to the past. The promise of the future. Behavior modification. Acting because others are watching. Our obligation as role models. Not what you'd expect, to come out of a split second decision, or an encounter on the street.

There may come a day, when all that we have been taught about limits and law will be set aside. There may come a day when we will all learn to do as we should without being asked, to bring about the world God wants, to do the right thing always, to taste a Messianic age when there will be no speed limits at all.

Until that day, though, let us think of the meaning of even ordinary moments in our lives. And in almost every case, please: let's obey the posted signs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Feshbach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rabbi Michael Feshbach

* For those unfamiliar with the laws of Kosher cuisine, Jewish tradition prohibits the mixing of milk and meat based on the Biblical commandment "do not boil a kid in its mother's milk." But poultry lay eggs! They do not have milk. Why can't we combine chicken and cheese?

Join us for a special Erev Shabbat Service on Friday night, May 19

MIDDLE EAST EXPERT JON B. ALTERMAN

Director of the Middle East Program
of the Center for Strategic and International Studies,
TO SPEAK AT SERVICES ON MAY 19

and will share his thoughts on

"The Three I's of the Middle East: Iraq, Iran and Israel."



Dr. Alterman is a widely-recognized expert on the entire Middle East and North Africa. Prior to joining the CSIS, he served on the Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State and as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs.

He has served as a scholar at the U.S. Institute of Peace and at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. From 1993 to 1997 Dr. Alterman was an award-winning teacher at Harvard University, where he received his PhD in history. He also served as a legislative aide to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, responsible for foreign policy and defense issues. Alterman has lectured in more than 20 countries on subjects relating to the Middle East and U.S. policy toward the region.

He is the author of numerous books and articles, including *Egypt and American Foreign Assistance, 1952-1956*; *Arab Liberals Need Careful Nurturing*; *Arab-Israeli Peace Runs Aground*; *Egypt on the Brink*; and *Hamas: What Next?* In addition to his academic work, he is a frequent commentator in print, on radio and on television. His opinion pieces have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Asharq al-Awsat* and other major publications.

On May 19 Alterman will share his assessment with the congregation of the current situation throughout the region. He will speak during services.

The service on May 19 begins at 8 PM.

We invite you to share
A special day in our lives
When our daughter
Naomi Anna

is called to the Torah
As a Bat Mitzvah
13 May 2006/15 Iyar 5766
Shabbat Services begin at 10:00am
Temple Shalom
8401 Grubb Road
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Join us for Lunch
Following Services
In the Temple Shalom Social Hall

RSVP
Bev and
Jordin Cohen
301-578-8599



We hope to see
you there!

I look forward to my
Temple Shalom Family
joining me on

Friday

May 19, 2006

as I read Torah in celebration
of the anniversary of my
Bar Mitzvah.

Scott Kravetz

A Fundraiser Concert for Neot Kedumim at Temple Shalom

By Dr. Emily Devoto

I don't know about you, but every year right about this time I get a yearning to go to Israel. It's about the sunshine, the falafel and hummus, the ineffable warm feeling you get being surrounded by people with whom you share millennia of history, so many things. But the first image that always pops into my mind when I think of Israel is a memory from my first day there, in mid-February, when I took a walk around the perimeter of Kibbutz Regavim: it's an image of nature. Flowers blooming amongst the sand and chalky rocks, a tortoise lumbering across the dirt path, fennel and sage plants growing wild, just asking you to crush a leaf in your fingers and inhale its fragrance.

The second image that pops up is of music. Ga'aley Tzahal, the army radio station, playing in the kibbutz kitchen while we washed lettuce and plucked pinfeathers from chickens. Soldiers on their kibbutz rotation, practicing on guitars in all their free hours in order to get into music school in America. New songs, sure, but lots of old songs, the "Eretz Yisrael ha Yafa" (beautiful land of Israel) songs a friend described, which immediately resonated with me because the context was so right –

they evoked something that I could see right there, just outside the window of the dining hall, and echoed the ancient, biblical connection between Jews and nature in the land of Israel. Even if my Hebrew was not quite up to full understanding.

A recent concert at Temple Shalom brought these images together. Hazzan Ramón Tasat, in collaboration with the Shir Shalom choir, the local independent choir Zemer Chai, Hazzan Rachel Epstein, and several other musicians, performed a benefit concert for Neot Kedumim (<http://www.n-k.org.il/public/index.htm>), the Biblical Nature Preserve in Israel. Paula Tobenfeld, President of American Friends of Neot Kedumim, introduced the organization and the concert. Selections, all in Hebrew, ranged from new arrangements of well-known folk songs like "Erev Shel Shoshanim," "Zemer Lakh," and "Lekh la Midbar, to biblical texts, such as a setting of "Shir ha'Ma'a lot (Ps. 126) by the Jewish Italian baroque composer Salamone Rossi. At the "shuk" set up during Intermission, concert attendees could buy snacks, specially bottled water (a bar mitzvah Tikkun 'Olam project), and beauti-

ful books about the reserve, all to benefit the cause. After intermission, attendees got to see slides of Neot Kedumim, accompanied musically by an instrumental ensemble of flute, percussion, electric bass and guitar.

The total raised by this event for Neot Kedumim was over \$9,000, a great boost to this beautiful showcase of Israeli biblical and natural history. If you missed the concert, you can still support the reserve by sending a check to:

**American Friends of Neot Kedumim
PO Box 236
Howes Cave, NY 12092**

Please also join Shir Shalom at our spring concert for Yom Yerushalayim on May 18, and don't forget about the Shalsholet Festival for New Jewish Music on June 11.

(see below)



NEOT KEDUMIM The Biblical
Landscape Reserve in Israel

גאולת קדומים ליד יער בן שמן
שמורת הטבע והנוף הבקעת ישראל



Shalsholet Names Winning Artists for its Second International Festival of Jewish Liturgical Music

36 new works are chosen for the June 11th festival concert and workshops

Shalsholet will bring to light treasures of new Jewish liturgical music on Sunday, June 11th, when 36 new works by 28 composers will be presented in workshops and an evening concert. The day-long festival will take place at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase, Maryland, will provide an opportunity to hear traditional Jewish texts in fresh musical settings, and to learn from the composers who created them. Shalsholet's mission is to build bridges - both within the Jewish community and between that community and the rest of the world - by exposing a wider audience to Jewish religious music in creative ways.

This year's festival, building on the success of the first one held in November 2004, drew more than 300 submissions from composers across the U.S., as well as Argentina, Canada, and Israel. The winning composers

make up a diverse group geographically and musically. They represent many streams of Jewish affiliation and practice. Shalsholet encourages submissions from amateur as well as professional musicians. Selections are made through a blind process, without regard to training, age, affiliation or nationality. As a result, the winners include rabbis and cantors as well as teachers, students, and people who work in fields outside of Jewish life and outside of music.

The festival program includes four workshops organized around liturgical themes. 23 works have been chosen this year for workshop performances, which fosters lively discussion of the creative process and musical approaches to text. The audience participates in the conversation. Workshops are a vital component of Shalsholet's efforts to encourage new music and new creative connections.

The concert will begin at 7 pm and will feature 14 liturgical works.

Shalsholet: The Foundation for New Jewish Liturgical Music is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization established in 2003. Its website—www.shalsholet.org—contains more information about the festival; the organization's Board of Directors and Advisory Board, and its contributors.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased in advance (\$20 for the concert only, \$30 for workshops only, \$40 for the full day) or at the door.

Advance tickets can be purchased by sending a check, payable to Shalsholet, to: Shalsholet, PO Box 15836, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.

For a list of performers at the Festival please go to www.shalsholet.org

Renaissance Group News

We are pleased to announce that the Renaissance Group will host its last event for this year on June 11, from 5 to 7 PM. A gala cocktail buffet is planned and will be held at the party room at Overlook at 3100 North Leisure World Boulevard in Silver Spring. Please join us for lots of good food and drink. To reserve, send a check by May 31st for \$22 per person to Francine Simons, 311 Farragut Avenue, Rockville, MD 20851.

The Steering Committee met recently to plan events for the coming year. Our Annual Meeting and Ice-Cream/Dessert Social will be on Sunday evening, September 10 at the Temple. We have very tentative plans for a bus trip to the Jewish Chapel at the Naval Academy at Annapolis for early November. We will have more details in the next month or so. Other plans include a museum visit, a theatre party, and a dinner party at a local restaurant. A bus trip to Philadelphia for the annual flower show in early spring is a possible event, as well as a visit to Ellis Island. Please send us any suggestions you may have for Renaissance Group activities, and be sure to be at the Annual Meeting in September.

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.

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Temple Shalom Renaissance Group

Requests the Pleasure of Your Company At

A Cocktail Buffet

Join us for lots of good food and drink
Party Room at Overlook
3100 North Leisure World Boulevard
Silver Spring, MD

June 11, 2006

5 – 7 PM

Cocktails, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks
Hot and Cold Hors D'oeuvres

To reserve, send your check (payable to Temple Shalom) by May 31 for \$22 per person to:

Francine Simons*
311 Farragut Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851

For further information, call Francine at 301-838-9530 (Email: francine311@comcast.net)

**Do not send checks to the Temple*

When Do All Flavors and Streams of Judaism Study and Celebrate Together?

Again this Year in DC at the
Tikkun Leil Shavuot

An ALL NIGHTER* Study and Worship Experience: 8 PM until Dawn
Thurs.-Fri., June 1-2, 2006

Begin at Temple Shalom for our moving (literally) Shavuot Services 8 PM
Traditional Foods like Cheesecake and Blintzes 9:15 PM

Then we will join several other neighboring congregations for Study Sessions, Meditation, and Singing from 11pm until 4:30 am followed by morning services concluding around 6am. Look for more details by mid-May

Can't make it all night this year? Join Temple Shalom and other Reform Congregations for a 10 AM Festival Service, including Yizkor Memorial Prayers on Friday, at Temple Emanuel, 10101 Conn. Ave, Kensington

*According to the narrative in the Torah, the Jewish people assembled at Mt. Sinai 49 days after the liberation from Egyptian slavery. There they pulled an all-nighter, listening to the lightning and watching the thunder (you can look it up Exodus 19 and 20)! So nowadays we stay up late and study on the anniversary of that event during the night of Shavuot.

Temple Shalom wishes to express a deep mazal tov (congratulations) to the following graduates of our 11th-12th grade Post Confirmation Program:

ELIZABETH AGGER

ALEXANDER GOLD

ROSS BRONDFIELD

KATHERINE HOFFMAN

MICHAEL BUSHNELL

KAREN HORVITZ

JOSEPH COGGESHALL

LOUIS WEIL

Our Post Confirmation Graduation took place at Erev Shabbat services on Friday night, April 28. Post Confirmation is a voluntary, twice-a-month Sunday evening program in which participants, at the beginning of the school year, propose, discuss and choose the topics they wish to cover during the year. Topics during the past several years have included "Shakespeare and the Jews," "Jews and the Mafia," "Kabbalah, Mysticism and Spirituality," "Jews as a Minority," and "Krav Maga: the Israeli Martial Art of Self-Defense."

We send all the seniors in our congregation our very best wishes, and look forward to remaining a Jewish "anchor" and source of support as they move forward into college and careers and work in the months and years ahead.

Don't miss an opportunity which may bring you a chance to do the Most Holy Work You Have Ever Done

Mitzvot That Follow the End of Life: Commandments and Practices After We Die

We plan to form a Temple Shalom Chevra Kaddisha, a "Holy Society" which will perform some of the traditional rituals for taking care of the deceased and his or her family. Learn about these practices and how you can volunteer. Informational meeting for the curious and the committed. Contact Rabbi Serotta at the Temple for more information.

Attend Either*

Tuesday

May 16 7:30-9 PM

or*

Sunday

May 21 at 4:30-6 PM

**Please RSVP to Debbie Kopp at the Temple Office to determine whether there is interest for both dates*



Shir Shalom
Shir Shalom

שיר שלום
שיר שלום

in Concert: The Best of 5766

**Thursday, May 18, 2006
8 – 9 PM**

Selections from the Kennedy Center, Neot Kedumim & Shalshet concerts, Music to inspire our Shabbats, Sephardic, Yiddish and Hasidic melodies, American Jewish composers

Eugenia Shiuk, Flute
Kathy Hermann, Piano
Steve Bloom, Percussion

Hazzan Dr. Ramón Tasat, director

**If you have heard Shir Shalom at services,
You'll be delighted to hear them in concert!!**

*Admission is free but consider making a donation:
All proceeds will go to further the musical programs of Shir Shalom*

Temple Shalom
8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland
301-587-2273

MAC Regional Biennial Update

Staying Connected:

How We Make Community Matter

OCTOBER 20-22, 2006, GAITHERSBURG HILTON – GAITHERSBURG MD

Mark your calendar today! Plan on taking advantage of an incredible weekend of networking, study, worship and fun! One of the main purposes of a Regional Biennial is to expose our synagogue leaders to the best people and programs that the Union for Reform Judaism has to offer. This Biennial will feature a keynote address by Rabbi Eric Yoffie as well as presentations by: Rabbi Nancy Wiener, Scholar-in-residence from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Rabbi Victor Appell, Small Congregation Specialist; Judith Erger, Synagogue Management; Rabbi Kim Geringer, Worship, Music & Religious Living; Carole Goldberg, Maintenance of Union Membership (MUM); and Emily Grotta, Marketing & Communications. Those who attend MAC's Regional Biennial return home energized and ready to help strengthen their congregations. For more information, visit the MAC website: <http://urj.org/mac/macbiennial2006/>

JSSA Announces

Social Skills Summer Programs

Led by clinical social workers for small groups of children ages 7-10 who has difficulty making and keeping friends. Children learn more positive ways to express their needs, get along with peers, work cooperatively, carry on social conversation, deal with teasing, and boost their self-expression and self-esteem skills. They will enjoy arts and crafts projects, story telling, games, and role playing and cooperative team activities.

Two sessions:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings

July 11-August 3

9 AM.-NOON

11B Firstfield Road, Gaithersburg

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings

July 11-August 3

9 AM.-NOON

6123 Montrose Road, Rockville

Please call 301-816-2633 to register!

**YOUTH CHORUS
FREE
Community Concert
on June 4th
at George Mason University
Features Seven Jewish Choirs!**

The Fourth annual NoVaShir Choral Festival will feature the Temple Shalom Youth Chorus as well as select choirs from both Virginia and Maryland performing in a community concert of Jewish music on Sunday, June 4 at 4 p.m. in George Mason University's Harris Theater.

NoVaShir gives Jewish choirs – adult, teen and youth – the opportunity to individually present a few of the songs they love as well as to join together to create a spirit-filled multi-age combined choir nearly 150 members strong. For many people, the sight and sound of singers of all ages and from so many choirs in the Greater Washington area lifting their voices in song together is the highlight of the concert.

In addition to the Temple Shalom Youth Chorus, this year's performing groups include adult choirs from Congregation Adat Reyim (Burke, VA); Congregation Olam Tikvah (Fairfax, VA), and Temple Beth Ami (Rockville, MD); the family choir from Beth El Hebrew Congregation (Alexandria, VA); the HaZamir teen choir of Virginia and Maryland (Alexandria, VA and Olney, MD); and Kol NoVa Youth Choir (Fairfax, VA).

The concert will begin with the youth and teens singing Shir Shalom (by Steve Rucker and Marcelo Gindlin) and will conclude with singers of all ages joining together for Shir Chadash (by Julie Silver) and the festival's signature song, Shehecheyanu (by Carol Boyd Leon, arr. Adrian A. Durlenster), followed by Blessing (by Sam Glaser).

Everyone involved with NoVaShir volunteers his or her time to participate in this community event. Concert sponsors include Hillel of GMU, the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, Spectrum Printing and Graphics of Rockville, Chantilly Printing and Graphics and each of the participating choirs. Carol Boyd Leon, who directs our youth chorus, is the coordinator of the festival.

Tickets are not required. Admission is free; there is a \$5 per adult suggested contribution to help defray expenses.

Please come support our kids at a totally enjoyable event!

**Temple Shalom
Book Discussion
Sunday, May 21**

Discussion of books to select for next year
Bagels and coffee. FREE to participate.

All welcome.

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



**Temple Shalom's Brotherhood
Pre-Mother's Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 7, 10am -12pm in the Social Hall

The Guest Speaker will be

Dr. Myrna Goldenberg

Speaking on the Survival of Women in Concentration Camps during WWII.

**This past year Dr. Goldenberg has been the
"Ida B. King Distinguished Visiting Scholar" of the Holocaust Studies
at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.**

Dr. Goldenberg has been in woman's studies for many years. She has been on the graduate faculty at the Universities of Maryland and Virginia, and John's Hopkins. She was a professor of English at Montgomery College and has received numerous awards for her work in Women's Studies. Dr. Goldenberg has been an invited participant and has chaired sessions at International Holocaust seminars. She is the foremost world authority on how women survived the concentration camps in Germany during World War II.

**Women will be Our Guests of Honor for the Brunch
The Charge for Gentleman will be 5\$ each.**



**Please RSVP to:
Temple Shalom Office - 301-587-2273
Bernie Blumenthal - 301-585-1127
Miles Levin - 301- 588-6577**

*Please join us for the
Temple Shalom
Adult B'nai Mitzvah*

ARLENE GOTTSCHALK ^{as} AL HEMMERDINGER
BARBARA MILLER HELENE ROSS
are called to Torah

Saturday, June 3, 2006

7 Sivan 5766 10:00 AM

Kiddush luncheon follows services



SISTERHOOD NEWS

The renewed Sisterhood had an exciting first year with fun filled events almost every month. Starting with a Kugel and Coffee, we exchanged delicious recipes, renewed old friendships and made new ones. We worked with the Temple Gift Shop (thank you Alexandra Halpern) for a successful Chanukah Gift Mart, which was attended by adults and LOTS of kids!! January brought our Author Tea, with the book *Blood Relations* by Lisa Tillman. And what does every woman want for dinner on Sunday night—yes—we all went to a Chinese Restaurant in February. Over 40 Temple members enjoyed watching *Walk on Water* for the March wine and cheese movie night. There's also a group playing Mah-jongg on Sundays—some of us are old hands—many of us novices—but we're having fun learning the game and getting to know each other. We ended the year with over 80 women attending the beautiful Women's Seder, led by Johanna Potts and Sharon Steinberg.

We have lots more ideas for next year and hope ALL the women of Temple Shalom— young, old, married, single —join the Sisterhood. Have a nice summer and we'll see you in the fall!!

The Temple Shalom

Judaica Gift Shop

WHAT'S NEW.. WHAT'S COMING..WHAT'S UP

April and May

A warm thank you to all who participated in our Tallit Sale!

Congratulations to Stephanie Weldon, winner in our drawing for Miriam's Cup

Kindly donated to our Shop by artist, Gary Rosenthal

*SALE....SALE....SALE...

*The Judaica/Gift shop will offer a sale on selected items j
just in time for Mother's Day!*

The *Gary Rosenthal* Collection, Inc.



* JEWELRY * GIFT WARE * SHABBAT ITEMS * ITEMS BY ARTISTS
YAIR EMANUEL AND GARY ROSENTHAL are included in this sale...

CREATE A SPECIAL "CARING BASKET"

For Mother's Day or other Special Occasions! Come in to the Shop and select Lotions, Bath Salts, Herb Teas and more to make a Special Gift created by YOU and at a price YOU choose!

Your gift will be beautifully wrapped, ready for you to give.

TEACHERS AND OTHER SPECIAL END OF YEAR GIFTS

* Books for Leisure Reading * Fun Jewelry

* Book Marks by Gary Rosenthal * Gift Certificates

* Gift Ware



ANNOUNCING JEWELRY by
MICHAL GOLAN!

Now available in our Shop, beautiful jewelry by Israeli Artist, Michal Golan. Select from our collection, or choose from her recent catalogue of beautiful creations..

*ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN OUR SHOP... TALLIT...SHABBAT CANDLE-STICKS...SIMCHA GIFT ITEMS

FOR WEDDINGS AND BAR/BAT MITZVAH'S..SPECIAL ORDER
OPTIONS AND GIFT CERTIFICATES

SHOP HOURS (When School is in Session)

TUESDAY 4 PM - 6 PM, WEDNESDAY 4 PM - 8:30 PM

SUNDAY 10:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Additional times arranged by calling Alexandra Halpern

301-587-2273 ext. 114 or email dahalpern@aol.com.

TIKKUN OLam

For six years, Temple Shalom's "First Monday" team has gathered at Shepherd's Table on the first Monday of every month to serve dinner to homeless and low-income people. On April 3, Shepherd's Table, located in downtown Silver Spring, recognized the team's contribution by presenting it with a certificate of appreciation.

Temple volunteers "assist with dinner preparation, serve dinner, and help with clean up," Shepherd's Table volunteer coordinator Erin Czajowski said. With Shepherd's Table serving an average of 132 meals per evening last year, Czajowski calculated that Temple Shalom volunteers provided dinner to 1,500 people in 2005.

"You have made a big difference to the homeless and needy in our community," Czajowski said.

Working at Shepherd's Table gave team members something extra to think about over Passover, especially the part of the Seder when Jews everywhere are reminded not to "oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger... You shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Team members are mindful of the Judaic obligation to perform acts of "loving kindness," even though it's sometimes difficult to remember when you're scuttling back and forth to the kitchen with hot coffee, or delivering servings of string beans or cherry pie as the line snakes through the dining room.

Like to join us? Volunteering at Shepherd's Table can be a rewarding experience for you and your children age 13 and above. For more information, contact team coordinator Dan Freedman at 301-585-5351 or e-mail: dan@hearstdc.com.

ARZA WINS IN WZO ELECTIONS!

THANK YOU to all who registered and voted in the World Zionist Organization elections. Your vote made all the difference!

Leaders of the Reform Movement said after learning that ARZA carried 55 of the 145 delegate slots, or 38% of the American votes, "ARZA's victory in the elections for the World Zionist Congress sends a strong message that American Jews support a Jewish state that is committed to religious pluralism." Voters favored the Reform Movement over 11 other parties. Temple Shalom ARZA Chair Joan Kalin was elected as a Delegate to the

Congress, to be held this June in Jerusalem.

The win would not have been possible without the strong commitment of the Reform Movement, supported by the professional staff of the URJ, the clergy, lay leaders, ARZA chairs and professionals through phone calls, mailings, congregational and regional campaigns...all organized and overseen by Campaign Coordinator Scott Dubin.

President of the URJ, Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, stated "We take great pride in the success of the Reform Movement in the just

concluded WZO election. It demonstrates that our message – the love of Israel, devotion to Zionist ideals and commitment to policies of moderation and religious pluralism in the Jewish state – has become the dominant voice of American Zionism."

ARZA DID win, but the voter registration was quite low which signifies apathy towards Israel on the part of American Jews. This must change! Through your support and caring this can happen. Rabbi Stanley M. Davids, President of ARZA, stated "The true victor is none other than the Jewish people itself."

Take Action on Darfur



Rally to Stop Genocide Washington, DC Sunday, April 30, 2006

A humanitarian crisis is taking place in Darfur, Sudan. At the hands of government-backed militias as many as 400,000 have been killed, while an additional 500 people are killed each day, and nearly 2 million innocent civilians have been displaced from their homes in the Darfur region. The world has thus far remained shamefully silent in the face of these atrocities. It is now time for moral voices to be heard!

The Reform Jewish Movement will join with thousands of people from around the country for the **Save Darfur: Rally to Stop Genocide** in Washington, DC to raise awareness about the situation in Darfur and demand that stronger action be taken to end the genocide. The rally will take place on **Sunday, April 30 at 1:30pm** on the National Mall. The Reform Jewish Movement is a co-sponsor of the rally and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism will be coordinating the Movement's participation.

The rally will feature a broad spectrum of prominent political figures, faith leaders, human rights activists, entertainers, journalists and thousands of others who support a stronger multi-national force to protect the civilians of Darfur.

There will be a Havdalah Service, the night before the Rally, on Saturday, April 29 and lobby visits on Capitol Hill on Monday morning, May 1.

To learn more about the Rally, register, order t-shirts, or to find how to get involved in your community, visit:

www.rac.org/rallyfordarfur



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Garden of Remembrance
GAN ZIKARON MEMORIAL PARK



Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fourth Friday of the Month

May 26th 2006, 6 PM

Families of all ages but especially with kids pre-k through 6th grade: Please join us Friday night, April 28th, 2006 for an early family friendly service and a DAIRY/PARVE pot-luck dinner.

Welcome the Shabbat through song. Enjoy the "greatest hits" of Reform movement melodies in an informal service. Have Shabbat dinner and socialize with new and old friends. Your children will have a wonderful time with their friends, and you'll all be on your way home by bed-time.

6 PM: Snacks in the foyer

6:15 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat service

7 PM: Pot Luck Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner in the Chapel

(see details below)

With questions or comments, please contact

Ruti Kadish at ruti.kadish@starpower.net

301-891-3114

For May 26th, 2006:

Please bring for 8 people: last names beginning with

A-H: side dish/salad I-O: main dish R-Z: dessert & drinks

(Remember: it is a dairy/vegetarian dinner)

Please bring enough of your dish to feed 8.

(Our "regular" 8 PM Erev Shabbat service in the Sanctuary follows unchanged on all of these evenings; those attending the "late" service should easily be able to participate in the 7 PM Pot Luck dinner as well.)



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SHOFAR DEADLINE for the June Issue is NOW

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.

**Save the Date:
Mark Your Calendars!**

For

June 8, 2006

**Awards & Honors & Dinner
and**

Temple Shalom's Annual Congregational Meeting!

**Watch for a mid-May mailing
with more details...**

**coming to the homes of
all members of
Temple Shalom.**