

# Shofar

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January	5	Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	
	FRI	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM	
	6	<i>Parashat Vayechi</i> Genesis 47:28-50:26	
12	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 PM		
	FRI	Erev Shabbat Service with Shir Shalom Choir 8 PM	
	13	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM	
SAT	Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Noah Fritz 10 AM		
	<i>Parashat Shemot</i> Exodus 1:1-6:1		
	19	Tot Shabbat Service 6:45 PM	
FRI	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM		
	20	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM	
	SAT	<i>Parashat Va'era</i> Exodus 6:2-9:35	
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	FRI	Shabbat at Shul 10 AM	
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	FRI	3	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	Tu B'Shevat Reception to honor Rachel Robinson 5:30 PM	
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	17	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM	
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	FRI	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM	
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SAT	Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Rosenberg 10 AM		
	<i>Parashat Terumah</i> Exodus 25:1-27:19		

## “Kudos” for two in our Temple Shalom Family

from Rabbi Michael Feshbach

I wanted to take a moment to pay special tribute to two members of our Temple Shalom family, in the first case for an event which has taken place already, and in the second for one which is coming up.

This past month, our Associate Rabbi, Rabbi Gerald Serotta, in his capacity as Chair of the North American branch of Rabbis for Human Rights, recently helped organize and run a conference in New York City of wide scope and historic significance. (For more information on Rabbis for Human Rights, see <http://rhr.israel.net>; for coverage of the Conference see <http://www.washingtonjewishweek.com> and go back to its December 21 edition.) The first ever North American Rabbinic Conference on Judaism and Human Rights drew more than 200 rabbis, including our Rabbi Emeritus Bruce Kahn, served as mid-wife to the birth of two new organizations (Imams for Human Rights and Evangelicals for Human Rights), and was widely reported to have been of high impact and extraordinary quality. Please ask Rabbi Serotta about this experience whenever you can, and I look forward to hearing more from him about it.

The second item: mark you calendars for February 3! In an ironic revelation, it turns out that one of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutors and long-serving teachers, the ever audible and energetic Rachel Robinson, never, herself, observed the occasion for which she has prepared so many students. On Saturday afternoon/evening of February 3, at 6:30 PM, in a Mincha/Havdalah service, she will celebrate her own Bat Mitzvah. (“Mincha” is the afternoon service in Jewish liturgy; “Havdalah” is the service that marks the end of Shabbat and the transition into the “ordinary” week.) In tribute to Rachel we are also planning the celebration of this event as a way to update the classroom in which she has taught for so many years; please come together for this important occasion, and help to support our efforts to honor this extraordinary and dedicated teacher. (And here’s to you, Rachel Robinson!)

### Upcoming Sermons

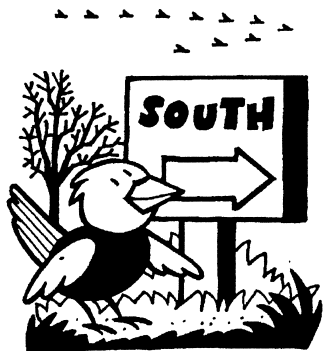
On January 12 Rabbi Feshbach will speak about “Jimmy Carter and the Betrayal of History,” commenting on the former president’s recent book about Israel, and sharing with the congregation what he has learned about the recent Phoenix Board of Rabbis attempt to meet with President Carter in search of common ground.

On January 19 Rabbi Feshbach will speak on “Having it Both Ways: A Reform Rabbi’s Perspective on the Recent Conservative Movement Rulings on Homosexuality, Gay Rabbis and Same-Sex Marriage.”

For background information about this recent controversial “split” decision, see, for example [www.nytimes.com/2006/12/07/us/07jews.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/07/us/07jews.html) or [www.forward.com/articles/conservative-panel-votes-to-permit-gay-rabbis..](http://www.forward.com/articles/conservative-panel-votes-to-permit-gay-rabbis..)

# Heading South?

As the weather gets colder, many of our Congregants head south for the winter. It is important that our office receives your winter address as soon as possible, as regulations are such that the US Post Office will NOT automatically forward the SHOFAR and other Temple Shalom mailings.



**Snow Birds**  
Make Sure We Have Your  
Winter Address!

A phone call (301-587-2273) or a note to the office now will help us help you stay in touch with your Temple Shalom family while you are away.



Our CamperQuest program\* offers subsidies from \$250 to \$750 for local youth, ages 8-11, to attend Jewish overnight camp for their first time! CamperQuest is designed to engage children and families in Jewish life. Priority will be given to public and secular private school students.

More information: (301) 348-7330 or [camperquest@shalomdc.org](mailto:camperquest@shalomdc.org)

Priority deadline for applications is **February 15, 2007**

\*Sponsored by the United Jewish Endowment Fund of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington



# RELAX @ The Parents Café

Join Us In 2007!  
*Join us inside the Temple office  
on Sunday mornings!*

Café hours: 8:45 AM-1:15 PM

Drink **FREE** Coffee or tea!  
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Consider hosting a future Café.



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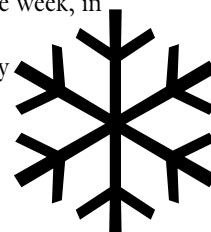
By Dan Spiro  
Sunday, February 11, 2007

6:30-8:30 PM

Sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood & Sisterhood

## Snow Policy Reminder

Religious School follows MCPS during the week, in the event of inclement weather. Thus if schools are closed, we are closed. If county schools close early, we are closed. On Sundays, please check the WTOP website after 7:30 AM for closing information.  
[www.wtop.com](http://www.wtop.com)





## From the Rabbi

# Ten Things We Don't Talk About Enough

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

December slips into January. First comes that assumed engine of American capitalism, the “gift list.” Then comes the reflection inherent in any new year, secular or religious: taking advantage of the distinction of time to look backwards and ahead, and with that perspective comes... the writing of resolutions.

Wishes or wants, material goods or the goodness in our lives, what we get or what we give, on late night television or in the everyday reality of our lives, it is the season for the writing of lists.

So many words. But so much that is left unsaid. I join in the tradition of writing at this time of year, with my own list: Ten Things We Don't Talk About Enough.

**1. The Cleaning Out of a Life.** Everyone will face this. But so few talk about it. It is the cleaning out of closets, the disposition of material, the packing into boxes, the giving away of clothes... after the loss of a loved one. Each piece of paper deserves a book of its own, each picture tells a story. And now where do the clothes go? Who will take these things? What do we keep, and what do we discard? How to move on, not only with our emotions—but with the things that trigger such deep feelings, all over again?

**2. Preparation for a Death.** Before we have to say our final farewell, there are discussions that too often do not take place... about the preparation for that time. We are afraid to talk, as if the words will bring on some unpleasant reality of their own, as if preparation is somehow causative. Too many do not have either (burial) plots or plans, and simply cede any decisions to loved ones in the heat of an emergency. But advanced planning does more than make things easier for those left behind; it is the mature and responsible thing to do on many levels. (A reminder, at this point, that our congregation has its own cemetery now, as part of Garden of Remembrance, and that the choice of a funeral home is an important choice. For more information on these topics, see the information on our cemetery, as well as my “Note on Funeral Homes and Funeral Practices,” both found in the Life Cycle section of our website, at [www.templeshalom.net](http://www.templeshalom.net))

**3. Bioethics.** And what happens to us, should the “God forbid” and “what if” occur? We may want to avoid talking about it, not only because it is unpleasant, but also because, frankly, it is all hypothetical. What I mean is: no one can imagine the exact situation one will face. Talk about things in general, but the details will be sure to differ. But still, other than times when particular cases burst forth onto the national scene, such as happened with Terry Schiavo, these things are not on our collective radar screen that much. One of my friends and colleagues, Rabbi Richard Address, the Chair of the Union for Reform Judaism Department of Family Concerns, expresses astonishment that more time and effort and energy and education do not go into an exploration of bioethics because, as I paraphrase: we'll all be there. We'll all go through it. Every family will face questions of hospital policy and life-support, quality of life and length of life.

**4. Dreams and Drive (Generativity versus Stagnation).** The ceaseless and unrelenting flow of the years beats into us—most of us—an awareness of our own mundacity—the ordinary nature of our lives. Yet there are fleeting moments—glimpses beneath the surface—of a glittering universe of possibility, and an ephemeral insight into the sanctification of the everyday. What has become, of all we ever wanted? Of who we thought we would be, and what we thought we would achieve? We stand on the razor sharp ridge, between accomplishment and ambition, impact and import, our ability to change the world over against how we make our way through it. Where do we stand, between the ideal and the real, between the “is” and the “ought?”

**5. Differences, and Passionate Extremes.** One person says she loved a movie. Another says he didn't. The third voice will likely add that it was middling to adequate. Many people seek the middle ground. Many are reassured by the “sensible center,” by visions of moderation, and view “fair” and “just” as somehow always necessarily a compromise. But what if one side is right, and another is wrong? Or what if our hard-won and long-sought celebration of diversity did not always sanctify sameness, and repeatedly rehearse that which we have in common? Yes, history has taught us to be cautious in the extreme (an oxymoron?), and that focusing on differences can lead to deadly consequences. But not everything in this world is parve (the kosher term meaning neither milk nor meat.) And harmony is best experienced through contrast, not through homogeny.

**6. Money, and the “cost” of living.** COLA is an important acronym in Washington. But what about the values behind the costs? Why do things cost what they do, and is that right? Is the market natural, or artificial? Are there things we prize dearly, but pay too little to get? Are there workers and professions which we say are important, but treat on the cheap? Or trinkets we pay a great deal for, which shouldn't really matter? The price of getting around goes up and down, but are the price to us and the cost to the planet really weighed in ways which make any sense at all? What would a living wage look like? What is poverty? And when all politicians are able to talk about is the “middle class,” does anyone really remember the poor?

**7. Shame.** A brush with the weekday morning television talk shows on a day when a child was home sick was a vivid reminder that people share everything in America today. And what concept has not yet been tried on fawning and fake “reality” TV? We can re-invent our own lives, shape our own stories, blog our ways into an indistinguishable blur of fantasy and fact. But maybe we have reached a tipping point, for now, or at least saturation. This is a country, after all, which almost saw OJ tell us all how he might have done it. But some last gasp of cultural decency and shock, some reservoir of decency prevailed. Or was it just that the publisher's decided that the negative PR would have an impact... on all their other books?

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## From Rabbi Feshbach

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**8. Modesty.** Once there were discussions and debates, about whether a woman showing an ankle was to be reprimanded or not. We live in a world in which anyone can see anyone do anything, with just the touch of a mouse. In which needlework on the human skin is considered a form of art. Not only are belly-buttons pierced and nose rings easily visible, but people do things to other parts of their bodies as well. It is a world in which people know...just what a stud in the tongue is for. What is modesty, in a world such as this? I asked our high school students what they would consider immodest. Some of our 11th and 12th graders concluded that chanting from the Torah wearing a thong bikini might not be appropriate. There was still a sense of something... out of place. But we had to go far afield, and it was an uncomfortable conversation. One more thing, perhaps, that we don't talk about enough.

**9. Intimacy.** We do talk quite a bit about sex and sexuality today. Don't get me wrong, by the way: I actually think that part of this is healthy, and that the vestige of the movie rating system is a reflection of bad values (to wit: I think that skin should be PG, and blood and violence should be R, not the other way around). We seem quite comfortable speaking with near-strangers... about anatomy and the mechanics of the act. We are, in this regard, like new parents who discover that a shared discussion of bodily functions is simply part of the new world into which we have suddenly stepped. But what about what sex is for: and not the how, but the why? We speak of the physical, but we stop there. We are filled, everywhere we turn, with media images of bed hop-

ping so ubiquitous it is impossible to avoid. But are there ever married couples who have sex (with each other!) in a movie or on TV? And why are they called "adult videos," anyway, and what, exactly, is "mature" about the audience, when it is all about the physical, and emotion is entirely absent? "The eye is filled with seeing," the Bible says. Visions we have aplenty. But it is vision without values, and we don't talk about that enough.

**10. God.** And, finally, what some see as the ground of value, the creator of the body, the source of life itself. Yes, yes, you can be a Jew and not believe in God—many Jews give voice to this view. But if I would ask: tell me about the God in which you do not believe, you might be surprised to discover... that I do not believe in that (kind of) God either. In a world in which we do not want to offend, in which we are quick to share certain things but afraid to speak about others, the fact that there are so many different ways in which Jewish thinkers—and others—have tried to approach God (or, well, the topic of God), that, too, is something we don't talk about enough.

Food for thought, I hope, for the turning of the (secular) year, and for all the seasons of our lives.



Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

## Camp Harlam: Up Close and In Person

Come Meet and See a Camp Presentation from—

**Michelle Cooper, Assistant Director of Camp Harlam**

At Temple Shalom on

**Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 10:45–11:15 AM**

*During the time in between morning religious school sessions*

For incoming or interested campers and families, or those who are just curious. For this summer, or for the future.



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The time will include a video presentation, interaction with Rabbi Feshbach and with potential campers, and parents will have a chance to ask Michelle questions both before (from 10:15 AM) and after (until 11:45 AM) the presentation.

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

*By special arrangement, all families who sign up to attend Camp Harlam as a result of this presentation will be allowed to enroll at last summer's price!*

**To RSVP with any questions, please contact the Religious School Office at [school@templeshalom.net](mailto:school@templeshalom.net), or call us at 301-587-CARE (2273).**



FROM RABBI SEROTTA

# Bringing the Meaning of Chanukah Forward into 2007

(Adapted from a Sermon Delivered on December 8, 2006)

Message from Rabbi Gerry Serotta, January, 2007

Chanukah—been there, done that? Many of us feel so challenged by the materialistic emphasis which sometimes overwhelms this holiday for us (as it does for some Christians on Christmas) we are happy to wait until next year. But this is a year when we might want to see if there aren't some very important elements of the festival that we could (and maybe should) use to illuminate the darkness in our world, just as the Chanukah lights illuminate the darkness during the longest nights of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

When we look at the origins of Chanukah we actually see more parallels with the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Martin Luther King Day than with Christmas. Of all holy days this one has grown and changed the most: Mai Chanukah? What is this festival? The Rabbis asked this question in the Talmud 400 years after the Maccabean revolt as if they wanted to reinvent its celebration and so they did in a way. They also chose for the prophetic reading during Chanukah's Shabbat, verses from the Prophet Zechariah which dealt with the temple ritual and reminded the listeners: "Lo Bechayil v'lo B'koach, ki im b'ruchi," the Jewish people are not redeemed neither by military force nor strength, but rather through the breathing spirit of God.

When did this holiday stop being about a military victory and start being more about spiritual power, in effect the "natural" power of the wind, breath and spirit. We know that it began as a story of the rebellion of a small group of provincial villagers. In the story they fought and defeated an idolatrous, imperial power, achieving freedom to worship as they thought most authentic, a victory still inspiring to the few who face the many.

Why did the Rabbis of the Talmud have it in for the Maccabees—why did they decide to keep this story out of the Tanach altogether. When they finally got around to describing it in one isolated reference in the Talmud, did they focus only on the "miracle" of the lights? This is a very interesting holiday and both elements of this story, the authentic struggle of the weak against the strong, the minority against the majority and the miracle of using a small amount of oil to last for a long time, have some very relevant messages to connect to our concerns in the 21st century in America.

The Rabbis' problem with glorifying the Maccabees and their Chanukah rebellion has to do not with the virtues of Judah Maccabee and the other sons of Mattathias, but rather with their descendants. Sometimes in the course of history, rebellion or other actions in the name of a good cause don't always lead to the change being sought. We are familiar with this story from our own colonial history. The puritan pilgrims escaped religious prejudice in England, but then turned around and discriminated against the "wrong" kind of Protestants and against Catholics—see the stories of Roger Williams and Lord Baltimore.

Like our own revolution, the Maccabean revolution was also a civil war. Just as there were American colonists who were loyalists to the British, there were factions among the Jews who were more loyal to the Syrian Greeks than they were to the cause of Jewish independence. And as it turned out the descendants of the Maccabees reverted to the worship of imperial power, to assimilating the values of Judaism to the values of the imperial power. The Rabbis who tried to deemphasize Chanukah were trying to teach us that Judaism was a counter culture, that it did not and does not celebrate militarism and imperial power, but rather celebrates spiritual strength.

However just as in every age a hero or sage has arisen to our aid (as the Chanukah song, *Mi Yemalel* reports,) so in every age there seem to be Jews who are contemporary "Hellenists," attempting to identify Jewish interests with this or that powerful force in their society. I was reminded of this last month by the controversy surrounding a popular Jewish writer and media personality on Fox News, Dennis Prager, who seems intent on identifying Jewish interests with some of the most bigoted, narrow minded and even un-American elements of our country.

Prager is "outraged" that newly elected Minnesota Congressman Keith Ellison, the first Muslim ever elected to congress (by the way, with the strong support of his local Jewish community), plans to take his oath of office on a Koran. He (Prager) said: "Forgive me, but America should not give a hoot what Keith Ellison's favorite book is. Insofar as a member of Congress taking an oath to serve America and uphold its values is concerned, America is interested in only one book: the Bible. If you are incapable of taking an oath on that book, don't serve in Congress. In your personal life, we will fight for your right to prefer any other book... But, Mr. Ellison: America, not you, decides on what book its public servants take their oath."

I can only assume that Dennis Prager is trying to ingratiate Jews with his listeners or followers. But this Hellenistic diatribe, attempting to exclude from American public life Muslims or anyone who doesn't wish to swear on a Bible—and whose Bible is he talking about?—is bigoted, outrageous, and ignorant of the American Constitution.

Our Constitution states clearly that there is to be no religious test for serving in public office (specifying Congress and state legislatures). As UCLA Constitutional Law Professor Eugene Volokh responded: "If Congress were indeed to take the view that if you are incapable of taking an oath on the Bible don't serve in Congress, it would be imposing an unconstitutional religious test... Letting Christians swear the oath of office, while allowing members of other denominations only to swear what ends up being a mockery of an oath—a religious ceremony appealing to a religious belief system that they do not share—this would be (religious) discrimination."

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Prager's "facts" are also wrong. There were presidents who did not take an oath on the Bible, and there are Jews who have taken the oath on the Torah, as reported by the Minnesota Monitor:

"In our country's history, four presidents have been inaugurated without swearing an oath on the Bible"...Despite Prager's insistence that "for all of American history, Jews elected to public office have taken their oath on the Bible, even though they do not believe in the New Testament", it is clear that he is wrong. Linda Lingle, Governor of Hawaii, took the oath of office on a Torah in 2001. Madeline Kunin, a Jewish immigrant Governor of Vermont rested her left hand on a stack of old prayer books that had belonged to her mother, grandparents, and great grandfather as a physical expression of the weight of Jewish history.

Joe Lieberman used a Chumash. And by the way there are many Jews, and, I believe, all Jehovah's Witnesses, who maintain that we are forbidden to swear oaths in this fashion and instead of swearing an oath they affirm their loyalty to the Constitution. This is specifically mentioned as an alternative in the Constitution itself, so that when any of you is next elected to office, remember that the Constitution says swear or affirm an oath.

There is another related piece of history of interest to us as Jews. When Lionel Rothschild was elected to the British Parliament in 1847, he became a hero to the Jewish community when he refused to take his seat because Parliament's rules require him to be sworn in "upon his faith as a Christian." His constituency reelected him year after year; finally after 11 years the oath was changed so that a Jew could sit in Parliament.

What we would want Keith Ellison to do—swear on a text he doesn't believe in?

Now that we have marked Chanukah at the end of 2006, maybe we can look ahead to preserving our freedoms, to echo the spiritual goal of freedom of religion and culture for minority faiths and cultures that was part of its origins. In that regard I commend to your attention a petition available from the Interfaith Alliance Foundation of which our Religious Action Center is a key participant. This petition, available on line ([www.firstfreedomfirst.org](http://www.firstfreedomfirst.org)) seeks to safeguard separation of church and state, as well as protect religious liberty and expression of individual conscience. Among other points it calls for a commitment to the following:

- Every American should have the right to make personal decisions—about family life, reproductive health, end-of-life care, and other matters of personal conscience
- Decisions about scientific and health policies should be based on the best available scientific data, not on religious doctrine

I also want to call your attention to the beginning of a campaign which seeks to link the miracle story of the flask of oil with what has been called a Green Menorah campaign—that is giving Chanukah new meaning as a festival of conserving oil and energy. We are desperately in need of a contemporary miracle to reverse the plague of global warming.

According to the legends which became the basis for Rabbinic revisionism concerning Chanukah, when the Temple's great Menorah was rededicated there was one day's supply of oil -- yet one day's oil met eight day's needs. Through their boldness, they conserved the source of sacred energy.

Perhaps we can emulate their boldness by attempting to make Hanukkah the festival of ending America's and the world's addiction to oil, by conserving energy and investing the funds necessary to shift as much as possible to renewable energy sources.

You can find information on "Beyond Oil—A Shalom Center Campaign" on that organization's website ([www.shalomctr.org](http://www.shalomctr.org)). If there are those of you interested in being involved in working on this issue within the Jewish community and in an interfaith coalition, please let me know. There will be a meeting on an as yet unscheduled Sunday afternoon in January, involving representatives of several synagogues and Jewish environmental organizations. We would love to have our Temple represented.

As we turn away from the darkest time of the year when we kindled the lights of Chanukah, let us be inspired by those villagers who resisted the power of an idolatrous empire and won, and by the rabbis who emphasized that our victory comes not through might, nor through power, but rather through God's breathing spirit, to bring the lessons of Chanukah into a world which really needs them!



Rabbi Gerry Serotta

### Temple Shalom Book Discussions 2007

**Sunday January 14**—[Two for the price of one] *The Assistant*, by Bernard Malamud—Malamud's second novel, considered by some to be his best, a classic tale about the hopes and dreams of a Jewish grocer in Brooklyn in the 1950s; and *My Father is a Book*, by Janna Malamud Smith—his daughter's memoir, which offers an intimate look at Malamud's life, drawing on his correspondence and early journals

In addition, on **Sunday, February 11**, from 6:30–8:30 PM, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood will host an Author's Tea with Temple member Dan Spiro at Temple Shalom about his first novel *The Creed Room*.

**Sunday March 11**—*The Attack*, by Yasmina Khadra—a story about a Bedouin Arab surgeon struggling to integrate himself into Israeli society, who learns that the terrorist responsible for a suicide bombing is identified by the Israeli police as his wife

**Sunday, May 6**—*Suite Francaise*, by Irene Nemirovski—the first two parts of what was envisioned as a series of five novels, which masterfully describes the German occupation of France, but was cut short when the author (an accomplished and recognized writer) was deported to Auschwitz, where she died at the age of 39

**Temple Shalom, 9-10:30 AM (during the early session of religious school). There is no fee to participate. All are welcome. Bagels and coffee will be served. For more information, contact Heidi Coleman, 301-588-1173**



## Happy Reading!!

For the entire season list please go to [www.templeshalom.net](http://www.templeshalom.net)

Join the Renaissance  
Group at

Theatre J (DC JCC)  
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## Sleeping Arrangements

By Laura Shayne  
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This new comedy, featuring  
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**Sunday**  
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**3 PM**

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Dinner after the show is being  
arranged at a nearby restaurant for those  
who are interested.  
Information, including cost and location,  
will be available shortly.

## RENAISSANCE

In November, a group of 40 Temple Shalom Renaissance Group participants visited the newly renovated National Portrait Gallery for an enjoyable and informative docent-led tour. The tour was preceded by brunch at Clyde's, just a short walk from the museum.

On December 10th, our group met at Ristorante Tragara in Bethesda for a wonderful dinner. The evening was festive, the food was delicious, and, as usual, we all enjoyed being with friends to celebrate the coming holiday season.

On February 18, 2007, the Renaissance Group will go to Theatre J at the Jewish Community Center in DC to see *Sleeping Arrangements*, a comedy by Laura Shayne Cunningham and featuring Halo Wines and Paul Morella. Further information regarding this event see the ad on this page. In March, we have arranged for tickets to a BSO Pops concert at Strathmore Hall, and in April we will visit the Jewish Chapel at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Please check your email, the Shofar, and temple flyer mailings for more information about these events. As a further reminder, please remember to send all checks and reservation requests for Renaissance Group events to the person listed as the contact. If you have a question about who to contact, call me (Francine) at 301-838-9530 or email at francine311@comcast.net.

Also, if you wish to be added to the Renaissance Group's email list let me know. 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 at francine311@comcast.net.

**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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# Renewed Efforts to Rebuild A Jewish Community in Poland

by Ethan S. Burger

A majority of American Jewry descend from immigrants from Eastern Europe. The overwhelming share of this group arrived in the United States between 1880 and 1914. For persons leaving for the U.S. and Canada during this period, it usually meant severing ties with the communities in which they were raised (although some who departed ultimately chose to return to their former homes). Additionally, some Jews who left Eastern Europe found new homes in Australia, Central and South America, Palestine, South Africa, and Western Europe, principally France). Letters took weeks, if not months, to arrive at their destination. When international telephone communication was finally developed, it was expensive and unreliable.

Moving to the New World was a major decision, made even more complex by family considerations—not all members were willing to start their lives anew in faraway places. This often led to the break-up of extended, and even nuclear, families.

## The Jews of Eastern Europe: A Brief History

Nearly a thousand years ago, Jews began moving from Germany and Bohemia to places such as Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. In the ensuing centuries, Jews remained outsiders who obtained certain special rights that generally gave them autonomy in exchange for the payment of special taxes. As a general rule, Jews were forbidden to own land and thus gravitated towards livelihoods in commerce (including money lending), trades, and the professions. Unlike their counterparts in Germany, Hungary, and Western Europe, they generally lived in isolation from their gentile neighbors and did not play an active role in local cultural or politics until the 1900s.

During the 14th century, Polish King Casimir the Great granted royal protection to Jews, in part to improve the development of commerce and to populate the country's cities and small towns. The Jewish community in Poland also grew as a result of its banishment from Lithuania, which was revoked early in the 16th Century. The population of Jews grew as they were joined from Sephardic Jews driven from Spain and Portugal as well as the free migration of Jews from Italy and Turkey.

By the 17th Century, Jews represented approximate 5% total population of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. In the end of the 18th Century, Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires acquired these lands. The Jewish population continued to grow. While most of the Jewish community remained observant, many were encouraged to convert to Catholicism—an act that typically freed them from restrictions on where they could live, the way in which they earned their livelihoods, whether they could own land or gain entry to larger society (including universities); at one time Jews who converted to Catholicism automatically qualified for the Polish nobility.

The Russian Empire required Jews to live within the “Pale of Settlement,” the western portion of the country (today's Belarus, Lithuania, Poland and western Ukraine.) Until the Russian Revolution, Jews required special permission to move to historically Russian territories of the country, including Moscow and St. Petersburg. The cities of Minsk, Vilnius and Warsaw were among the locales with the largest populations of Jews within the Pale.

After World War I and the Russo-Polish War, Poland achieved independence. At its height, Poland had approximately 6,000 synagogues and a vibrant Jewish life. A large portion of the Jewish population participated in Polish cultural and political life. Others maintained a more traditional existence in terms of culture and religion.

## The Holocaust and the Jews of Poland

At the time of the German invasion of Poland in 1939, more than 10% of the Polish population was Jewish. Poland fell within a month of the Nazi invasion. Similarly, the Nazis and their allies occupied Belarus and large portions of Western Ukraine with a month of their invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. The Germans killed over 75% of the Jewish population in these lands.

While many Catholic Poles collaborated with the Nazis, others hid friends and neighbors. Some Catholic Poles served as informers for the Nazis about the location and activities of Polish Jews for money or other gain, revenge, political collaboration, or out of fear of the consequences for not collaborating.

Unlike in Ukraine where some Ukrainians took an active role in the massive killing of Jews such as at Baba Yar outside of Kiev, equivalent events in Poland appear to be rare, with scattered exceptions such as the 1941 massacre of Jews in the eastern village of Jedwabne. (For more information see the Wikipedia entry at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jedwabne\\_pogrom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jedwabne_pogrom); see also an exchange of letters between Abraham Brumberg and Istvan Deal, “Neighbors,” *The New York Review of Book*, Volume 48, Number 18—November 15, 2001, available at [www.nybooks.com/articles/14800](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/14800).)

[While the role of the Vatican and many Catholic Poles remains controversial and problematic], individual priests and nuns often hid Jewish children. The late Jan Karski, who as a young man went on to become a professor at Georgetown University, risked his life smuggling information to England about the mass killing of Poland's Jews. In some cases, Polish partisans had Jews among its members and some Polish partisan groups cooperated with Jewish partisans; in other cases Catholic Poles refused to render assistance against their common foe and even sold weapons to Jewish partisans.

After the end of the war, those Jews who managed to survive the Shoah in Poland largely emigrated to Palestine or the United States. Those in Belarus, included those who managed to flee eastward into the Soviet Union, generally did not have the opportunity to emigrate at that time. After a series of post-war pogroms in Poland (e.g. in Kielce, see “Poland marks 60th anniversary of Kielce massacre, Europe's last pogrom in Jewish World, July 4-5, 2006,” available at <http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull&cid=1150885916665>) many Jews who had originally hoped to rebuild their lives in Poland decided to leave the country.

## Polish Jewry Today

Poland's Jewish population today is estimated to be not more than 25,000. Nonetheless, any number of this nature raises the question of “who is a Jew?” With mixed marriages, political exigencies and other factors, the percentage of Polish citizens with some Jewish heritage is a significantly higher, though uncertain, figure.

There remain palpable signs of anti-Semitism among some Poles, as well as resentment that many Jews do not appreciate that

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millions of Gays, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mennonites, Poles, Russians, and others represented a majority of those who perished in the Nazi death camps. According to Nazi ideology, Slavs were Untermenschen (i.e. subhumans) who were to be kept alive only when they were useful and until their lands were needed for the Aryan race.

(see A Teacher's Guide to the Holocaust, available at <http://fcit.usf.edu/Holocaust/people/victims.htm>)

The Nozyk Synagogue is the only synagogue from pre-Holocaust years that is fully utilized (though some others are used episodically). It has an Orthodox congregation. In 1999, Severyn Ashkenazy, his son Adrian and five Polish and expatriate American Jews established Beit Warszawa Jewish Cultural Association for Poles who identify themselves as Jews but did not want to be members of an Orthodox synagogue.

In 2003, Beit Warsawa became a member of the World Union for Progressive Judaism ([www.wupj.org](http://www.wupj.org)), the international arm of what we call in this country the Reform movement. It has approximately 300 members. It is the first "progressive" Jewish Temple in Warsaw since 1939. Newly-arrived American Rabbi Burt Schuman (who is a friend of Rabbi Feshbach) leads the Congregation. I attended Friday night services. Prior to the service Rabbi Schuman hosted a Tot Shabbat. After the service which was held in Hebrew, Polish and a smattering of English the Temple hosted a sit down Oneg Dinner to mark the Sabbath. Beit Warsawa is not an artifact. It is a new institution at which a wedding was performed and someone, probably 20 years more than Bar Mitzvah age, read from the Torah.

Though the congregation was small, it had warmth that was palpable. Its members are often seeking out information about their heritage that until recently was not available. Others feel their very participation in rebuilding a Jewish community is an act of historical defiance against one of mankind's greatest crimes.

The Jewish community's fate in Poland is a very controversial topic. Some abroad feel that it is not worth rebuilding the Jewish community in the country. (The same can be said of the growing Jewish community in Germany). Yet, with the conflict in the Middle East combined with changing attitudes towards immigration in the EU and the US, Poland may



become the destination for the next wave of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

Although Russian President Vladimir Putin tries to contain anti-Semitism in Russia (his Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov is nominally Jewish), the number of anti-Semitic acts are dramatically increasing in the country. Many persons of Jewish origin who previously had chosen not to emigrate are reconsidering their decisions.

Poland may be the destination for these persons. The Polish government is making efforts to reach out to the Jewish community throughout the world. While some of these actions may be cynically motivated in the hope of generating greater foreign investment, tourism or acceptance as a true member of the community of democracy, there is currently an exodus of younger Poles to the West. The Polish government may look to the east and see one mechanism for further adding to the country's population.

Many of the college age members of the congregation are English-speaking. It would be a real mitzvah if Temple Shalom members would be willing to host them for a week or two should they wish to visit D.C. While the price of airfare may not be prohibitively expensive, finding room and board in a country where one lacks friends or relatives is a challenge, and having a place to stay or a welcoming "home-base" may be the deciding factor in allowing someone to travel across the Atlantic to visit and learn about another branch of the

Jewish family. If any of you are able or willing to do this, please let me know, or contact Rabbi Feshbach at—  
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**Ethan Burger**  
will reflect on his experiences  
with the current Jewish community in Poland at  
Friday night services,  
**Feb. 16, 2007**

Join us and our Shir Shalom  
choir as well on Friday night,  
**Feb. 9**, when our Artist in  
Residence, **Agnieszka**  
**Najmalowska**, will illustrate and  
talk to us about the birth of the  
first Jewish choir in Modern  
Poland after the Shoa.

## Meet Our B'nei Mitzvah

### Noah Fritz

Noah Fritz is an 8th Grader at Pyle Middle School. His favorite subjects are History and English. In his free time, Noah enjoys Weight Lifting and listening to Industrial Metal.

### Hannah Rosenberg

February 24 the Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Rosenberg 10 AM.

On March 16, Temple Shalom will  
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Join us for a  
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This teen-led service  
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### MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Ben Elkind**, **Lizzie Horne**, and **Miriam Ragen**, all members of the **Confirmation Class of 5766**, who were chosen to participate in Operation Understanding DC for 2007.

Mazal Tov to **Brandon Feister**, son of **Marilyn** and **Alan Feister**, who was one of only 20 students selected in Montgomery County Public Schools to attend their Human Rights Camp. Brandon, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in November, also serves as a peer mediator at his middle school.

To **Myles** and **Louisa Levin** on the birth of their granddaughters **Mia Ann Gerstein** and **Leah Gabrielle Snitz** and to **Valerie** and **Mark Gerstein** on the birth of their daughter, and to **Ian** and **Wendy Snitz** on the birth of their daughter.

To **Earl** and **Francine Simons** on the birth of their 9th grandchild, a girl, **Holly Grace**, daughter of **Mark** and **Rosie Siegel**, and the baby sister of **Samantha**, **Sean** and **Jesse**.

To **Marta Tannenhaus** for her appointment as counsel at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in their litigation department.

### CONDOLENCES

To **Rochelle Gershenow** on the death of her mother, **Helen Edna Purrinson**, and to **Earl Gershenow** on the death of his mother in law.

To **Nancy Lewis** on the death of her father **Paul Lewis**, and to **Henry Friedman** on the death of his father in law, and to **Rachel** and **Philipa** on the death of their grandfather.

To **Jay Nadler**, on the death of his father **Paul Nadler**, and to **Anna Nadler** on the death of her father in law.

To **Michael Snyderman** on the death of his mother **Ita Akselrod**, and to **Fay Snyderman** on the death of her mother in law.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### Bereavement Support Groups

Holy Cross Hospital offers an eight-week support group for any individual who has recently experienced the death of a loved one. Separate groups are provided for those who have lost a spouse, a parent, a child, sibling or close friend.

All groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 PM, and are free of charge. Meetings are held in Silver Spring, a block and a half from Holy Cross Hospital, with ample parking available on site.

A new session begins **January 24, 2007**, and ends **March 14, 2007**.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

To register or to get more information and directions, please call **Franca Posner**, MSW, Bereavement Program Coordinator, 301-754-7742.

### BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS:

Famous Radio Personality  
**Fred Fiske**

Join us for brunch on—  
**Sunday**  
**February 11, 2007**  
**10 AM**

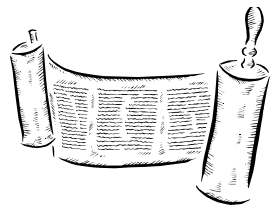
For over 60 years, Fred spoke on area radio stations as a “top rated” disc jockey, daily talk host, interviewer, (examples, Senators Taft and Joseph McCarthy). His life experiences are most interesting and entertaining.

Brotherhood Members \$3  
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Call for reservations:

Temple Shalom 301-587-2273  
Bernie Blumenthal 301-585-1127  
Myles Levin 301-588-6577

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## JANUARY 2007

Tuesday	2	Class resumes
Wednesday	3	Class resumes
Friday	5	5th Grade leads Family Service
Fri-Sat	<del>5-6</del>	<del>4th &amp; 5th Grade Shabbaton</del> — moved to <b>March 10-11</b>
Fri-Sat	12-13	6th Grade Shabbaton
	13	Primary Age Shabbat led by 2nd
	13	Shabbat Morning Family Service led by 6th
Sunday	14	MLK, Jr Program
Sunday	21	NO SCHOOL—Professional Day
Saturday	27	Havdalah led by 2nd Grade, Storyteller

## FEBRUARY 2007

Fri-Sun	2-4	9th Grade Retreat
Friday	2	6th Grade leads Family Service
Sunday	4	7th Grade trip to Holocaust Museum
	4	Chai School Mitzvah Day
	4	Tu b'Shevat Seders in 1,3,5, no evening classes
Saturday	10	Primary Age Shabbat led by K & 1
	10	Shabbat Morning Family Service led by 4th Grade
Sunday	11	2nd Grade trip to Hebrew Home/ Gemilut Chasadim Program
	11	6th Grade Program (at Temple Emanuel)
Sunday	18	NO SCHOOL—President's Weekend
Sunday	25	3rd Grade trip to Ratner Museum


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**MARCH 3, 2007**

Dancing, casino games, a silent auction, and light fare provided by many of the Washington area's top caterers—what could be better! Actually it does get better because this extraordinary event is also a fundraiser to benefit Temple Shalom.

So mark your calendars for Saturday evening, March 3rd. Want to help guarantee a successful evening? You can donate an item or service to the auction, and you can even join in the fun by volunteering to help out at the event. Check the Temple Shalom website to get a silent auction form at  [www.templeshalom.net](http://www.templeshalom.net).

For more information about The Party, please contact Linda Kushner at (301) 598-0292 or [linjo@comcast.net](mailto:linjo@comcast.net).

# January 2007

**1**  
MONDAY 8 AM Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

**2**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**3**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**4**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–Northern VA

**5**  
FRIDAY 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service led by the 5th Grade

**6**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study

**7**  
SUNDAY 7:30 AM Parents Café  
8:45 AM Religious School–Early Session  
9:30 AM Talmud Study  
11:45 AM Religious School–Late Session  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Religious School–Evening Session

**8**  
MONDAY 7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism Classes–MD/DC Classes  
7:30 PM Women’s Torah Study Group

**9**  
TUESDAY 12:30 PM Kadimah–Hadassah Meeting  
4:30 PM Hebrew School  
7 PM Parlor Meeting

**10**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**11**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting  
7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism Classes–Northern VA

**12**  
FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner  
7:30 PM 6th Grade Shabbaton Sleepover  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service w/Shir Shalom Choir

**13**  
SATURDAY 9 am Primary Age Shabbat Service led by the 2nd Grade  
10 AM Shabbat Morning Family Service  
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service: Bar Mitzvah of Noah Fritz  
11 AM Torah Study  
11 AM Youth Program Grades K–6  
12:30 PM 6th Grade Shabbaton Luncheon  
5:30 PM Havdalah 6th Grade

**14**  
SUNDAY 7:30 AM Parents Café  
8:30 AM MLK Program  
8:45 AM Religious School–Early Session  
9:30 AM Talmud Study

9:30 AM Book Discussions  
9:30 AM Brotherhood Hal Bruno Brunch “Today’s Politics 101”  
11:45 AM Religious School–Late Session  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Religious School–Evening Session

**15**  
MONDAY 8 AM Offices Closed

**16**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**17**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**18**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism Class–Northern VA

**19**  
FRIDAY 6:45 pm Tot Shabbat Service  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**20**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study

**21**  
SUNDAY 8:45 AM No Religious School–Professional Day  
9 AM Teacher Professional Development  
4 PM Rosh Hodesh: “It’s A Girl Thing” Meeting  
5 PM Renaissance Group–Dinner & Movie  
6:30 PM NO Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class

**22**  
MONDAY 7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–MD/DC Classes



**23**

TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**24**

WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session

6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

6:45 PM No Confirmation Class

**25**

THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets

7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

**26**

FRIDAY 6 PM Shabbat at Home no regular service

**27**

SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat at Shul

12 NOON Pot Luck Dairy Lunch

5:30 PM 2nd Grade Havdalah

**28**

SUNDAY 7:30 am Parents Café

8:45 AM Religious School–Early Session

9 AM Talmud Study

11:15 AM Religious School–Late Session

4 PM Rosh Hodesh: “It’s A Girl Thing” Meeting

6:30 PM No Confirmation Class

6:30 PM Religious School–Evening Session

**30**

TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**31**

WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session

6:45 PM Confirmation Class

6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

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*Every summer I teach and perform at the North American Jewish Choral Festival. At the 2005 Festival, a young woman Agnieszka Najmalowska came from Poland. Agnieszka made a tremendous impression, and when she expressed interest in returning to the United States I knew immediately that you would like to hear her story panim el panim, face to face, personally.*

*For the past several years I was privileged to bring to Temple Shalom some of the most important figures in contemporary Jewish music and culture. We have become accustomed to visiting artists that show us different ways to connect with the Creator of the universe, different parts of entrance to prayer. Believe me if I tell you that Agnieszka will captivate you with her message, with her music with the way she looks at life.*

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*In the past year, Agnieszka has been working closely with the Duo Levitan—a classical music ensemble from Israel. Violist Avri Levitan and pianist Dafna Levitan have recently completed successful concert tours of Germany and Japan. As a soloist, Avri Levitan has performed with some of the best musicians and orchestras throughout the world and he regularly gives master classes in Europe and the United States. These are two of the top rated young, classical musicians of our time. We are extraordinarily fortunate to be able to host Avri and Dafna Levitan, for their first duo concert in the United States. Their repertoire is extensive and encompasses classical and familiar pieces by such composers as Schubert, Schumann and Brahms, with music for the ‘Jewish soul’ by Bruch, Bloch and Kreisler.*

*From Poland, Agnieszka Najmalowska for an amazing Artist in Residence Shabbat.*

*From Israel, the Duo Levitan for a wonderful concert of Jewish and classical chamber music—here at the Temple Shalom. I hope that you will be able to join us on February 9 & 10, 2007.*

B'Shalom, Cantor Dr. Ramón Tasat



# February 2007

**1**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism Classes–Northern VA

**2**  
FRIDAY 5 PM 9th Grade Retreat  
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service led by the 6th Grade

**3**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service  
5:30 PM Tu B'Shevat Reception to honor Rachel Robinson  
6:30 PM Havdalah Bat Mitzvah service for Rachel Robinson  
8:30 PM Tribute dinner and reception to honor Rachel Robinson

**4**  
SUNDAY 7:30 AM Parents Café  
8:45 AM Religious School–Early Session  
9 AM Chai School Mitzvah  
9:30 AM Talmud Study  
10 AM 10th Grade Participation in Chai School Mitzvah  
10 AM 7th Grade trip to Holocaust Museum  
11:15 AM Religious School–Late Session  
6:30 PM No Religious School–Evening Session

**6**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**7**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**8**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

**9**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Shir Shalom Choir and Artist in Residence

**10**  
SATURDAY 9 AM Primary Age Shabbat Service led by the K and 1st Grades  
10 AM Shabbat Morning Family Service  
11 AM Torah Study  
11 AM Youth Program  
8 PM concert with Agnieszka Najmalowska

**11**  
SUNDAY 7:30 AM Parents Café  
8:30 AM 6th Grade Family Education  
8:45 AM Religious School–Early Session  
8:45 AM 2nd Grade Hebrew Home Trip/Gemilut Hasadim  
9:30 AM Talmud Study  
9:30 AM Brotherhood Brunch–Fred Fiske Speaker.  
11:15 AM Religious School–Late Session  
5:30 PM Israel Trip Information Session  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Religious School–Evening Session

**12**  
MONDAY 7:30 PM Women's Torah Study Group (Offsite)

**13**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**14**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**15**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

**16**  
FRIDAY 6:45 PM Tot Shabbat/ Tot Tu B'Shevat Service  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**17**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
10 AM Shabbat Morning Service

**18**  
SUNDAY 8:45 AM No Religious School–President's Weekend  
6:30 PM No Confirmation Class

**19**  
MONDAY 8 AM Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday

**20**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

**21**  
WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:45 PM Confirmation Classes  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**22**  
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets  
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting



23

FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

24

SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
10 AM Shabbat Morning Service–Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Rosenberg

25

SUNDAY 7:30 AM Parents Café  
8:45 AM 3rd Grade to the Ratner Museum–Early Session  
8:45 AM Religious School–Early Session  
9 AM Federation: Super Sunday  
9:30 AM Talmud Study  
11:15 AM 3rd Grade to Ratner Museum–Late Session  
11:15 AM Religious School–Late Session  
4 PM Rosh Hodesh: “It’s A Girl Thing” Meeting  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM Religious School–Evening Session

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TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

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WEDNESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School–Early Session  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
6:45 PM Hebrew School–Late Session

**Parlor Meeting Schedule  
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# ATTENTION TASTY Jr. & Sr.!!!!

*(That would be all 6th–12th graders)*

*It’s time for our*

## Third Annual TASTY Ski & Snowboard Trip to Ski Liberty!

When: Monday, January 22th

*(there is NO MCPS that day)*

Time: 8 AM drop-off at Temple Shalom

8 PM pick-up from Temple Shalom

Cost: Please read carefully, it gets a little confusing:

**Package #1  
LIFT TICKET ONLY  
\$66**

- Provides access to all open lifts and trails
- For skiers and boarders who have their own equipment and do NOT need a lesson

**Package #2  
Learn to Ski or Snowboard  
\$79**

- Lift Ticket valid on appropriate lifts & trails only
- Includes rental ski or snowboard equipment AND beginner lesson
- You may start out snowboarding and switch to skiing for an additional \$5 charge.

**Package #2  
All Mountain Package  
\$90**

- Lift ticket valid on all open lifts and trails
- Includes rental ski or snowboard equipment
- Includes a class lesson at the skier’s ability
- You may start out snowboarding and switch to skiing for an additional \$5 charge.

### ALSO included in the above:

- Motor coach transportation to and from Ski Liberty

### NOT included in above prices:

- Lunch and/or dinner
- Any other incidentals requiring spending money
- You may bring a bag lunch if you like. There is a food court available for food and drinks.

*Please bring ample spending money.*

### Other notes

Joyce will be accessible on her cell phone at all times at 301-523-2327 during the trip. She will also have a Ski Liberty pager in case of emergency on the slopes.

Parents and siblings over age 8 are welcome to join us at the same rates as above, space permitting.

**You MUST contact Joyce directly to register NO LATER THAN JANUARY 17th.**

If we do not have 25 people by then, we will have to cancel.

Please call Joyce at 301-593-1122 and leave a message OR E-mail her at [youthdirector@templeshalom.net](mailto:youthdirector@templeshalom.net).

You will receive the actual registration form after you RSVP to Joyce.

**Space is limited so please act soon!**

## Temple Shalom Chavurah Program

### What is a Chavurah?

Chavurah is a Hebrew word for a group of companions or friends. The concept and purpose of a Chavurah is to provide individuals, couples and/or families the opportunity to meet in small informal groups to form new friendships. There is no “one size fits all” but the common thread is to form a “smaller” family to observe holidays and festivals, socialize and share simchas, and participate together in synagogue life. There are several Chavurot within the Temple Shalom and members have universally stated that their Chavurah is an extended family that has enhanced their experience as a Temple member and helped develop a sense of belonging.

### How Large Is A Chavurah?

There are no hard and fast rules about the size. Each group could have as little as 4 families or as large as 10 families, with or without children. Alternatively, a Chavurah could consist of 10-20 individuals or couples. While there are no set criteria, generally a Chavurah works best when the members of the group are in similar stage of life or share common interests.

### What Types of Activities Does A Chavurah Do?

Each Chavurah decides as a group on the most convenient dates and times for their activities. As a rule of thumb, you should try to meet at least four times a year, but many Chavurah meet more often. The key is setting up a schedule, with responsibility of organizing the activity rotated among the members. Chavurah activities include observances of holidays and festivals, social activities like going to the movies or out to dinner, working together at Mitzvah Day or another community project, and sharing in simchas like Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. There is no “right or wrong”—as long as the activities are mutually agreed by all members.

### Who is Responsible for Maintaining the Chavurah?

A Chavurah is self-directed by the members—responsibility for activities rests with the members of the Chavurah. Each Chavurah membership decides upon its own unique style, activities, interests and size. It often helps to have one person who can be the “leader” of the

group. Temple Shalom has experienced Chavurah members that can help your group get started or give advice on choosing members, setting ground rules and selecting activities.

### How Can I Join A Chavurah?

There are a few ways to join or form a Chavurah. You might want to inquire with other families or individuals you know and see if they are interested. These people may also know some other people interested in joining. If you have children in Hebrew school, ask other families in your child’s class. You can also attend one of the Chavurah Workshops and talk to other Temple members about forming a Chavurah.

### Interested But Need More Information?

Contact Lynda Honberg at  
Rhonb1834@aol.com or 301-502-1795.

## Chavurah Corner

Temple Shalom would like to see more members form and join Chavurot.

Temple members have expressed an interest to form a Chavurah for the following groups:

- Retired empty nesters
- Families with children in 4th grade and younger
- Members with or without children interested in adult activities such as reading and discussing books

If you would like more information

contact Lynda Honberg at  
Rhonb1834@aol.com or  
301-502-1795.

*Special Night:*

## Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service 2nd Friday of the month

# January 12, 2007

## 6 PM

Families of all ages but especially with kids pre-K through 6th grade:  
Please join us Friday night, January 12th for an early family friendly service and a DAIRY/PARVE pot-luck dinner.

Welcome the Shabbat through song. Enjoy the “greatest hits” of the 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 lobby

6:15 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat service in the Sanctuary

7 PM: Pot Luck Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner (see details below)

With questions or comments, please contact

**Ruti Kadish at**  
ruti.kadish@starpower.net  
301-891-3114

For January 12, 2006,

Please bring: last names beginning with

A-J: main dish

K-Q dessert and drinks

R-Z: side dish/salad

for 12 people.

(Remember: it is a dairy/vegetarian dinner)

## The Foundation for Jewish Studies Downtown Lunch & Learn Study Group

The Foundation for Jewish Studies Downtown Lunch & Learn Study Group to study *"Poof! The Transformative Power of Biblical Interpretation"*, on February 1, 8, 15, 22 with Rabbi Michael Feshbach, Temple Shalom. This course is the Annual Anna Balen Gould Memorial Course and meets at the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I Street, NW, Washington, DC (Chinatown Metro stop on Red Line). Bring a brown-bag lunch 12:15-12:30 PM (own beverages) and study session from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Bring a Bible. \$30 Fee.

Reservations by check to **The Foundation for Jewish Studies**, 6101 Montrose Road, Suite 206, Rockville, MD 20852. For further information call 301-770-4787, or check our website: [www.foundationjewishstudies.org](http://www.foundationjewishstudies.org)

### JSSA's Himmelfarb University Program

#### A unique lifelong learning opportunity for senior adults

Himmelfarb Mobile University, a program of JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency), provides college-like classes to residents of nursing and retirement homes, and participants in senior activity programs. The University offers classes covering a variety of subjects including: economics, cultural anthropology, languages, performance art, art history, world history, sociology, music, political science, poetry, and foreign affairs. Volunteers from the community act as teachers and provide a unique learning opportunity to nearly 1,500 students annually.

With the help from area-sponsoring organizations, JSSA can offer the program free of charge for each participant.

The hour-long classes meet weekly at various locations throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC and last for two to twelve weeks. To help create a real college-like environment, participants are given class syllabus, maps, pictures, vocabulary sheets, slides and videotapes to keep them engaged and interested. The volunteer teachers also encourage the seniors to participate and to incorporate their experiences into class discussions. University students are not given tests or required reading assignments, allowing them to enjoy the fun of learning.

Created in 1989, under the sponsorship of the Paul and Annetta Himmelfarb Foundation, the program has brought learning opportunities to thousands of students at more than 100 sites. The Himmelfarb Mobile University strives to ease the isolation and improve the mental stimulation of residents of nursing and retirement homes, as well as participants in senior day programs and nutrition sites. Many of these seniors, because of physical limitations, cannot take advantage of learning opportunities in the community. The Himmelfarb Mobile University brings interesting learning opportunities to seniors where they live.

Activities directors at nursing homes, retirement residences, senior day programs and nutrition sites interested in this program can contact Rosa Weinstein at 301-816-2630 to discuss schedules, course offerings and other details.

### **Poof! The Transformative Power of Biblical Interpretation to Shape the Lives of Later Generations: An exploration of the origin of the Midrashic process from inner-Biblical textuality to the use of Scriptural texts by post-Biblical writers.**

In addition to its main focus on primary sources, this course will use the writings of Biblical scholars Nahum Sarna (z"l), Michael Fishbane, Marc Brettler, and Bernard Levinson. It will conclude with an analysis of the Passover haggadah as a core midrash, and, using the work of Lawrence Hoffman, will expose the (possible) "secret message" of the Seder. All terms will be fully explained; this course will attempt to be a comfortable environment for those with many different kinds of backgrounds.

Taught by Rabbi Michael Feshbach

**Thursday afternoons, February 1, February 8, February 15 & February 22,**  
12:15 PM (lunch), 12:30-1:30 PM (study)

at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I Street, NW, Washington DC; Cost: \$30

Offered through the Foundation for Jewish Studies Lunch and Learn Series.

**For more information, contact the Foundation for Jewish Studies, 301-770-4509.**

**To register contact the FJS at either [foundjs@aol.com](mailto:foundjs@aol.com), or**

**[www.foundationjewishstudies.org](http://www.foundationjewishstudies.org)**

# P U R I M

## Sunday, March 11, 2007

Megillah Reading and Service

Spiel 10 AM

Carnival 11 AM

Abby Resnick, a member of the Temple Shalom Confirmation Class of 5765, was featured in [www.kennedykrieger.com](http://www.kennedykrieger.com) magazine.



There's just something about the solar system that fascinates me. It started when I was about five years old. I couldn't get enough of books and computer programs about planets, moons, and stars. I was even interested in model rockets because, in life-size form, they created a path to the great Milky Way.

But learning hasn't always been easy for me. I have autism, a developmental disability that can affect normal brain function.

That's why I attended Kennedy Krieger. I think it has the best school in the country for people with autism. The highly structured environment was great. I made friends easily there and even participated in extracurricular activities, such as student government and yearbook.

My teachers and counselors at Kennedy encouraged me to pursue my interest in space and computers outside of the classroom.

In Spring 2005, I worked as an intern at the Space Telescope Science Institute at Johns Hopkins University. The institute oversees the science operations of the Hubble Space Telescope. While there, I helped with data entry, entering addresses,

and putting together a PowerPoint presentation on the stars and planets.

This past summer, I had a dream internship at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. For three weeks, I worked in the electromagnetic division and created a large Power Point presentation for its staff members. I even had a chance to combine my love of space with my interest in medicine by researching the incidence of brain tumors in people living near cell phone towers. I couldn't get enough! Even though I was only supposed to work 20 hours a week, I always wanted to work more.

I graduated from Kennedy Krieger in Spring 2006 with a concentration in information technology. Some days, I really miss school. But I am thankful to Kennedy Krieger for my accomplishments.

I learn something new every day, whether it's through my experiences working at NASA, reading news stories on CNN.com or watching DVD lectures on space. For example, did you know that if an asteroid hit Earth, it could cause our

planet to tilt on its axis and eventually cause another Ice Age?

Or did you know that surgeons recently completed the first surgery in a weightless environment? It involved removing a cyst—a simple surgery. But don't all major advances begin with simple, small steps? Forty years ago, astronauts first walked on the moon. Now, they're working on space stations and looking toward exploration of Mars.

I believe there's infinite potential for

There's infinite potential for greatness in space – just like there's infinite potential for greatness in me.

greatness in space—just like there's infinite potential for greatness in me.

- Abby Resnick, 20, is hoping that NASA will soon find a permanent job for her at Goddard Space Flight Center. Until then, she is happy to volunteer two days a week at the visitor center. As told by Allison Eatough.

Save the (Shabbat) Date  
**Friday Night and  
 Saturday**

**January 26-27, 2007**

Watch Flyers and Website for  
 Details or

call **Debbie Kopp at the Temple**  
**301-587-2273**

**Shabbat at Home**

**Our Fourth Annual  
 Friday Night**

**Dinner in homes**  
*with Friends (Old and New)*  
*Be a Host or a Guest!*

**Shabbat at Shul**

**Shabbat Morning  
 Community Worship Service  
 for the Whole Congregation**

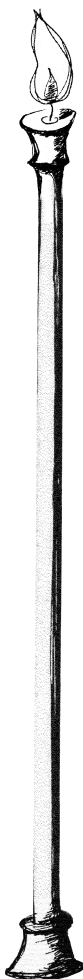
10 AM–NOON Informal Attire

Prayer and study in the mode of our  
 all year round Shabbat Worship and  
 Study Service. Also Family/Youth  
 Service and Childrens Program

Pot Luck Shabbat Lunch and  
 Singing following Services and Study

**Havdalah—  
 Not for Kids Only**

Special entertainment:  
 5 PM with Snacks



**Talmud Study for Beginners**

All Comers Welcome—

**No Experience Necessary**

**new  
 starting  
 time**

Meets Sunday 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM  
 (when Sunday School is in Session)

We continue our exploration of this fascinating but  
 complex text (from Tractate Sanhedrin) which deals  
 with how the Torah became a living system of jus-  
 tice and how the Rabbis created and developed  
 Judaism after the destruction of the Jerusalem  
 Temple. Issues in this text include capital punish-  
 ment and the relative merits of arbitration vs. strict  
 justice in a court, but the Talmud digresses  
 regularly into every important religious issue  
 including views of the nature of God.

*Taught by Rabbis Feshbach and Serotta*

**TEMPLE SHALOM**

**Institute for Life-Long Learning Presents**

**ADULT EDUCATION:**

**Wednesday Mornings at Leisure World**

January

**As the Torah Turns/Why Read the Bible?**

January 3: As it Happened: Biblical History

January 10: The Parting of the Ways: Judaism and Christianity

January 17: You Were There: The Bible As it Has Been Used I (Introduction to Midrash)

January 24: You Were There: The Bible as it Has Been Used II  
 (Introduction to Medieval Biblical Commentary)

January 31: Standing At Sinai: The Torah as a Source of Law and (or: Why I am A Spiritual Jew).

**Wednesdays, 10:30 AM–12 Noon**

**Taught by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Rabbi Gerry Serotta**

**For more information contact Bernie Kahn, 301-598-8222.**

**Open to Temple Shalom members  
 who are not residents of Leisure World  
 by special arrangement—**

**please call Debbie Kopp in Rabbi Feshbach's office at  
 301-587-2273**

**as soon as possible for more information**

**What is a Pushke, and why is it here?**

When you walk into the downstairs lobby, you may have noticed something new by the coffee pot. It is a small sign that says “what is a Pushke, and why is it here?”

The explanation of what a pushke is follows below. The why is it here is simple. We all hope that we are ever mindful of our blessings, and mindful of those who are less well off. This pushke has been used since the onset of the Wednesday Morning Minyan, and we of the minyan wish to extend to you the chance to participate in the mitzvah of giving.

The Yiddish word pushke is derived from the Polish word puszka and means “a little can or container... in which money to be donated to a charity is accumulated.” In the tradition of Judaism, giving to the poor is not viewed as a generous, magnanimous act; it is simply an act of justice and righteousness, the performance of a duty, giving the poor their due.

This pushke was started by the Wednesday Morning Minyan. Recent donations have gone to

- send our teens to leadership training
- support brain tumor research
- help Mogen David Adom, the Israel emergency service
- supplement the needs of the family mentored by Temple Shalom through the Interfaith Housing Coalition

Please help yourself to a cup of coffee, and follow tradition—put something in the Pushke.  
 (Coins, dollars, all are welcome.)

# ISRAEL:

I care!  
And I'm coming!



Let's go to Israel.  
**Together.**

Announcing the  
**Temple Shalom Summer 2008  
Family Trip to Israel**

**July 6–20, 2008  
(or July 13–27, 2008)**

### **Advance planning:**

A multigenerational Family experience?  
Grandparents bringing grandchildren?  
For any or many reasons...

### **Best preparation:**

\*Israel programs at the congregation  
help make this a more meaningful trip  
\*A Conversational Hebrew primer in the Spring of 2008

### **Caring and careful arrangements:**

- Our own chartered bus
- An outstanding guide
- A heritage to explore, a world to be discovered
- Ancient archeology, modern miracles
- Possible add-ons to Petra, Jordan.

**Because Israel needs us,  
and we, in ways we cannot always say  
need Israel.**

With questions  
or to express interest,  
Please contact  
Rabbi Michael Feshbach,  
301-587-2273,  
rabbifeshbach@  
templeshalom.net  
or Travel Agent  
Marilyn Goldfarb,  
301-593-8565  
margold@ix.netcom.com

**Informational Meeting about the  
July 2008 Trip to Israel:**

**Sunday, February 11**

**5–6:30 PM,**  
at Temple Shalom.

For more information, to express interest  
even if you cannot attend that day, or with  
any questions, please contact

Marilyn Goldfarb at 301-593-8565,  
or margold@ix.netcom.com, or

Rabbi Feshbach's assistant,  
Debbie Kopp, at 301-587-2273 or  
dkopp@templeshalom.net

# Contributions

## Sanctuary Fund

**Temple Shalom Wine Tasters:** To Sue Weissel Mark, With every wish for a quick and complete recovery.

**Barry and Ann Lubin:** To Sue Mark, With love and best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

## Shalom L'Olam Campaign

### Tanakh Donation

**Scott Kravetz:** To Dan Bloom, Thank you for helping to make the 7th grade weekend a special event for the students.

To Tracy Gurevich, Thank you for helping to make the 7th grade weekend a special event for the students.

To Eliza Jacobs, Thank you for helping to make the 7th grade weekend a special event for the students.

To Alex Jacobs, Thank you for helping to make the 7th grade weekend a special event for the students.

To Brad Lewis, Thank you for helping to make the 7th grade weekend a special event for the students.

### Laurence Boles and Joyce

**Kammerman:** In honor of the birth of Jonah Shailen Boles.

### Torat Shalom Fund

*to maintain our Torahs and cover the costs of Torah study at Temple Shalom*

### Tree of Life

### Youth Fund

## Join the Israel Mitzvah Corp: Feb. 17-March 2, 2007

*Want to help Israel recover from its recent war? You can help rebuild the country by joining the Israel Mitzvah Corps, which will include hands-on social action work repairing apartments and restoring hope. The trip will include touring to Petra.*

**For information, contact Rabbi Joel Soffin, Temple Shalom in Succasunna, NJ, who will be leading the trip, at [Soffin@tshalom.org](mailto:Soffin@tshalom.org).**

## Yahrzeits

**Alan and Ann Clive:** In memory of Florence Nathan Clive

**Barbara Barban and Family:** In memory of Stanley Barban

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**Calvin, Stuart, Lori, Josh and Shoshanna Weinstein:** In memory of Anita F. Weinstein

**Charlotte Wolpoff:** In memory of Arthur Rein

In memory of Rose Rein

In memory of Stanley Wolpoff

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**Doreen Sterling:** In memory of Rose Trepel

**Doris Littman:** In memory of Milton Grill

**Dorothy and Robert Rumizen:**

In memory of Morris Greber

**Earl, Yetta, Mike and Jeffrey**

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In memory of Eleanor H. Harmon

**Eileen and Wally Manheimer:** In memory of Rose Steinberg

In memory of Wallace P. Manheimer

**Elaine Jacoby:** In memory of Sidney B. Jacoby, husband

**Ellen Katron Lautman:** In memory of Ivan Katron

**Harvey, Fran, Michelle and Howard Berger, Kevin and Sam**

**Bach:** In memory of Lakie Kupfer

**Heloise Shyman:** In memory of Carl Shyman

**Herb & Barbara Jacobowitz, Robin & Aaron Small, Karen & Jon Gallo:** In memory of Esther Jacobowitz

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**Judy and Gerry Kaplan:** In memory of Ruth Loeb

**Jutta Levy:** In memory of Harold Levy, my much loved and missed husband

**Krauss Family:** In memory of Charles Krauss

**Lois and Allan Berger:** In memory of Samuel Blumfield

**Louis Lautman:** In memory of my beloved mother, Mary Lautman

**Lucille Newberger Malamut:** In memory of Jacob Newberger

**Marc and Anne Feinberg:** In memory of Sylvia Sulsky

**Mildred N. Selsky:** In memory of Joseph Selsky

**Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rousso:** In memory of Philip Silverlieb

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**Norma and Charlie Newpol:** In memory of Rita Schwartz

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**Pauline and Al Robinson:** In memory of our beloved mother, Sylvia Casper, on her first Yahrzeit

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**Ruth P. Weldon:** In memory of Harry Poritzky, father

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**Sara Weinstein:** In memory of Celia Katz

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In memory of Jennie Koch

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In memory of Lena Bauman

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**Stuart, Lori, Josh and Shoshanna Weinstein:** In memory of Anita F. Weinstein

**Sue and Jerry Mark & Family:** In memory of Bluma Lamm

In memory of Frances Mark

In memory of Roy Weissel

# Parlor Meetings

**Sunday  
January 7, 2007**

**9-10:15 AM**

**Temple Shalom  
Chapel**

**Tuesday  
January 9, 2007**

**7-9 PM**

**Home of:  
Jane Harkaway  
20904**

**Please choose to  
attend a meeting that  
works for your  
schedule or location.**

**RSVP to the  
Temple office at  
301-587-2273 or  
[info@templeshalom.net](mailto:info@templeshalom.net)  
and let us know which  
meeting you would like  
to attend.**

**Space is limited.**



**Temple Shalom**



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