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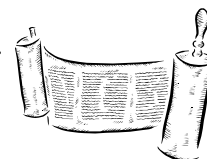
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MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

And the Lord had said to Avram, Get out from your country, and from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you; And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing; Genesis Chapter 12:1-2



The third Torah Portion in the first book of Torah, Bereisheit – Genesis, introduces us to Avram, the first Jew. And what is the first thing that God says to our neophyte forefather, Go, leave, the land that connects you to your family. Loosely translated: “Leave this land and I will show you a new place, a place where you will be blessed.” New beginnings can be one of the most difficult things we do especially when we are leaving a place we know well, a place of friendship and comfort. But God tells Avram that it will truly be a blessing for him and his family. He may not know it at the time of the move but he should have faith and trust that it will lead to a transition that will be formative in his life.

We will not be reading this portion until mid-October of this year but it speaks to me at a time of transition in my life both spiritually and physically. The physical move from being a Connecticut Yankee to a Marylander is mostly done as I write this. My husband Marty, myself and our two cats, Merlin and Tova are happily exploring our new digs; learning the map of our new place. My daughter Ashley is currently on an archeological dig in South Africa and returns to Arizona State for her senior year and my son, Kyle, is stationed on the USS Los Angeles out of Pearl Harbor. I look forward to their visiting our new home as well.

My spiritual journey is just beginning. God told Avram to go to a new place which will be filled with blessings. I feel blessed to be coming to Temple Shalom, the Temple of peace and welcome. I know that it will also be a time of transition and formative changes in my life as I meet new children and their families and work alongside the staff and lay leadership.

My journey with you is just beginning and I know it will be one of exciting new experiences as we connect and reconnect to our Jewish heritage, rituals and traditions. It will be a time of learning about your congregation as we vision together on our journey into the future. As Director of Education I hope to be your guide as together we traverse a rich path of Jewish learning and experiences. Please come in and say hello this summer as I begin my work with you all. My office is always open. I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Shalom,

Lisa Pressman

Director of Education

July	6	Erev Shabbat Family Service 7:30 PM
	FRI	
	7	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Pinchas</i> <i>Numbers 25:10-30:1</i>
	13	Annual Union Prayer Book Service 8 PM
	FRI	
	14	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Matot-Mas'ey</i> <i>Numbers 30:20-36:13</i>
	20	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
	FRI	
	21	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Devarim</i> <i>Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22</i>
	27	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 PM
	FRI	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
	28	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Va'etchanan</i> <i>Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11</i>
August	3	Camp Style Service 7:30 PM
	FRI	
	4	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Ekev</i> <i>Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25</i>
	10	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
	FRI	
	11	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Re'eh</i> <i>Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17</i>
	17	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
	FRI	
	18	Shabbat Morning Worship and Study 10 AM
	SAT	<i>Parashat Shofetim</i> <i>Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9</i>
	24	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 PM
	FRI	Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
	25	Bat Mitzvah of Julie Beynenson 10 AM
	SAT	Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
		<i>Parashat Ki Tetzé</i> <i>Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19</i>
	31	Erev Shabbat Service “Labor on the Bimah” 8 PM
	FRI	<i>Parashat Ki Tavo</i> <i>Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8</i>

SUMMER SERVICES

Summer Services at Temple Shalom

Over the summer our Friday evening services at Temple Shalom are less formal, and more experimental. Members of the congregation lead many of these services, sometimes with the support of clergy and sometimes "on their own." We meet downstairs, in the Chapel, and come together for an intimate oneg in the foyer and spilling outdoors when the weather permits. Please come by for these always popular experiences... and have a wonderful summer. (Our Shabbat Morning Worship and Study continues unchanged, every Saturday morning of the year at 10 AM, and our Wednesday morning minyan continues to meet every Wednesday of the year at 7 AM.)

Friday, July 6, 2007

Family Service at 7:30 PM

led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Ramón Tasat

Friday, July 13, 2007

Annual Union Prayer Book Service at 8 PM

(bring your old UPB and we'll see who has the oldest edition!)

led by Dr. Jack Lowe and Cantor Ramón Tasat

Friday, July 20, 2007

Erev Shabbat Service at 8 PM

led by Rabbi Dan Sikowitz, Ruth Stuart and Gabriel Stuart-Sikowitz

Friday, July 27, 2007

*Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:15 PM,

led by Ruti Berner-Kaddish and Nicole Berner-Kaddish

*Pot Luck Dairy Dinner at 7 PM

*Erev Shabbat Service at 8 PM

using the blue Gates of Prayer

led by the Silver Spring Chavurah

Friday, August 3, 2007

Camp Style Service at 7:30 PM

led by Youth Director Joyce Kammerman

Friday, August 10, 2007

Erev Shabbat Service at 8 PM

led by Dr. Marty Shargel

Friday, August 17, 2007

Erev Shabbat Service at 8 PM

led by Cantor Emeritus Saul Rogolsky & Marilyn Ripin

Friday, August 24, 2007

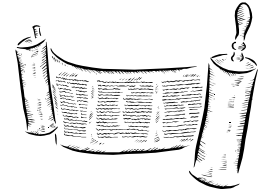
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*Pot Luck Dairy Dinner at 7 PM

*Erev Shabbat Service at 8 PM

led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Ramón Tasat

Temple Shalom RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



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

Registration for the 2007-2008 School Year has begun!

If you did not receive
your form in the mail yet,
please call the
school office.

301-587-2273



From the Rabbi
Annual Report to the Congregation
Temple Shalom Annual Meeting
June 14, 2007

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

To President Andrea Mark, Members of the Executive Committee, Members of the Board of Trustees, Congregants of Temple Shalom, friends: I stand here on this night to deliver my sixth annual report as Senior Rabbi of this congregation. Last Erev Shabbat, last Friday night I spoke of the peculiar time warp of the season, one of graduations and reunions, of looking backwards, and looking forward, all at the same time.

So, this night, we look backward on a year of activity and accomplishment. Who could doubt the commitment to Torah of this *k'hilah k'doshah*, this holy community? This year we hosted not one, but two of the greatest Jewish scholars of our time: the Bible scholar Dr. Marc Tzvi Brettler, in the fall, and our Reform movement's own teacher of Talmud and writer of responsa, Rabbi Mark Washofsky, just a few weeks ago, in the spring. Who could doubt that the teachers of this congregation will go the extra mile to bring Torah to those who want to learn: from the concept and standing offer of Shalom at Home, to our ongoing Lunch with the Prophets, to the downtown Lunch and Learn at Sixth and I, to the amazingly well attended Wednesday morning sessions at Leisure World. Within only some limits of time and calendar, if a group of you want to learn, we'll try to find a way... and we'll be there for you.

Who could doubt our commitment to the world around us: this year we served as sponsor and host on the opening session of Operation Understanding DC, a unique and powerful program for Jewish and African American teens to work, travel and learn together and about each other—and we sent three students from this congregation as participants in OUDC. This year, we welcomed Rabbi David Forman, founder of Rabbis for Human Rights. And this year, as well, we hosted the Washington area's annual Labor Seder. A special word of thanks to Rabbi Serotta, whose contacts and participation "landed" that opportunity. This year we brought new faces to, and new ideas from, the Reform movement's national Consultation on Conscience. Our Tikkun Olam Committee enters into conversations about its direction and efforts in the future; we remain proud of our commitment to take the values we teach in this place, and make them real in the world around us.

Who could doubt our renewed commitment to K'lal Yisrael, the Jewish people as a whole, as we led the way in cooperative efforts across institutional lines in our local community, from the September 11 forum in the fall to all night study on the eve of Shavuot, combined with congregations of all denominations; from our joint Festival Morning services with other Reform synagogues, to the wild evening in celebration of Rachel Robinson this past February, to the cultural events we host in our midst. Even the Washington Post takes note, as in their recent coverage of the Zemer Chai Concert just last week. Thank you to Cantor Tasat, for the efforts that led to our hosting that event.

And with up to three different services on a given Friday night, with

up to four services on a given Shabbat morning, who could doubt our commitment to find the right way, to connect with you – a panoply of spirituality, a dizzying menu to choose from, impressive, indeed, for a congregation of our size.

But with all the varied and different activities going on under the umbrella of this, our spiritual home, sometimes... sometimes there is a question of a different kind. No doubts about our energy, but questions about cohesion. With an attempt to appeal to so many constituencies, there can be a question... about who we are as a whole.

And, indeed, in our Parlor Meetings and surveys this past year the question did come up, about who we are, as a total congregation. A yearning for community, the importance of connection—that was a thread that wound its way through so many of the comments we heard. In a fast-paced and ever-more anonymous world, there remains a need for a place devoted to what Martin Buber called the "I-Thou," the power of the personal, the intimate and ultimate encounter that reinforces the spiritual potential in all of our relationships.

Recently we changed the slogan which stands on our lawn and lives on our stationary, the "moniker" of the congregation. We changed the words from "feel the warmth," to "making connections—through community, prayer and learning." Now, like any occasion on which you choose to emphasize one aspect of who you are, it is not meant as a negation of something else. If our theme was "Shabbat" one year, and "Torah" the next, it does not mean that what we learned and launched the previous year was now unimportant. In moving away from "feel the warmth," we hardly leave our ongoing commitment to creating a welcoming congregation... out in the cold.

Warmth is a first step. But this speaks of something deeper. "Connection" calls to a kind of relationship which makes a difference... to a warmth which lasts.

My friends we face challenges in the year to come. Those challenges include the integration of a new Director of Education, and the inauguration of a new prayerbook for the Reform movement. Our Director of Education is slated to arrive in July, and our new prayerbook, please God, after many delays, by the end of August. Both the person and the prayerbook will require adjustment, openness...and a planned and thoughtful process of welcome.

To welcome the new siddur, our theme for the fall will be Reform Judaism, and we will offer an introduction to the prayerbooks and platforms, the changes and the challenges of our liberal branch of Judaism. In the spring we will focus on Israel, in word and in song, in celebration of Israel's 60th birthday. Our efforts will culminate with a very special summer: the Temple Shalom congregational trip to Israel, in July of 2008. To be there during the 60th anniversary celebrations promises to be a powerful opportunity indeed.

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Heidi Coleman's "Top Ten" From Past Temple Shalom Book Discussions

- *Stones from the River*, by Ursula Hegi
- *Tuesdays with Morrie*, by Mitch Albom
- *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant
- *The River Midnight*, by Lilian Mattal
- *The Sparrow*, by Mary Doria Russell
- *Everything is Illuminated*, by Jonathan Safran Foer
- *Bee Season*, by Myla Goldberg
- *Blindness*, by Jose Saramago
- *As a Driven Leaf*, by Milton Steinberg
- *Outwitting History*, by Aaron Lansky

Nedra Weinstein's "Top Ten" From Past Temple Shalom Book Discussions

- *Stones from the River*, by Ursula Hegi
- *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant
- *The Amazing Adventures of Cavalier and Clay—A Novel*, by Michael Chabon
- *A Conspiracy of Paper*, by David Liss
- *Everything is Illuminated*, by Jonathan Safran Foer
- *Walking the Bible*, by Bruce Feiler
- *The Last Jew*, by Noah Gordon
- *Blindness*, by Jose Saramago
- *The Plot Against America*, by Philip Roth
- *The Sparrow*, by Mary Doria Russell (Best discussion)

SHOFAR DEADLINE for the September issue is July 20th

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.

Tenth Year of Temple Shalom Book Discussions 2007–2008

In the fall, Temple Shalom will begin its 10th year of book discussions. "Our very first book selection was *The Color of Water*, by James McBride," says Heidi Coleman, the Book Discussion's founder. "We've read and discussed an amazingly broad array of books over the years."

Like many participants in the book discussions, Nedra Weinstein is a member of other book groups, as well, but she insists "This one is the best! Even if we don't all love the books we select, we always have incredibly thoughtful and interesting discussions. In fact, our best discussions are often generated by a book we don't all agree on."

Next year promises to be just as stimulating and enriching, with a wide variety of book selections:

Sept. 30—*Sixth Lamentation*, by William Brodrick (fiction)—an eloquent "literary thriller" about a suspected Nazi war criminal who claims sanctuary in a modern-day monastery in the English countryside.

Nov. 18—*Woman in Jerusalem*, by Abraham B. Yehoshua and Hillel Halkin (fiction)—Israel's master novelist (Mr. Mani) tells a spellbinding tale about an unidentified woman who is so beguiling that even in death she can lead a man to fall in love with her and commit himself to discover her identity and take action to restore her dignity.

Jan. 27—*The Great Escape*, by Katie Marton (non-fiction)—Noted journalist and bestselling author Marton offers a haunting tale of nine Jewish Hungarians who escaped fascism and anti-Semitism for the New World; they each experienced insecurity, isolation, a sense of perpetual exile and also world fame.

Mar. TBD—*The Yiddish Policeman's Union*, by Michael Chabon (fiction)—From the author of *The Amazing Adventures of Cavalier and Clay*, this novel begins similarly to Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America*; it begins with the question, "What if, on the eve of World War II, a temporary Jewish Settlement were proposed in Sitka, Alaska, rather than in Israel?" it is a murder-mystery, speculative-history about the "frozen Chosen".

May 18—*Einstein: His Life and Universe*, by Walter Isaacson (biography)—As a scientist, Albert Einstein is undoubtedly the most epic among 20th-century thinkers; this biography also portrays Einstein as a man, husband, father and friend, with interesting revelations about a variety of subjects, including his interest in Zionism.

The last two books are relatively new, so if readers don't want to purchase them at full price, they may want to plan ahead and consider ordering them used on-line or obtaining them well in advance from a public library.

For those who are interested, we have a list of "favorites" from some of the "regular" participants.

Temple Shalom, 9-10:30 AM (during the early session of religious school). If you want to participate in future book discussions, you are more than welcome to join us. Come for one discussion or all five next year. We offer bagels, cream cheese, coffee and always a great discussion. There is no fee to participate. For further information, contact Heidi Coleman at 301-588-1173 or heidi.coleman@dot.gov.

Happy Reading!!

from page 3 **Annual Report to the Congregation**

But in response to the larger question of who we are, I have begun to think of our congregation in a new way, and with new words. By now most of you have heard me say that we should be a place of “warmth, and depth, and breadth,” and I believe in this expression of congregational life. But at this point, for the first time, I would add something more, awkwardly worded, perhaps, but offered as a starting point for an ongoing conversation. Less poetic than I would prefer, but as my attempt to pull together an answer to the sense of the whole, here, my friends, is what I would say:


Temple Shalom: building a spiritual community as a Reform synagogue out of the diversity of the Jewish families in our midst—with a commitment to life-long engagement with Torah, Tikkun Olam, K’lal Yisrael and Israel.

That, my friends, is my offering of the moment. It is meant, as I said, to begin—or, more accurately, to continue a conversation. It stands for a vision of the whole, and it does have implications. What becomes of these words... we will see, in the days and years to come.

No description of our congregation could, I believe, be complete without a focus on our commitment to learning, to education, to Torah. And no acknowledgement of the quality of that education could be complete without an expression of deep and heartfelt gratitude to the remarkable woman who is our outgoing Director of Education, JoHanna Potts. She has, truly, been a teacher of Torah, in so many ways. Earlier this evening we came together to express our appreciation; words alone may fail to convey the depth of her talent, but as I think of the real goal of congregational life—that I-Thou encounter I spoke of earlier and for which, I believe, so many of us yearn—our encounter with JoHanna has been, for so many of us, one of those powerful and privileged events in our lives. Thank you once more, JoHanna, for the extraordinary gifts you have brought to us, and will continue to bring to the Jewish community as a whole.

And thank you, as well, to the extraordinary group of leaders who devote their time, their energy, their heart and soul, to making this place the best it can be: to Andrea Mark, “everybody’s president,” a woman I have called a “national treasure,” to Betsy Kingery, willing to tackle the challenges of congregational life at Andy’s side, to our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, and to Susan Zemsky, whose countless hours and devoted work often go unremarked, and who is, unlike those who stand in front of the congregation, at her most successful when she is noticed the least.

Who are we as a whole? As we study, as we pray, as we work together to heal the world and help to heal one another, in the year and years to come, we will, as ever, answer that question as much or more with the lives we lead, and the deeds we do, than with the words we say. It is a road of growth and definition, and I look forward and ahead, to walking that road with you.



Rabbi Michael Feshbach

FROM RABBI SEROTTA

More Than One Way to Repair the World

Growing Opportunities for Social Justice (*Tikkun Olam*) and Generous Caring (*Gemilut Chesed*) at Temple Shalom

BREAKING NEWS:

The Tikkun Olam Committee is reorganizing and re-energizing its work this summer to plan our work for the upcoming new Jewish year. We expect to host educational programs and opportunities for advocacy in at least four areas:

- Prevention of Genocide in Darfur
- Elimination of Torture and Other Cruel and Inhumane Treatment
- Addressing Local Housing Issues, and
- Promoting Environmental Justice.

Please join us if you have an interest or expertise in any of these areas (or suggest others).

HOLD THESE DATES:

Get in on the ground floor—join our committee this summer as we plan educational programs and advocacy in the above areas or other areas of your interest.

Sundays, July 1 and July 29, 7-9 PM

September 28, 7-8:30PM Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah including a Program to inspire us all to increase our Tikkun Olam work—Families Welcome

REMEMBER MITZVAH DAY:

This year is Sunday, November 4—A rewarding opportunity to help organize this very rewarding once a year community event – contact Rabbi Serotta to volunteer

AND THE OTHER MITZVOT WE DO:

Don’t forget our first Monday every month volunteer shifts serving the homeless at Shepherd’s Table, working as mentors to transitional families through the Silver Spring IntefaitH Housing Coalition, preparing meals for SOME (So Others Might Eat), Food Collection during the Holy Days, etc.

And, of course, our Mitzvah Corps supports those within our congregation with personal needs related to illness and bereavement, soon to be supplemented with a subcommittee forming a Chevra Kaddisha (a “Holy Burial Society”) to provide other traditional services before burial.

For more information please contact Rabbi Serotta by phone or e-mail (rabbiger@templeshalom.net)

July-August 2007

1
SUNDAY 8 AM Office Closed
7 PM Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting

4
WEDNESDAY 8 AM Office Closed
8 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service

6
FRIDAY 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

7
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study

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SUNDAY 12 NOON Membership Committee Meeting

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service

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THURSDAY 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

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FRIDAY 8 PM Annual Union Prayer Book Service

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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study

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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Julie Beynenson

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WEDNESDAY 7 PM Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting

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THURSDAY 7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice

31
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service "Labor on the Bimah"

MEALS ON WHEELS

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Meals on Wheels program has been delivering cooked meals to the homebound and elderly in this community for over 30 years and we are now asking for your help.

In order for this program to continue (and not shut down this summer), we need volunteers to deliver these cooked meals to our neighbors in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area. Office help is also needed.

If you have any time available Monday-Friday (approx. 9-11 AM) and would be able to volunteer one morning a week (or month), please call 301-654-4610 or 301-461-1054 and ask for Mary.

Renaissance Cocktail Party June 3, 2007



In the Community

ADDRESS CHANGES

Ronald and Ellen Cohen, 1515 Breakwater Terrace, Hollywood, FL 33019

Eugene and Roslyn Leiderman, 11700 Old Georgetown Rd., Unit 510, N. Bethesda 20852

Sheed, Frank, Julia and Grace and Deborah Gordis, 5909 Kingsford Place, Bethesda 20817.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joshua Silver and Kathryn Bakich and daughter, Michelle, 6503 Marjory Lane, Bethesda 20817.

Jason Russo and Christine Sonnabend and children, Virginia and Dante, 8624 Geren Road, Silver Spring 20901.

Katie Feiock and Deborah Golden, 1302 Staples St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Steven Schleien and Deborah Szyfer and children, Maxwell and Raymond, 6405 Tone Drive, Bethesda 20817

Joel Singer and Mindy Weinstein and children, Ethan and Noah, 8511 Irvington Avenue, Bethesda 20817.

David and Susan Cohen and children, Gabriela and Seth, 4827 Broad Brook Drive, Bethesda 20814.

CONDOLENCES

To **Elizabeth Davis** on the death of her father, Nathaniel Gamse, and to **Joel Davis** on the death of his father-in-law.

To **Rhoda Spindel** on the death of her father, Albert A Gally, and to **Frederic Spindel** on the death of his father-in-law, and to **Marla & Laurel Spindel** on the death of their grandfather.

To **Shirley Griffin** on the death of her husband, **Richard Griffin**.

To **Phil Alperson** on the death of his father, Leo Alperson, and to **Jane Alperson** on the death of her father-in-law, and to **Reva Alperson** on the death of her grandfather.

To **Elaine Clayman** and **Sonya Resnick** on the death of their father, Sol Barsky, and to **Michael Clayman** and **Daniel Resnick** on the death of their father-in-law, and to **Lisa** and **Adam Resnick** and **Jennifer Clayman Resnick** and **Kerri Clayman** on the death of their grandfather.

To **Laurie Horvitz** on the death of her father, Harold Bengelsdorf, and to **Steven Horvitz** on the death of his father-in-law, and to **Karen and Kevin Horvitz** on the death of their grandfather.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adult Education	Barbara Saragovitz Steve Hirschfeld
ARZA	Joan Kalin
B'nai Mitzvah	Marney Jacobs
Brotherhood	Myles Levin
Capital Projects	Mark Ross
College Outreach	TBD
Communications	Ken Norkin
Finance Committee	Marc Feinberg Kenneth Kramer
Founders	Ed Beeman
Historian/Parliamentarian	Sandy Kamisar
House & Grounds	Mike Gurevich
Leadership	Anne Feinberg
Legal Counsel	Richard Weitznar
Membership	Allison Druin
Mitzvah Corps	Wilma Braun
Music	Debra Udey
Nominating	Marilyn Ripin
Outreach Committee	TBD
Religious Education	Debbie Kopp Marc Blumenstein
Renaissance Committee	Francine Simons
Secretary	Margo Gottesman
Sisterhood	Andrea Karp Susan Stamm
Special Funds	Harvey Berger
Tikkun Olam	TBD
Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth Committee	Margo Gottesman



RENAISSANCE GROUP



On April 25, the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group visited the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. We started the morning at the Visitor's Center, where we were able to view a short film about the Academy and several related exhibits. After a sandwich lunch, we toured the Jewish Chapel and Levy Center, as well as several other buildings on the campus. Those of us who were able to stay a little longer were treated to a parade by the entire midshipman brigade. It was truly spectacular!

We culminated this year's events with a gala cocktail buffet on Sunday, June 3, at the party room at Overlook at Leisure World. Over 50 Temple Shalom Renaissancers enjoyed delicious food and drink, and a good time was had by all! (Go to pages 6 & 7 for more photos of the event.)

Check the Shofar and email messages for up-to-date information regarding our Annual Meeting/Ice-Cream and Dessert Social. It will be on Sunday evening, September 30, and further details will be available shortly.

For further information about the Renaissance Group, contact Francine 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.



Walk in beauty.

Elegant landscaping at the Garden of Remembrance encourages thoughtful contemplation of lives well lived. The Memorial Park is beautifully landscaped, graced with hundreds of flourishing trees, banks of flowers and paved walkways. Benches throughout the Garden offer spots to rest and remember.

The Garden of Remembrance is convenient to all areas of the metropolitan Washington region, just off I-270 in Clarksburg, Montgomery County, Maryland. We invite you to visit.

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



Garden of Remembrance
GAN ZIKARON MEMORIAL PARK



http://www.nydailynews.com/news/2007/05/06/2007-05_06_true_star_born_in_midlife_crisis.html

True star born in midlife crisis

By MICHAEL DALY, DAILY NEWS COLUMNIST *Sunday, May 6th 2007, 4:00 AM*

Dan Sikowitz sat as a true star of real life as he chatted with a friend on a park bench on Friday, by chance across from the palatial home of two famous movie actors.

"Somebody was referring to them, even mentioned their names, and I had no idea who they were talking about," Sikowitz remarked.

As maybe everybody in Park Slope save the 50-year-old Sikowitz knows, the actors are Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany. Sikowitz has been staying just down the block from them for four years, but he has had no time to follow the movies. He has been too busy in a midlife quest that makes him a hero of the spirit in this era of money and celebrity.

Back before the day in 2001 when the whole world seemed to change, this father of two informed his wife that he wanted to quit a job as an MCI project manager in Maryland. He was going to heed what he had come to feel his true calling.

"I want to be a rabbi," he said.

His wife, Ruth Stuart, responded with the spirit that would help make it possible.

"Let's do it!" she said.

At the age of 44, Sikowitz told his 8-year-old son, Gabriel, and his 4-year-old daughter, Sarah, that Daddy was embarking on a new life.

"At first, I thought, 'What lesson was I teaching my kids, that I can just up and do this?' Sikowitz recalled. Then I thought it is a great lesson: It doesn't matter what age you are if that's the right path. Follow your heart."

Sikowitz was completing his application to the Hebrew Union College in Manhattan on 9/11. He decided the attack gave him only more reason to proceed.

"Your life could end at any moment," Sikowitz said. "You've got to do what you're supposed to be doing."

The first of the five years of study was in Jerusalem, and one expression the family learned was pigua, a terror attack. The worst of the piguim during their stay was a suicide bus bombing.

"As I write this, I can hear the rescue helicopters and the ambulances going to the scene," Sikowitz said in an e-mail. "L'shalom and say a prayer."

At least in Jerusalem, the family was together. They had four years after their return with

Sikowitz, spending the week in New York in a room provided by his friends Bruce and Rosalee Lovett. Ruth and the kids lived in the house they still owned in suburban Maryland, where many of their neighbors worked for the government. Other kids replied with acronyms like EPA or FDA when Gabriel's teacher asked who employed their parents.

"When it came to Gabe, he said, 'G-O-D,'" Sikowitz recalled. Gabriel told his father that his friends' dads responded to midlife crisis by buying a motorcycle or a sports car. "And his dad became a rabbi," Sikowitz noted on Friday.

Sikowitz was reminded every day at his own school how much easier it would have been to buy a sports car. He found studying at his age required considerably more effort that when he was a kid at Canarsie High. He also had to work as many as four jobs while he labored to master Aramaic, along with both biblical and rabbinical Hebrew.

Yet as he completed his five years of study Friday, Sikowitz was only more convinced that he had made exactly the right decision. He sat with a friend on a park bench after his last class so deeply happy that he and the sunshine seemed one in the same.

"Who I am and what I do are now one in the same thing," he said. "A wonderful feeling."

He gave thanks aloud for all those who helped him in his quest. "So many people helped make it happen," he said. "It's such a miracle, such a blessing."

Sikowitz's wife and children will be there for his smicha, or ordination, at 9 AM today at Temple Emanuel on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, which is on the route of today's Salute to Israel parade.

As if with a smile from above, the parade will commence just as Dan Sikowitz officially becomes a rabbi. He and his family will return to Maryland, where he has begun to build a congregation, borrowing space in a Unitarian Church for services and using a dentist's office.

"After he quits for the day, I take over his office," Sikowitz said.

Back in Park Slope, we will remember the true star who lived four years in a room just down the block from the movie actors' mansion. mdaly@nydailynews.com

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