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Rosh Hashanah – Second Day 10 AM
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Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Vayelech
Shabbat Shuvah
Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre Services, 6:30 PM & 9 PM
Yom Kippur Services, 8:30 AM & 11:45 AM
Afternoon Service 4:45 PM
Yizkor & Ne'ilah, 5:30 PM (approximate)
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Erev Sukkot Service, 6 PM
Sukkot Service @ Temple Sinai 10:30 AM
Family Friendly Sukkot Service 6:15 PM
Pot Luck Dinner Under the Sukkah 7 PM
Yoga Shalom 8:30 PM
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Chol Hamoed Sukkot
Erev Simchat Torah & Consecration 7 PM
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
Yizkor Memorial Service 10:30 AM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of John Ruvolo & Marc Finzi 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Bereshit
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Shabbat Nosh 5:45 PM
Erev Shabbat Service 6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Gottesman 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM

The Fall Holidays at Temple Shalom Yom Kippur —Sukkot— Simchat Torah

Services and Celebrations

The Jewish year is “front-loaded” with activity; the fall holidays continue quickly and with some intensity even after Yom Kippur. Here is a quick review of our ongoing holiday observances at Temple Shalom (and beyond).

Erev Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 8

Kol Nidre Services
6:30 PM and 9 PM

Yom Kippur Thursday, October 9

Morning Services
8:30 AM and 11:45 AM

Study Sessions in Chapel/Library
NOON to 2 PM

Family Service, 2:45 PM

Afternoon Study and Discussions, 2:45 PM

Healing Service, 4 PM

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, 4:45 PM

Yizkor, and Ne'ilah, 5:30 PM (approximate)

Erev Sukkot

Monday, October 13

5:45 PM: Snacks and Schmoozing

6 PM: Service Under the Sukkah

Dinner Under the Sukkah (*Bring Your Own Picnic*) follows the service.

First Morning of Sukkot

Tuesday, October 14

Joint Sukkot Festival Morning Service at Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road, NW, Washington DC at 10:30 AM.

We come together with Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai and Or Chadash to celebrate Sukkot. Luncheon follows the service.

Erev Shabbat/ Chol HaMoed Sukkot

Chol HaMoed refers to the intermediate days of the festival

Friday, October 17

Family Friendly Outdoor Sukkot/
Shabbat Service, 6:15 PM

Pot Luck Dairy Dinner Under the Sukkah, 7 PM
There will not be an 8 PM service that night

Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot Saturday, October 18

Yoga Shalom at 8:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM

Erev Simchat Torah

Monday, October 20

Erev Simchat Torah Service and Religious School Consecration, 7 PM

Includes reading from the end of the Torah and the beginning, marching with the flags, and dancing with the scrolls.

[Please note that if you are looking for Simchat Torah on a Jewish calendar you might be confused by this date. Reform Jews and Jews in Israel observe this holiday one day earlier than do Conservative and Orthodox Jews outside of Israel].

Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret

Tuesday, October 21

Joint Festival Morning Service at Temple Shalom, 10:30 AM

In addition to reading the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of Genesis, this service includes the Yizkor Memorial Prayers for loved ones we have lost. Luncheon follows the service.

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From Head to Hand

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

Every year I suspect every rabbi in America – maybe every rabbi everywhere – shakes his or her head in frustration at the Jewish calendar, and wonders why in the world the schedule is so, well, “front-loaded.” Oh, the reasons are clear: the fall new year (based on the Babylonian calendar) and the fall harvest come close to one another, and we, of course, celebrate both. Separately. Which makes for a busy month.

But, wouldn't we all appreciate Sukkot and Simchat Torah more – might there not even be more people who come to services – if we had a bit more breathing room after Yom Kippur? And wouldn't that be a worthy goal? Because for Sukkot to get lost in the shuffle – for people to feel “Jewed out,” as if all the time they have to devote to Jewish life has been exhausted by Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – what a tragedy! For Sukkot holds within it one of the most powerful and important messages we can possibly imagine: that of the preciousness of the planet, the beauty and bounty of nature, the web of interconnectedness and a reminder – needed now more than ever – of the precarious nature, the fragility of life.

So, a pity that the holidays are so close together, and that the Fall Harvest gets so often overlooked in the wake of the widespread observance of the Day of Atonement. Better if it were to come later.

Unless, unless there is a message behind the timing, a lesson that would be lost if the calendar were arranged at a more leisurely or convenient pace.

There is a tradition, we are told, that the construction of our Sukkah (the harvest hut commanded during the holiday of Sukkot) should begin immediately after Yom Kippur. Some Jews, in fact, drive the first nail in the wood – literally begin the building of the Sukkah – on the very night of Ne'ilah, when we have finished Yom Kippur. They go from the Break Fast to the woodshed.

The reason I have heard for the transition is a fairly traditional one: “If the opportunity to perform a mitzvah (a religious commandment) presents itself to you, do not be slow in performing it.” If that's the reason, well frankly, that's a world view, an observant mindset, which I don't relate to that well. Maybe it reflects poorly on me, but if that's the reason, I can perfectly well wait a day, and take up the hammer and nail after a wink and a nod and time to catch my breath.

But I think there is more symbolic power here than the explanation above provides. That power comes not from the simple act of running from one mitzvah to another, but from the content and message of the holidays themselves.

Yom Kippur is clearly the most abstract of all our holidays. We deny the physical, literally. We refrain from nourishment, from intimacy, from adornment (make-up, jewelry), from comfort (the wearing of leather), even – traditionally – from bathing. (These are the five prohibitions of Yom Kippur; eating and drinking are just the first of the five.) It is a day to live in the head. By the late afternoon, perhaps we even transcend the physical, to a place of dreams and visions we rarely experience at other times of the year.

Sukkot, on the other hand, is the most physical of the holidays. It is about nature, the world, shelter and sustenance. It even gets Jews to go to Home Depot.

People are different. Some folks love Home Depot. Personally, I find the place daunting. At the least I can say: Sukkot forces me to a kind of construction and design and work around the house that I don't often engage in.

So maybe the message is this: Dream the dreams of Yom Kippur, the visions and values, the abstract and the ideal. But remember: All of it floats away in a day – if it is not linked to the world around us. If we don't reach out and make it real. From the abstract to the physical. From living in the tower, to the work of the world. From the head to the hand. Maybe that is the inconvenient truth in the rapid transition from the Day of Atonement to the Feast of Booths.

Wherever you build your Sukkah, may this month bring a sense of reflection and implementation, of renewal and response.

L'shanah Tovah, a good year, for us and for the world.

Michael L. Feshbach

Rabbi

TIME FOR A CHANGE — First Friday Family Services at 7 PM

With politicians all crying out that it is time for a change, we would like to announce a change in the time! All services at Temple Shalom are “family services,” in the sense that children are always welcome in our Sanctuary. But there are services which are especially designed as family-friendly services, in style and content.

In addition to a variety of special times for holiday services (see, for example, Erev Sukkot, Erev Simchat Torah, and the Friday night in the middle of Sukkot this month), we have always held a “Family Service” on the first Friday of the month. Now we are changing the time of that service, making it a half hour earlier, to begin at 7 PM. This service will often be led by a class of our Religious School students — but it is meant for all families, whether it is “your” grade or not. It will often feature our Youth Choir, led by Cantor Lisa Levine. And the evening will also often begin with a partial-pot luck dinner at 6 PM; the Pot Luck will take place beginning on November 7. But for now, please plan on coming together for a joyous, energy filled worship experience for the young and young at heart, Friday night, October 3 — and all first Friday nights to follow — beginning at 7 PM!



**From the
CANTOR**

Message from Lisa Levine

Dear Friends,

Having grown up in Central California, I never experienced fall until I moved to New York City to attend Hebrew Union College. My first viewing of the turning leaves and multi-colored glory of fall foliage turned me into a bona-fide leaf lover. Since that first fall, Sukkot has remained a special time for me and later, for my family. We have established ritual family traditions that not only bring us closer to nature, but closer to each other. First and foremost among these, is apple picking. Living in Iowa and in Kansas, apple picking was established early on as a yearly activity. Here in Maryland, we have scouted out several orchards and have enjoyed picking apples as a kick-off to our now established Sukkot family traditions. To top things off, our new home in Brookeville has a small orchard of its own and we will be picking apples and pears this year from our own garden!

Then of course, there is the Sukkah raising. My husband Andy is not only a genius computer programmer, he's also a talented builder and all around handy guy. This year is no exception as we raise a Sukkah in our new yard and invite friends and family to eat and enjoy. Sukkot is a time when we harvest the last of our fruits and herbs and vegetables before winter....we collect leaves from the ground and iron them between wax paper to decorate our table.....we rake leaves into a pile and jump into them, then use them for compost in the garden.....we carve pumpkins and roast their seeds for nibbling.....we make jam and pies and other tasty fall favorites and ultimately, we glory in the colors that nature herself spreads before us in spectacular array.

May all of the traditions we create within our own family and within our Temple Shalom family of families bear fruit and beautiful colors for all to see! Andy, Emily, Louis and I look forward to greeting you inside the Sukkah!

B'shira (with song)!

Cantor Lisa Levine

Yoga Shalom™
led by Cantor Lisa Levine

Yoga Shalom is the spiritual and physical embodiment of daily prayer. The entire service is accompanied by specially selected and recorded music designed to intensify the worship connection and enrich the soul. Through deep breathing, gentle yoga postures, yoga flow, moving meditations and chants we bring ourselves into a peaceful state of communion with the Divine. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat or towel and a bottle of water. Yoga Shalom at Temple Shalom will occur from 8:30 – 9:30 AM once per season on the following Saturdays: October 18; January 31; March 7; and May 30.

**SERVICES FEATURING
Temple Shalom CHOIRS:**

**TSY Youth Choir:
Friday October 3rd, 7 PM**

Rehearses Sunday from 10:45–11:15 AM.
Please join us!

**Shir Shalom Adult Choir:
Friday, November 14th**

Cantor Levine's Installation
Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 PM
Please join us!

**Make a Note to Remember—
Sukkah Under The Stars**

**Friday October 17th
6:15 PM Service in the Sukkah**

**Bring Dinner for your family
and we will eat in the Sukkah
immediately after the service.**

You're Invited
October 5th from 2 – 3:30 PM
to a Family B'nai Mitzvah Meeting:

- WHO:** B'nai Mitzvah families with dates from Jan 1 2009 – Dec 31 2009
- WHAT:** An Informational Meet and Greet with our B'nai Mitzvah Team
- WHEN:** Sunday, October 5th from 2 – 3:30 PM
- WHERE:** Temple Shalom Sanctuary
- WHY:** To meet our new Cantor, get an overview of our B'nai Mitzvah Program, and dialogue about B'nai Mitzvah practicalities and meaning.

From the Executive Vice President

A Time To Heal

It is with a great deal of pride and dedication to Temple Shalom that I have accepted the position as Executive Vice President of the congregation working in close harmony with our new President Betsy Kingery.

The past year has been one of great difficulty for our congregation, for the Board of Trustees, and also for our Past President Andrea Marks. Although there has been a lot of conversation regarding the method in which the congregation was informed of any impending changes – and there were good suggestions that came out of all of this, and clearly things that the Board learned along the way – still, at some level we all must now put any differences we have aside and continue on a path of “healing”.

There are many ways in which members of the congregation can help by volunteering your services and serve on committees. When you get your High Holiday Packets please consider serving on one of the many committees within our congregational family and if you are not sure if you can commit then come to a meeting and see for yourself if it is a committee you would enjoy as a volunteer.

It may be a hard time for some to “recommit” to the congregation; nevertheless, I believe that doing so is the best way to pull together and lift us all at this time.

If there is a question that still remains unanswered for you please let Betsy or me know. We are here to serve the congregation and address any of your concerns. I may be reached by email at mllevin@comcast.net or at home 301-588-6577. Be assured that your questions or concerns will be responded to promptly.

May we continue to grow and go from strength to strength as we continue to heal our congregation.

Myles R. Levin

Executive Vice President

From the Board

SAVE THE DATE TO ATTEND

The Mid-Atlantic Council of the Union For Reform Judaism Regional Biennial October 24 – 26, 2008

The biennial is being held at the Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort in Flintstone Maryland, near Cumberland, MD. The theme for the biennial is “In the Beginning...Judaism and Our Earth.” Temple Shalom is one of 71-plus congregations in the Mid-Atlantic Region. One of the main purposes of a Regional Biennial is to expose our current and future synagogue leaders to the best people and programs that the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has to offer. Make your plan to join the delegation to attend.

Another purpose of the biennial is to bring members from the congregations in the region together so they can learn from each other and return home energized and ready to help strengthen our congregations. Some planned highlights include programming for children ages 5 and older, learning opportunities that benefit our congregation and yourself. There will be free time on Shabbat to enjoy informal education opportunities and take advantage of the resort’s services.

Joining us are the following Union staff members: Rabbi Richard Address, Director of Jewish Family Concerns, Dale Glasser, Director of Synagogue Management, Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center, and Peter Weidhorn, Chairman of the URJ. In addition, our Scholar in Residence will be Dr. Carol Ochs, Director of the Graduate School and Adjunct Full Professor of Jewish Religious Thought of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York Campus. Our own Cantor Levine will teach Yoga Shalom.

The full package fee is \$305 for the entire weekend—Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. There will be packages available for those who cannot attend the full Biennial. The Planning Committee is working very hard to keep costs as low as possible. The Resort’s rooms and suites will be \$160/night. As many as four adults can stay in a room and up to six adults in a suite.

Driving is the best way to get to Rocky Gap as it is right off Interstate 68. It is 130 miles from Washington, DC. A bus will be provided from Dulles Airport for a fee. Make your plans for this exciting even in our area. For more information and to register, contact the Mid-Atlantic Council at 202-232-4242 or Sandy Kamisar, Temple Shalom, 301-598-4673.

**Union for Reform Judaism
Mid-Atlantic Council
Biennial Convention
October 24 – 26, 2008**

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TaSTY

Temple Shalom Temple Youth
From Tots to Teens, We Have a Fabulous New Year of Activities!
WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR YOUR TASTY BROCHURES!!

TaSTY Junior – Grades 6–7

A Temple Game of Clue	October 18th 10 am – noon
Chanukah At Temple Shalom.....	December 21st 5 pm
Pump It Up! Excursion	January 25th 1:15–5 pm
Bonanza Bowling	February 21st 4–6 pm
Our Famous Chocolate Seder	March 29th 1:30–3 pm

TaSTY Kids – Grades 4–5

Paint Your Wagon: Pottery Day.....	November 16th 1:30–3 pm
Chanukah At Temple Shalom.....	December 21st 5 pm
Green, Green, Green: Tu B'shevat	February 7th 10–Noon
Our Famous Chocolate Seder	March 29th 1:30–3 pm
Old Fashioned Picnic in the Park.....	April 18th 11–1 pm

TaSTY Tots – Grades K–3

Chanukah At Temple Shalom	December 21st 5 pm
Springing into Tu B'shevat.....	February 8th 5 pm
Our Famous Chocolate Seder	March 29th 1:30–3 pm
End of Year Extravaganza	May 2nd 10:30–Noon

TaSTY Senior – Grades 8–12

Welcome to TaSTY! Dinner	October 11th starts at 6 pm
NFTY Fall Kallah	October 31st – November 2nd
Hadag Nachash Concert.....	November 9th 6:30–8:30 pm
TaSTY Takes to the National Mall	November 22nd 6 pm
TaSTY Volunteers for Chanukah.....	December 21st 5 pm
Mystery Tour	January 24th, 6:30 pm
TaSTY Creative Shabbat Service	February 27th 8 pm
TaSTY Benefit Dinner	February 28th 6 pm
Chocolate Seder Led by TaSTY Seniors	March 29th 1:30–3 pm
TaSTY Senior Shabbaton & Creative Service	Friday – Saturday, May 8th & 9th

All Temple members are automatically members of our Youth Groups. Don't miss these fabulous programs and working with our Youth Professionals, Rabbi Erica Asch (TaSTY Tots to Juniors) and Jessica Lowenthal (TaSTY Seniors). For more information contact Rabbi Asch at Erica.asch@gmail.com or Jessica at jessgl@gwu.org.



**From the
Religious School**
Lisa Pressman, Director of Education

Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 16:20

As our Religious School opened last month we read in the Torah about the pursuit of justice. To pursue justice is equated with the greatest gift from God, the Land of Israel, a land of our own. Rabbi Larry Hoffman, noted scholar and theologian in the Reform movement, has said that Judaism is not a theology based upon a faith in God but it is based upon a Code of Law. Hence in the quote above, the Torah doesn't say "love God and you will have the Land," it says, "Justice shall you pursue" and you shall have the Land. The Hebrew word for justice in this passage is Tzedek. You will recognize the root for "Tzedakah," commonly translated as "charity." However, in Judaism we do not do "charity" we do "Tzedakah." You may think it is a matter of semantics but the root of the word "charity" is "caritas," latin for love. And as we see in the quote from Deuteronomy above, the root for "Tzedakah" is justice. Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines Justice as a "right action." Now here we have a Jewish definition, for in Judaism it is our actions that say a "thousand words."

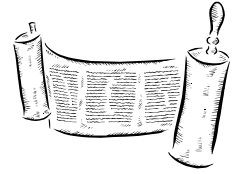
Doing Tzedakah, acts of righteousness, is a core value of our Religious School. We remind the students each day they come to school to give "Tzedakah." The Rabbis also define "Tzedakah" as giving money to help others. You may want to challenge your children to give 25 cents from their allowance, and you will match that amount for our Tzedakah boxes. In each of our classrooms we have beautiful needle point Tzedakah boxes made by the elderly in the workshops of Yad L'kashish, the Lifeline for the Elderly in Jerusalem. The funds that our students bring to school are distributed at the end of the year to 10 different organizations in the United States and Israel.

To help the children become active participants in our Tzedakah curriculum, we will be establishing a Beit Din, a Jewish court of law, made up of students from grades K-7, who will meet to discuss the importance of Tzedakah in our school. Our Beit Din will determine what Tzedakah projects we will be doing during the year and which organizations we will be supporting. We will be working with Panim, the national service learning organization in D.C., to create our Beit Din program. I was fortunate to participate in a three-day workshop on service learning with Panim this summer at the CAJE conference (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education). I look forward to bringing their ideas to our school to enhance our Tzedakah programs in all grades, K-12. This new initiative strives to bring our curriculum, and Judaism, alive for our students.

Lisa Pressman
Director of Education

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES



5769 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

SAVE THE DATE!

October

- 1NO SCHOOL – Rosh Hashanah
- 5Grade K Family Education Program
- 8NO SCHOOL – Erev Yom Kippur
- 12Sukkah Building
- 14NO SCHOOL - Sukkot
- 17-1910th Grade NY Trip
- 20Consecration/Naming - Erev Simhat Torah
- 21NO SCHOOL - Simhat Torah
- 26Grade 1 Family Education Program

November

- 2Mitzvah Day & Educational Day for teachers
- 4NO SCHOOL-Election Day
- 7Grade 6 leads Shabbat Family Service
- 7-9Grade 7 Retreat
- 9Grade 6 B'nai Mitzvah Brunch
- 16Grade 2 Family Education Program
- 23Grade 7 Family Education Program
- 26-30NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

Calling All College Students!

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Let us know your school address so that we may let you know about upcoming college, Temple and Hillel events.

Drop us a line at info@templeshalom.net

October 2008

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
10 AM Morning Services: Rosh Hashanah
2nd Day
4:30 PM No Hebrew School
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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FRIDAY 7 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service led by
Youth Group with Youth Choir

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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

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SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 1 Family Education
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
11:45 AM Grade 1 Family Education
6:30 PM Chair School
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session

7
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

8
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
10 AM Community Services
4:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur – No Hebrew
School
6:30 PM Kol Nidre Early Service
9 PM Kol Nidre Late Service

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THURSDAY Yom Kippur – Temple Offices Closed
8:30 AM Yom Kippur Early Service
11:45 AM Yom Kippur Late Service
NOON Yom Kippur Study Session

2:45 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Study and
Discussions

2:45 PM Yom Kippur Family Service

4 PM Healing Service

4:45 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service,
Yizkor, Ne'ilah

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FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

12
SUNDAY 10 AM Sukkah Building

13
MONDAY 6 PM Erev Sukkot: Service Under the
Sukkah
6:30 PM Picnic Dinner Under the Stars

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TUESDAY First Day of Sukkot
Temple Offices Closed
10:30 AM Sukkot Morning Service at
Temple Sinai

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School Early Session
6:45 PM Hebrew School Late Session
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

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FRIDAY 6 AM 10th Grade NY Trip
6:15 PM Family Friendly Sukkot Service
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner Under the Sukkah

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SATURDAY 8:30 AM Yoga Shalom
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

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SUNDAY 8:45 AM Back to School
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
6:30 PM Chai School
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session

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MONDAY 6 PM Consecration Photo
6:30 PM Consecration rehearsal
7 PM Erev Simchat Torah & Consecration
Service

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TUESDAY 10:31 AM Shmini Atzeret–Simchat Torah
Festival at Temple Shalom
4:30 PM No Hebrew School
7 PM Consecration/Naming Simchat Torah

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
6:45 PM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

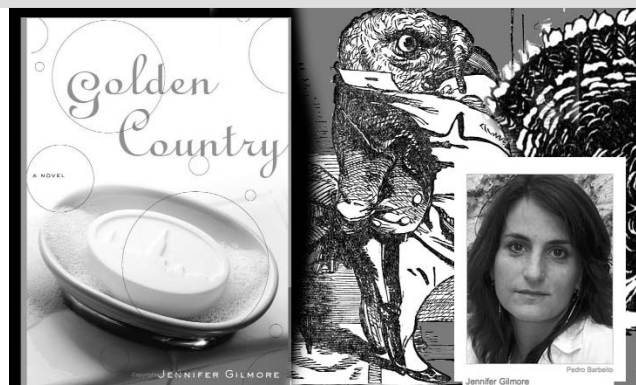
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THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

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FRIDAY 9 AM MAC Regional Biennial Symposium
6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Temple Shalom Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on **November 16, from 9 – 10:30 AM**, during the early session of Religious School. We will be reading the book *Golden Country* by Jennifer Gilmore. This award-winning novel vividly brings to life the intertwining stories of 3 Jewish immigrant families seeking their fortunes in America from 1900–1980. All are welcome to join us. The book club is **free** and light breakfast food will be served.

For questions or comments, please call
Mona Ellis at 301 589 6650, monaellis@comcast.net, or
Stu Bassin at 301 896 0868, stuart.j.bassin@usdoj.gov



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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah of Johnny Ruvolo & Marc Finzi
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

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SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade K Family Education
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Grade K Family Education
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
6:30 PM Chair School
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
6:30 PM Shiva Minyan Training

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School Early Session
6:45 PM Hebrew School Late Session
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM NO Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2 Mitzvah Day
November 4 Election Day, No Hebrew School
November 7, Seventh Grade Retreat
November 8 Adult B'not Mitzvah
November 14 Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Cantor Levine, 6 PM
And Erev Shabbat Service — Installation of Cantor, 8 PM

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THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

WHO IS KEN AHARA?
And why do we say his name so much?
BOO AND OY!
Jewish Tales of the Mystical and Supernatural
at a brief
Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday, October 31, 2008
6:15 PM
(Candy Coated Nosh precedes the service at 5:45 PM)
There will be no 8 PM service Oct. 31st.
[This early service is partly in horror — oops, we mean, in honor — of the observance around us that night, but also partly an experiment in worship schedules we will be exploring on Fifth Friday nights, when they occur, this year.]

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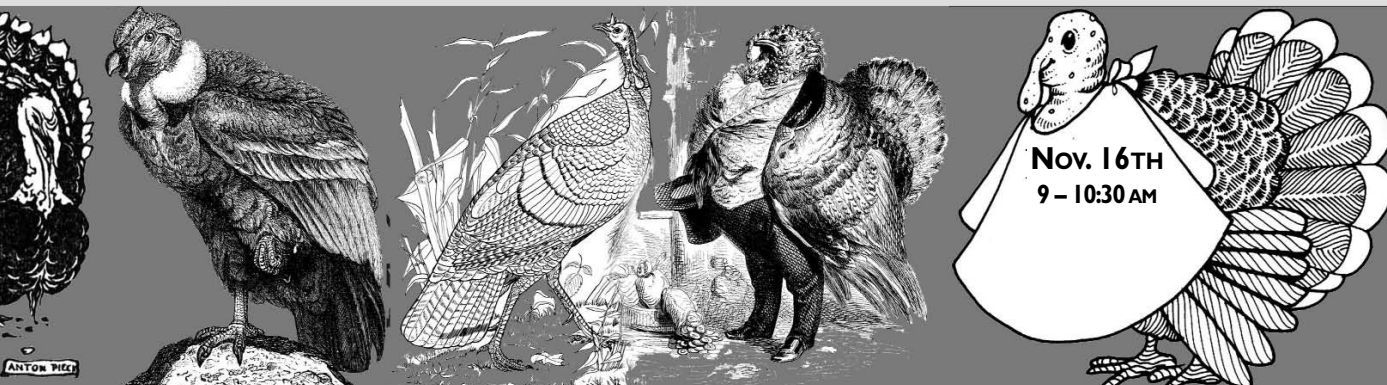
FRIDAY 5:45 PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Gottesman
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

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Temple Shalom Book Club

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF FOUNDER, HAROLD P. GREEN

Harold P. Green, 86, who drafted disloyalty charges against controversial J. Robert Oppenheimer and then resigned over the Atomic Energy Commission's handling of the case, died on July 19th.

Mr. Green was a staff attorney at the AEC security division in 1954 when he was asked to draft charges against Oppenheimer, who was known as the "father of the atomic bomb," during the anti-communist "Red Scare" era.

Mr. Green became uncomfortable with the AEC investigation of the renowned physicist. Although Mr. Green was told not to include Oppenheimer's opposition to the hydrogen bomb, he decided to explain why Oppenheimer was opposed to it anyhow. The inclusion of the H-bomb controversy had an enormous effect on the nature of the hearing that followed.

Oppenheimer's security clearance was suspended and his government career and reputation were greatly harmed for many years.

Mr. Green joined a local law firm and remained until 1983. He began teaching at George Washington University's law school and stayed until 1992.

Harold Green was born in Wilkes Barre, PA, and obtained his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1948. After serving in World War II he joined the AEC general counsel's office and published extensively on legal issues. Shortly before he died he wrote that his "most gratifying professional accomplishment was advising and representing individuals who had been denied security clearances and whose careers were in every instance salvaged through my efforts."

Jean Beeman



You are cordially invited to
Celebrate Shabbat
with the
B'nai Mitzvah
Class of 5769
As it reads from the Torah

Saturday
November 8, 2008
at 10 AM
Main Sanctuary

Michael Gerecht	Barbara Saragovitz
Rita Klein	Phyllis Slessinger
Josh Milton	Chris Wolfe

Please join us for a Kiddush luncheon
Immediately following the service



Share a Simcha

“Share a Simcha” is how Executive Director, Susan Zemsky, describes the sponsored Oneg Shabbat celebrations that members have chosen to share with the congregation in honor of a special birthday, anniversary, marriage, birth, graduation or other special occasion. An Oneg on the Friday before or after your special day is easily facilitated by Temple staff and allows you to include your Temple Shalom family in your ‘nachas.’

So, pick an event that’s “a biggie” in your family’s life, select a Friday night that’s adjacent to it, give Susan a call at the Temple office, 301-587-2273, and leave the rest to us.

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

By Larry Katzman

The committee had a very successful Labor on the Bimah discussion on August 29 with Philip Dine, author of the new book, State of the Unions. There are plenty of opportunities for involvement in the myriad social service projects of the committee that has been hard at work all summer, organizing for the coming year. Committee energies are directed toward both social service projects and social justice efforts. We welcome any Temple members who might want to get involved in the coolest committee in the Temple! For more information, contact committee co-chairs Larry Katzman, (301-565-0707) or Tim Greene, (301-589-2744). In addition, we are assisted and advised by Rabbi Feshbach, so he can also be contacted for information.

The following list of social service projects are some – but certainly not all – of what we do to assist and serve our community.

Shepherd's Table

A group of Temple volunteers serve food to the homeless one Monday per month in this Silver Spring social services organization. It is rewarding Mitzvah work that can involve entire Temple families, including children at least 14 years of age. Contact Carol Kahn (301-384-7791) or Susan Farrer (301-588-1216) for more information. **Total time commitment: 2 hours per month.** We also need volunteers to coordinate sale of meat vouchers at Temple Shalom, to help Shepherd's Table make up shortfalls in these times of skyrocketing food prices. For work on the vouchers, contact Larry if you might be interested.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)

S.O.M.E. meets the immediate daily needs of the poor, homeless and mentally ill in Washington with food, clothing, and health care. It seeks to break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling. Each volunteering Temple Shalom family prepares a monthly one-dish meal in their own home (a great family project!) and delivers it to the Temple freezer; the meals are later transported en masse to S.O.M.E.

Total time commitment: 2 hours per month. For information, contact Joseph and Nora Matus (301-530-3254, noramatus@comcast.net).

High Holiday Manna Food Drive

You will get information at Rosh Hashanah services on how you can contribute to the food drive, which will take place during Yom Kippur Day.

Yom Kippur Afternoon

There will be a full range of activities from a nature walk to discussion on important issues. Look for announcements.

Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition

Temple Shalom is a member of SSIHC, a non-profit organization of local congregations working together to provide housing opportunities for local low income families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. A team of Temple members have acted for a long time as mentors for a single-parent family with five children. The family has since “graduated” from the program. Currently, we are exploring whether there is enough interest to “adopt” another family. .

Total time commitment: 2 -3 hours per month. To learn more about this program, contact Barrie Ripin (301-229-9068) or Larry Katzman (301-565-0707).

Mitzvah Day

Our big blowout event in November. Hundreds of Temple members spend a morning assisting dozens of organizations, schools, and worthy causes and providing hands-on help to scores of persons in need.

Total time commitment of 3 hours in November. If you would like to help with coordinating, please contact coordinator Dr. Steve Hirschfeld at 301-879-0775.

The committee is still exploring what its focuses will be in the social justice arena for the coming year. Last year, we engaged in programs in several different areas – marriage equality, Darfur, torture, and environmental issues. If interested in inquiring or getting engaged, please contact Larry Katzman (301-565-0707).

Mitzvah Corps SHIVA LEADERS NEEDED

Mitzvah Corp has a dedicated group of volunteers who have been leading services in the homes of those Temple members who have lost a loved one.

We would like to invite YOU to become one of our Mitzvah leaders!

Please join Rabbi Feshbach to learn (or to refresh your knowledge) how to lead a Shiva Service on

Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM at the Temple

RSVP to Wilma Braun at 301 460-5693 or wilmabr@verizon.net



Temple Shalom

INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES 5769/2008–2009

October and Beyond



Reading the Writings

The Book of Psalms: Yearnings of the Heart, Spirituality of the Soul

Thursdays, 12:15 – 1:30 PM, begins Oct. 16

For thousands of years, when we have been in trouble, or bursting with joy, in sorrow and in celebration we have turned to one book above all others. It is a book of hope which sustained Anatoly Scharansky in the darkest days of his isolation; it is a source of inspiration and consolation which has, frequently, been the only possession Jews fleeing oppression have taken with them. “It” is the book of Psalms, the most personal, poetic and “spiritual” book in the Hebrew Bible.

This October Temple Shalom continues our lunchtime series “Reading the Writings,” exploring, for now, the Book of Psalms (and moving on to the Book of Proverbs, the next book in the Hebrew Bible, when we finish with the Psalms). This informal discussion meets (almost) every Thursday afternoon in the Chapel at Temple Shalom. Sessions work for those who just drop in occasionally, as well as for those who try to come every week. Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share; no previous knowledge of Hebrew or Biblical texts is required. No charge.

Taught by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and others

Thursdays, beginning October 16, 2008, and meeting most Thursdays through May 21, 2009, at Temple Shalom.



IT’S NEVER TOO LATE: Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah New Class Now Forming

Had you always wanted to celebrate becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, but never had the chance? Were you raised in a secular setting, or did you yourself rebel as a young person, but now want to connect with the learning and the ceremony you missed? Or are you new to Judaism, and did not have any thoughts about a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at all when you were young? It’s never too late, with our Temple Shalom special program of preparation and celebration. Many of our congregants have become an ADULT BAR or BAT MITZVAH. (In fact, please come to the next Adult B’nai Mitzvah service, on Saturday morning, November 8, 2008, at 10 am, as the six men and women of the current “class” complete their studies, lead the service, and read from the Torah for the first time in their lives!)

Our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is a special process in which the participants review and choose what they want to study about Judaism, learn Hebrew along the way (previous knowledge of Hebrew not required), and work together to (re)claim their part in the spiritual heritage and rite of passage that is one of Judaism’s greatest contributions to the world.

An exploratory meeting to form the next Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class will be held on Sunday, October 26, 11:30 AM – 1 PM. Info: Temple Shalom at 301-587-2273 or harrison@templeshalom.net

Coming In November and December



How to Read the Bible

**Tuesday evenings, November 11, 18 and 25,
7:30–9 PM**

Is it the word of God, or an anthology of insight? What role does — or should — the Bible have in society? And how does the way we view the Bible have an impact on how we lead our lives? This topic may seem familiar, but our approach is probably not. We offer new ways to build bridges between ancient interpreters and a “modern” approach to the central text of our tradition.

Material and registrations fees to cover the book, photocopies and other expenses. Exact cost to be announced in the November Shofar. Minimum advance pre-registration of ten participants. To register contact Temple Shalom at 301-587-2273.



Our Neighbors, Ourselves: A Jewish View on the New Testament

**Tuesday evenings, December 2, 9 and 16,
7:30–9 PM**

This new offering takes on a topic which has been taboo for Jews for centuries: the New Testament. Using a newly published book by one of the leading Jewish scholars on the New Testament in the world, we will offer a Jewish perspective on how and why some of these stories might have come to be, and the implications for Jewish identity and interreligious dialog.

Material and registrations fees to cover the book, photocopies and other expenses. Exact cost to be announced in the November Shofar. Minimum advance pre-registration of ten participants. To register contact Temple Shalom at 301-587-2273.

**CALL FOR
STUDY**

Rabbi Feshbach is looking for anyone who wants to study Biblical Hebrew. Reading knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet — even if by slow, sounding out the letters — would be helpful. This would be a mid-day/mid-week course. If interested, call Rabbi Feshbach at 301-587-2273.

More Adult Education Opportunities

FROM

The Foundation for Jewish Studies

“Bible Study Center”

Presented jointly with — and at — the
Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum

10001 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD
301-0897-1518

“Rockville Lunch & Learn”

Aviva Tessler

Thursdays, October 16, 23, 30

12:15 – 1:30 PM

Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington

6125 Montrose Road

Rockville, MD

301-881-0100

Re-Reading the Book of Genesis

[taught by Gideon Amir]

Sundays, 10:30 – NOON

Creation to Noah

September 14 – November 23, 2008 (excluding 10/12)

Noah to Abraham

December 7 – March 1, 2009 (excluding 12/21, 12/28, 1/18)

Abraham to Joseph

March 8 – May 17, 2009 (excluding 4/5, 4/12)

Registration and Fee information at The Foundation for Jewish Studies,
301-770-4787, info@foundjs.org, website www.foundjs.org.

Coping Skills in the Bible and Applying them in Today's World

This class will blend Aviva Tessler's expertise as a marriage and family therapist with her scholarship in Judaism to offer a unique look at different Biblical characters and how they managed to cope with challenges in their lives. Cost: \$35, \$25 for members of the Foundation. Registration information at www.foundjs.org, 301-770-4787, info@foundjs.org.

“Downtown Lunch & Learn”

Rabbi Joel Tessler

Thursdays, October 16, 23, 30

12:15 – 1:30 PM

Sixth & I Synagogue

600 I St., NW

202-408-3100

www.foundjs.org

“NoVA Lunch & Learn”

John Rybicki

Tuesdays, October 28

November 4, 11, 18

NOON – 1:30 PM

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia

8900 Little River Turnpike

Fairfax, VA 22031

703-323-0880

www.jccnv.org

Torah Readings for the Holiday Season: Why We Read What We Read

This class will explore the beautiful texts read during the High Holiday season, analyze their historical context and weave together various traditional commentaries to give the words context and meaning. Cost: \$35, \$25 for members of the Foundation. Registration information at The Foundation for Jewish Studies, 301-770-4787, info@foundjs.org..

Hebrew Prophets' Timeless Teaching: Hosea, Amos, Micah, and Isaiah's Common Focus

This class will explore these four prophets' focus on society's excesses, the need for change and the meaning of their thoughts from an interfaith perspective. Cost: \$40, \$30 for members of the Foundation. Registration information at 301-770-4787, www.foundjs.org, info@foundjs.org.

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Summer 2009

PanimWorks

An Activist's Adventure!

One Summer — Two Choices

PanimWorks "DC JAM" on the campus of The George Washington University, is a leadership training program for teens passionate about politics, community service, activism, and Judaism. Become a leader in the political world and the Jewish community today! Learn about key issues impacting the U.S. and the world through interactions with leading U.S. policymakers and experts, while exploring the connection between Judaism and advocacy. Participate in meaningful hands-on service projects, while earning community service-learning hours. Develop the skills to pioneer change and impact the issues you care about. Two 2-week sessions or one 4-week session (including a bonus opportunity of a placement in DC agency) will be offered for students currently in grades 10-12. www.dccjam.org.

Contact: Reisa Shanaman 301-770-5070, x 217 or dccjam@panim.org

PanimWorks "Southwest" is a cultural exchange and community service program on a Native American Reservation in the American Southwest. Make a difference as you live in rustic accommodations on a Native American reservation, interacting with members of the Navajo and Hopi Nations while working together to promote positive change. This trip in the majestic Southwest includes hands-on service projects as well as outdoor recreational activities. Make lifelong friends and learn about the ethical values that define Jewish life while earning up to 45 community service-learning hours. Three sessions will be offered for students currently in grades 9-12. www.panimworks.org.

Contact: Hershel Cohen 301-770-5070, x209 or panimworks@panim.org

MASA Israel Journey

The Gateway to Long Term Israel Programs

Work, volunteer and study in Israel with thousands of young, Jewish adults from around the world!

MASA Israel Journey enables young Jewish adults (18 to 30 years of age) from around the world to build a lasting relationship with Israel, to strengthen their Jewish identity, and to gain meaningful and beneficial experiences. MASA provides connections to resources, grants and scholarships for long-term programs in Israel.

MASA seeks to strengthen the next generation of the Jewish people by enabling young Jews from all over the world to spend a semester to a year in Israel in any of the 160-plus programs with connections to MASA. Officially established by the government of Israel and the Jewish Agency for Israel in 2003, MASA is a gateway to long-term programs in Israel.

Contact: Ayelet Margolin—

ayeletmar@masaisrael.org; Tel: (212) 339-6055; Fax: (212) 318-6161

www.masaisrael.org

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Chanukah Show and Sale

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10001 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Md. 20814

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Saturday, Dec 13, '08 7:30 – 10:30 PM

Sunday, Dec 14, '08, 10 AM – 5 PM

Free admission.



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Contributions are welcome to all Temple Shalom Special Purpose Funds; indeed, your donations are what make the activities supported by each fund possible. Ten dollars is the minimum contribution for each fund (\$36 for the Prayerbook Fund because that buys a prayerbook with your inscription on a bookplate). Please send your contribution to the Temple Office, with a notation of whom the donation honors or memorializes, and it will appear in the Shofar. The recipient will also receive a letter telling of your donation. This is a terrific way of telling people that you care.

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