

# Shofar

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Erev Shabbat Family Service 7 PM

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Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM  
Shabbat Morning Service: B'not Mitzvah  
of Shoshana Weinstein &  
Emma Kapstein O'Brien 10 AM

*Parashat Shofetim*  
*Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9*

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Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM

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Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM  
Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of  
Madison Wayne 10:30 AM

*Parashat Ki Tetze*  
*Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19*

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Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM

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Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM  
Shabbat Service and B'nai Mitzvah of  
Adam Lott and Jacob Ritz 10 am  
Selichot Coffeehouse 8:30 PM  
Selichot Service 10 PM

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Early Morning  
Rosh Hashanah Service 8:30 AM

Late Morning  
Rosh Hashanah Service 11:45 AM

Rosh Hashanah Children's Service  
(age 6+) 2:45 PM

Rosh Hashanah Tot Service  
(ages 2-5) 4:30 PM

Tashlich Service 5 PM

October 1  
WED

10 AM-NOON 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah  
Intimate Morning Service



## THE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

*conducted by Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach, Cantor Lisa L. Levine,  
and Director of Education Lisa Pressman*

### SELICHOT .....Saturday, September 20 at 8:30 PM

The climax of the Hebrew month of Elul comes during the service of *Selichot*, an important exercise in spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe. At midnight on the Saturday night/Sunday morning before Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world gather together for what is, truly, the first of the High Holy Day services, a brief but intense experience during which the music and liturgy of the season are used for the first time. The service is filled with drama and awe, as in the dark of the night we begin to bare our souls and plead for forgiveness.

This year at Temple Shalom we begin in the Social Hall at 8:30 PM with a 60's style Folk Music Coffeehouse featuring our own Cantor Lisa Levine who began her folk career at the age of 8. She will be joined by folk group "3 OF A KIND" from Baltimore. The evening will feature good music, coffee and dessert. After the music there will be a short break for shmoozing before we enter a candlelit sanctuary, witness the entrance of the Torah scrolls in their newly-changed robes, and continue with a special ceremony of Havdalah, led by the Confirmation Class. The Selichot service will begin at approximately 10 PM and highlights music from the High Holy Day Season. Cantor Levine will be joined by Soprano Leslie Pomerantz for what promises to be a moving and spiritual beginning to the Days of Awe.

**8:30 – 9:30 PM Coffeehouse Folk Music in the Social Hall**  
**10 PM Havdalah and Selichot Service in the Sanctuary**

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**ROSH HASHANAH**

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH . . . . .Monday, September 29**

Early Service . . . . .6:30 PM

Late Service . . . . .9 PM

The Jewish calendar year turns with the setting of the sun on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We welcome the new year of 5769 with hope and prayer for a time of fulfillment and peace.

Childcare provided at the early service only (see page 4).

**FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH . . . .Tuesday, September 30**

**Congregational Morning Service**

Early Service . . . . .8:30 AM

Late Service . . . . .11:45 AM

Once again we help the community through our High Holy Day Hunger Drive. Return the empty grocery bag we will provide, complete with items from the list enclosed with the bag. (Filled bags should be brought back to the Temple on Yom Kippur itself. For security reasons we cannot accept bags brought to the building during the intermediate days.)

Childcare: see page 4.

**Rosh Hashanah Children's Service . . . . .2:45 PM**

We continue our celebration of the New Year with a joyous and upbeat service, especially appropriate for children ages six and higher. The Children's service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach, Cantor Lisa Levine and Director of Education Lisa Pressman.

**Rosh Hashanah Tot Service . . . . .4:30 PM**

We welcome the new year in celebration and song, with spirit and stories for the youngest among us: this service is especially appropriate for children ages two through five. The Tot service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach, Cantor Levine and Lisa Pressman.

**Tashlich . . . . .5 PM**

Join us for the ancient rite of Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of our sins into a body of water. This practice is based on a verse from the prophet Micah, who hoped that God would cast off the sins of Israel into the sea. We walk to a stream on Rosh Hashanah afternoon and throw bread into the water. By this act we symbolically cast off our sins and begin the new year with a clean slate. Gather in the Temple parking lot following the Tot Service for a brief walk to a nearby creek. BYOB (Bring your own bread crumbs to toss into the water.)



**SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH . .Wednesday, October 1**

**Intimate Morning Service . . . . .10 AM-NOON**

This service is open to any who want to attend. This service has offered an intimate, powerful and less formal experience of High Holy Day worship; this year especially our Second Day Rosh Hashanah service provides a more-participatory and folk-style approach to High Holy Day liturgy.

**SHABBAT SHUVAH (The Sabbath of Repentance)**

**EREV SHABBAT . . . . .Friday, October 3**

Shabbat Evening Family Service . . . . .7 PM

The Shabbat in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is one of the most significant occasions in Jewish life: the liturgy contains references to and wording from the High Holy Days in a way which is unique to this service. This is also a "first" Friday service, usually held as a service especially appropriate for families. Music and stories reflect the themes of the season, and the TSY Youth Choir makes its debut appearance under the direction of Cantor Lisa Levine. Please note that the first Friday of every month this year, from October onward (except January which is the second Friday), is geared for families, with a potluck dinner at 6 PM and services beginning at 7 PM.

**SHABBAT MORNING . . . . .Saturday, October 4**

Shabbat Morning Service and Study . . . . .10 AM

Our Shabbat morning minyan meets in the Chapel to worship and to wrestle with the portion of the week, including the special liturgical additions and prophetic selections for the Sabbath of Repentance.



**YOM KIPPUR**

**KOL NIDREI SERVICE . . . . .Wednesday, October 8**

Early Service . . . . .6:30 PM

Late Service . . . . .9 PM

A professional vocal quartet will join Cantor Levine and Carl Tretter for both early and late services.

Childcare will be provided at the early service only (see page 4).

**YOM KIPPUR DAY . . . . .Thursday, October 9**

**Congregational Morning Service**

Early Service . . . . .8:30 AM

Late Service . . . . .11:45 AM

Childcare: see page 4.

Elizabeth Kingery will deliver the President's Annual High Holy Day message.

**Personal and Guided Study**

One tradition in the observance of Yom Kippur is to remain in the synagogue throughout the entire day. For those who wish to do so, there will be texts available for self-study and exploration in the Temple library throughout the morning, so that someone attending the early service could study during the late service, or the other way around. In addition, Director of Education Lisa Pressman will lead a discussion in the Chapel beginning at Noon, so that those who attend the early service may have a chance to join together in a group for spiritual exploration during the late service.

**Yom Kippur Young Children Oriented Service . . . . .2:45 PM**

We focus on the themes of the Day of Atonement through music and liturgy appropriate for young children. This service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach, Cantor Lisa Levine and Director of Education Lisa Pressman.

**Yom Kippur Mid-Day Opportunities for Adults . . . . .2:45 PM**

*\* Jewish Journeys: Israel In Our Lives:* Each year we ask members of the congregation to share stories of their own spiritual development, their own Jewish journeys. This year, in honor of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel, we host a roundtable exploration of the way that Israel has touched many of our lives and shaped our own identity.

*\* Interreligious Dialog:* An exciting opportunity to hear from Rabbi Scott Sperling, Regional Director of the Mid-Atlantic Council of the Union for Reform Judaism, recently returned from the Madrid meetings on interreligious dialog. Rabbi Sperling will share his thoughts on “*A Journey of a Thousand Miles: Reflections on the Muslim World League’s International Conference on Interfaith Dialogue.*”

*\* Tikkun Olam Forum:* come hear and speak about the latest important initiatives of our Tikkun Olam Committee.

*\* Meditation:* An “alternative” spiritual approach with stretching, breathing and rejuvenation, led by Temple Shalom member Mary Beth Lewis.

*\* Our Traditional “Fast” Walk* to Rock Creek Park, with Ken and Audrey Kramer.

**Yom Kippur Service of Healing and Meditation . . . . .4 PM**

“**God was in this Place**” is a moving and spiritual journey through healing and hope. Please join us as together we experience inspirational music, meditative readings, personal and communal healing and hope.

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

We gather in the Sanctuary for a revised Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. This unique service includes the Grand *Aleinu*, a poetic reconstruction of the history of our people, aspects of the traditional *Avodah* service (the moment when the High Priest of old sought atonement for the entire people), the *Eleh Ezkerah* martyrology, the reading of the Holiness Code from the Torah, and the Book of Jonah as the Haftarah. The *Yizkor Memorial Service* begins immediately upon the completion of the Afternoon service, with no defined break. We estimate that Yizkor might begin at approximately 5:30 PM; once again, this is not an exact time.

During the Yizkor service we continue our custom of placing a wicker basket in the center of the bimah. Immediately before the Yizkor prayer itself, will invite anyone who would like to do so to come forward silently to place a stone, a note, an object, anything that will help us connect with the memory of a loved one. You can either leave the objects there, or retrieve them at some point after Yom Kippur. If this approach is something that might be helpful to you, please bring whatever item would mean something to you to this service.

The *Ne'ilah Concluding Service* begins immediately upon the completion of the Yizkor prayers. Please remain in the Sanctuary through the conclusion of Ne'ilah. The final sounding of the shofar will take place sometime before 7 PM. **If you wish to blow shofar, please bring it with you to the sanctuary for the final Tekiah Gedolah.** All children present in the Sanctuary at that time will be called forward to participate in leading the congregation in a very brief ceremony of Havdalah, We conclude our observance of the Day of Atonement together with orange juice as we exit the Sanctuary.

**SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH**

**EREV SUKKOT . . . . .Monday, October 13**

Snack and Schmoozing . . . . .5:45 PM

Outdoor Erev Sukkot Service . . . . .6 PM

Bring your *lulav* and *etrog*, or shake ours under the *sukkah* during *Kiddush*.

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

**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT . . . . .Tuesday, October 14**

Joint Sukkot Festival Morning Service at Temple Sinai

3100 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC . . . . .10:30 AM

Continuing our tradition of joint Festival morning services with other area Reform synagogues, Temple Shalom, Temple Sinai, Temple Emanuel and Or Chadash of Damascus.

**EREV SHABBAT/CHOL HA'MOED**

**SUKKOT . . . . .Friday, October 17**

Family Friendly Shabbat/Sukkot Service

Under the Sukkah . . . . .6:15 PM

Pot Luck Dairy Dinner Under the Sukkah . . . . .7 PM

(There will not be an 8 PM Friday night service this night.)

**SHABBAT CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT . . . .Saturday, October 18**

Yoga Shalom . . . . .8:30 AM

Yoga Shalom is the physical and spiritual embodiment of prayer. Through breathing, gentle yoga postures, yoga flow, stretching and relaxation we will experience the Shabbat Morning service through specially recorded music choreographed and created by Cantor Lisa Levine.

**Please dress very comfortably and bring a yoga mat or towel and a bottle of water.**

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study . . . . .10 AM

We come together in worship and study, to explore the special Torah and Haftarah readings associated with the “intermediate” Shabbat, the Sabbath which takes place in the middle of Sukkot.

**EREV SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE . . . . .Monday, October 20**

Erev Simchat Torah Service/Consecration . . . . .7 PM

The end touches the beginning; the ancient words are new again. Come celebrate the cycle of Torah as we honor our students of Torah of all ages, we unroll the scroll, and we hear the very last and the very first verses of the Torah, and we dance with the scrolls throughout the synagogue. **We will also celebrate Religious School Consecration**, the ceremony marking the beginning of Jewish education for our Kindergarten students and those children who are beginning their Religious School experience this year.

**SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH FESTIVAL MORNING and YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE . . . .Tuesday, October 21**

Joint Festival Service at Temple Shalom . . . . .10:30 AM

The unique joy of Simchat Torah and festive celebration of the season, along with the remembrance of the past, through the traditional memorial prayers of Yizkor.

**Children at Temple Shalom Services**

**Always welcome, but options provided during the High Holy Days as well**

Childcare will be available at early Erev (evening) services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and all daytime services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, as well as for the Yom Kippur Afternoon and Concluding Services. Children are always welcome in the main Sanctuary at all services at Temple Shalom (and, of course, in our "Quiet Room" area for those with particularly high energy at the moment) but we know that some of our youngest children may be happier in a play-oriented and supervised environment than they would be at a Sanctuary service.

Childcare is provided through a new initiative involving our own Youth Group for the first time. All children who are in our childcare programs are encouraged to return to the Sanctuary for our fabulous Children's and Tots' services. For those who are ready to try the Sanctuary service, but need a break, there will be Drop-In sitting where parents may bring their children in and out.



HaZAMIR is a project of the ZAMIR CHORAL FOUNDATION  
MATTHEW LAZAR, Founder and Director

"HaZamir" is an interdenominational high school choir that learns and performs interesting and enjoyable Jewish music ranging from traditional to a modern day popular style. The choir is open to all high school singers, grades 9-12. On occasion exceptional 8th grade students may be considered on an individual basis.

**This year's group  
begins forming in August,  
with rehearsals beginning at a  
slightly later date.**

**If your high school student is  
interested in this unique  
opportunity, or for further information,  
contact Cantor Jeffrey Weber directly at  
cantor.weber@adasisrael.org,  
(202) 362-4433 ext. 114,  
or his assistant at  
marcia.miller@adasisrael.org,  
(202) 362-4433 ext. 112.**

**TaSTY Tots – TaSTY Kids – TaSTY Junior**

*See what's New with Temple Shalom Youth Programs!*

*Don't miss a fun-filled year of activities,  
creative services, bowling,*

*laser tag, holiday celebrations, Chocolate Seder  
and much more.*

*Something for every age!*

*Temple Shalom Youth, Rocking into the New Year!!*

**A Fabulous New Year with Rabbi Erica Asch!**

Rabbi Erica Seager Asch is very excited to be working with the youth groups at Temple Shalom this year. She received her rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati this May. Before entering rabbinical school she taught high school math in the Mississippi Delta as a member of the Teach For America program. While in rabbinical school Erica served pulpits in Ishpeming, Michigan and Greenville, Mississippi. Last year she was an intern at Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati where she ran the seventh and eighth grade programs. Erica is looking forward to meeting the wonderful students and families at Temple Shalom. She can't wait for all the fun programs this year. Erica is joined in DC by her husband, Chris Myers Asch, and their eight-month old daughter, Miriam, who will be making a guest appearance at one of the programs this year.

**Tasty Senior Swings Into An Exciting Year With Jessica Lowenthal**  
(and Co-Presidents Erica Horne and Sarah Kushner)

**Hello Temple Shalom!** I am so excited to join the Temple Shalom congregation! I have been lucky enough to work with this past year's religious school retreats while finishing up my undergraduate degree. I graduated George Washington University this past May with a major in Religion and a minor in Psychology, always with Jewish youth work as my career goal.

An active member of NFTY during my own high school days, I am thrilled to help the leaders of Temple Shalom's high school youth group as their adviser. I cannot wait to work with the bright minds of this congregation in making this an incredible year. My goal is to make youth group a safe and inviting place where everyone will feel welcome, and to assist the congregation's youth in their journey through high school and beyond. If you have any questions or want to just touch base with me please feel free to e-mail me at Jessgl@gwu.edu. Thank you so much and I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

Jessica Lowenthal  
Senior Youth Group

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## Return and Renew

### Greetings from Rabbi Feshbach

A young Jewish comedian that I know asks why this season is referred to as the “High Holy Days.” It is because, she says, on entering the synagogue and seeing each other, people greet each other by saying: “Hi! How are you? What’s it been, a year?”

But this is not (at the moment) a plea to every one of you, to come every week – or at least more often. That would be wonderful; it is a feeling which would transform our lives. Shabbat works best through the power of its regular rhythm, not as an occasional “drop-in” or “drive-by” which competes with theater or movies or a night on the town. But that’s not the point I am making at the moment.

Because as with all humor, this comment tickles at the underside of an insight. For there is a sense, at the Days of Awe, of “return and renew,” a feeling that is different from even the most crowded and well-attended weekly worship service. There is a sense of coming back, of circling round, of the cycles of our lives. As I have written before, even the prayerbook we use for the High Holy Days has a name related to “return.” It is not called a *siddur* (which means “order,” the name of the weekday and Shabbat prayerbook), but a *machzor*. The word means “circle, cycle, return.”

Return, and renew. Coming back. Coming home.

Acts of return can be poignant, powerful — even painful. We “revisit” events that trouble us, work them over, gnaw on them in our minds until through an intimate awkwardness we somehow come to terms with our own discomfort. We “return” to places we have been before, only to find a sense of mingled continuity and displacement as we witness the changes time has wrought.

This past summer, just a few months ago, our synagogue “returned” to Israel, a congregational trip which we hope to make every two years. (Start planning now — and saving — for the summer of 2010.) There we had a profound, and deeply sad sense of a circle coming closed. For it was on our Temple Shalom trip in 2006 that Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev were captured. And it was during the same two week period, two years later, on our Temple Shalom trip of 2008, that they were “returned.” That they “came home.” But not... not in the way they left.

Being there for both events, the beginning and conclusion of a personal/family/national tragedy, we felt, in ways it is hard to capture in words from here, that Israel still has that capacity to function as if it is an extended family, that everyone is connected to one another. That even if time has passed, you still nod at each other, and ask: “Hi. How are you? What’s it been...?”

Continuity and the passage of time. I am reminded that the city Tel Aviv (set to celebrate its centennial during this coming year) takes its name from the book by Theodor Herzl called *Altneuland* (“Old New Land”). It was translated from German by Nahum Sokolow, who took

the name Tel Aviv from the *Book of Ezekiel*. The translation captures the idea of the old (a tel is an archeological site revealing layers of civilization built on top of each other) and the new (aviv is the Hebrew word for the season of spring). Return. And renew.

And so we return, to that which is the same, and also different. We come together this holiday season in celebration of the new year, and in preparation for the cleansing and introspection this season demands. We greet each other, and we welcome Cantor Lisa Levine, for worship services which will balance continuity and change.

And we know that we, ourselves, are the same — and also different. A new grandchild, a proud achievement. A difficult struggle, a fresh loss. Time flows, we grow. “Hi. How are you? What’s it been...?”

May this new year of 5769 be an opportunity, for all of us: a new chance for change, a new sense of purpose. For growth and renewal, for health and for happiness, for connection with each other, and wholeness and peace for ourselves and the world.

With Julie, Benjamin, Daniel and Talia, I send my greetings, to all of you.

*L’shanah Tovah,*

A good year.

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

Michael L. Feshbach

Rabbi

# THE HIGH HOLY DAYS ARE COMING

**Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of  
Monday, September 29th.**

**If you plan to attend Reform Services  
in another city,**

**call the Temple Office to arrange for  
the form that will allow you to attend  
there without charge.**



## From the CANTOR

Message from Lisa Levine

Dear Friends,

In this, my first article for the Shofar, I want to take the opportunity to tell you that I am honored and humbled to have been engaged to become the next Cantor of Temple Shalom.

From my first contact with your caring and warm search committee, through meetings with your exceptional Rabbi Feshbach, Educator Lisa Pressman and Executive Director Susan Zemsky, to my time with smaller groups both in Stamford, Connecticut, at my home congregation through my final interview, I have truly enjoyed every minute in getting to know you and your congregation. I have felt a strong connection with everyone I have met, both your lay people and your staff and am excited for the opportunities and challenges that Temple Shalom presents. Moreover, you have all deeply touched my heart. I look forward to our mutual collaboration, respect and holy work in creating an outstanding and cutting edge environment for the best that Jewish learning, Jewish music and Jewish community have to offer.

The theme for my program this year is simple: Music That Makes Community. It is my goal that unity, healing and strength permeate all that we do and that music and prayer be our conduit. I will be working closely with B'nai Mitzvah families, Shir Shalom Adult and TSY Youth Choir, teaching in the religious school, ministering and providing pastoral work as well as through outstanding worship programming to bring our shared visions to reality.

At this moment I speak for myself and my husband Andy and our two children, Emily and Louis, when we say we feel truly blessed to become a part of the Temple Shalom family. We look forward with anticipation to our move and our integration into Temple Shalom synagogue life.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, she-he-che-ya-nu v'k-i'y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-ya-nu laz'man hazeh.

Praised are you, Adonai our God, for giving us this sacred time together as we move forward in our quest for unity, healing and strength.

Andy, Emily, and Louis join me in wishing you all a sweet and healthy New Year.

L'Shana Tova u'Metucah,

Cantor Lisa Levine

### Calling All College Students!

Stay in touch with your Temple Shalom family!  
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](mailto:info@templeshalom.net)

# 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, 2008;

January 31, 2009; March 7, 2009; and May 30, 2009.

*You're invited:*



## *Shir Shalom Choir's Open House Wine and Cheese Party*

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Temple Shalom Social Hall

- Do you love to sing and have you been waiting to join the choir?
- Come and meet Cantor Lisa
- Hear about our great programming
- Learn to sight read
- Enjoy inspiring Jewish music
- Pray together as a community
- No experience necessary!



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Music that makes  
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# A SELICHOT COFFEEHOUSE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 8:30 P.M.

HEAR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FOLKSONGS PERFORMED BY:

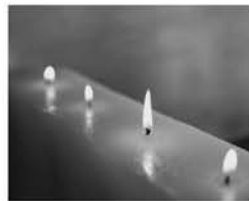


CANTOR LISA LEVINE  
AND FOLK GROUP  
"3 OF A KIND"

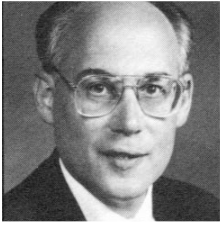


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## SELICHOT SERVICE AT 10:00 P.M.



TEMPLE SHALOM:  
MUSIC THAT MAKES COMMUNITY



## Repentance Is Liberating and Moves Us Toward Wholeness

Message from Rabbi Bruce E. Kahn

Dear Members of the Temple Shalom Family,

This High Holy Day season is my thirty-fifth as a rabbi and my twenty-ninth as a rabbi of Temple Shalom. As the years passed I became more and more convinced of the powerful purposes of the Days of Awe. We are all in need of engaging in repentance. That is not a bad thing. It does not mean we should be down on ourselves. Quite the opposite is true. The extent to which we sincerely and deeply engage the redemptive process is a measure of how positively we approach life and in how healthy a way we wish to advance toward wholeness. I would say that if we value ourselves we should embrace the Holy Days with gusto.

Our world is flawed. We are flawed. Many of you heard me say often through the years that were it not so there would be no point to our existence. We exist to make our world better, ourselves better, to improve the quality of our influence in every realm we touch. My personal theology tells me that this is God's plan. God has commissioned us, each one of us, to be a faithful servant in the Divine campaign to achieve sh'lei'mut, wholeness of being. That is the point of religion and it is certainly the idea behind the development of mitzvot (Torah's directives), g'milut chasadim (the ways of loving kindness), ma'a'sim tovim (making a difference for the good), and d'vei'kut (the path to cleaving unto God, the Creator.) And faithful service toward sh'lei'mut or wholeness of being, is without a doubt the point of the High Holy Days. (I never write High Holidays.)

We are all fallible. We all make errors. We all sin. We all transgress. I don't think this is a point to debate. We do so in regard to decisions that primarily affect only ourselves. We do so through actions that affect our families, our workplaces, and the organizations in which we are active, even our places of worship. The negative behavior does not characterize most of what we do, which may be quite laudatory. We don't focus on our missing the mark (definition of sin) unrelentingly. We focus on it as a community mostly during the Yamim Noraim, these Days of Awe. And the goal is not to beat ourselves up, although I do embrace that aspect as part of my spiritual and mental health plan. We engage the redemptive process because we affirm the goodness in life and in us. We engage the redemptive process sincerely to cleanse ourselves, to align ourselves with the truth, to constructively resolve guilt, to liberate ourselves from the burdens we carry and to move to a better place in this life, on the inside and the outside.

Of course we have to begin by taking time to review. As I have said before, I try to imagine myself standing in a completely plain and empty room, with nothing to cover me, in the presence of God, who knows all. There is no point trying to rationalize or fib or deceive. Reflecting on the naked truth is the only possibility. We consider our flaws, errors, sins, transgressions in light of our principles of the good, the standards that mark our goals. What do we expect of ourselves? What does Judaism expect of us? What does God expect of us? How far did we come since the last High Holy Days? What adjustments did we make?

What discipline did we bring to the effort? What worked and what failed? What do we need to do now? How much will we practice so that we actually advance? With what regularity will we pause and reflect during the year ahead so that we might reenergize and fine tune the commitments we make now? How honest are we being?

We make promises to Whomever and whomever we are moved to address our pledges. We atone through corrective action, building up where we previously tore down. We move to get right what we got wrong. But we don't humble ourselves sufficiently to begin with, the Holy Days cannot succeed within us.

We are to spend the month of Elul, the month before Tishri, getting ready. It is a grand time. It is filled with so much opportunity for sh'leimut. It is filled with hope and the promise of peace and joy!

We read in our Machzor, our Holy Day prayer book:

*For transgressions against God, the Day of Atonement atones; but for transgressions of one human being against another, the Day of Atonement does not atone until they have made peace with one another.*

Repentance unburdens us, it is liberating, it moves us toward wholeness.

Shanah tova from Toby and me,

*Bruce E. Kahn*  
Bruce E. Kahn



## From the Executive Director

Message from Susan Goutos Zemsky

The High Holy Days mark the beginning and the end for much of what happens at Temple Shalom. They are the culmination of several months of preparation. Some of the tasks at hand involve putting the final touches on building projects. Other tasks involve the initiation of activities that will be completed over the course of the coming year.

The administrative offices at the Temple are not only the hub of many Temple activities but also the crossroads for congregants to meet and greet each other and to become involved in different volunteer functions that support the Temple. These volunteers are dear to all the staff, and we love having them work with us whenever they are called upon. I am deeply grateful to our loyal volunteers for their continued support and contribution of time and energy to keep Temple Shalom in good running order.

The members of the administrative staff take your comments seriously, and I want to thank you for your thoughtful input over the past year. It is because of these conversations and the relationships that we have with our congregants that we are able to look at the systems in place and make sure that they are supportive. Please keep your thoughts and comments coming.

As we enter the High Holy Days of 5769 I would wish for all of us the ability to look forward to that which we can accomplish together in the year to come. Happy New Year from my family to my Temple Shalom family!

*Susan Goutos Zemsky*

Susan Goutos Zemsky, Executive Director



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

A new year approaches and we begin to dream about possibilities; the children will be a year older, how will they have changed? New teachers and veteran teachers will come together to meet and study together; how shall we teach then? A new Tzedakah program needs to be created; programs and curricula need updating; rooms need to be cleaned and supplies ordered. A long luxurious summer will be spent planning, dreaming and visioning for the new year. We begin in June and we think we have so much time until September but the days fly by.

Each year my bulletin article is about an exciting year to come, but this year is truly special for it begins with so many blessings for our school. Cantor Lisa Levine will be an active member of our school celebrating our beautiful liturgy with our students. We will be working together to help our children feel comfortable with our Temple Shalom liturgy. We want to encourage our families to come to services on Friday evening and Shabbat morning as children lead us in prayer. Our Religious School Handbook has dates for family services led by each grade.

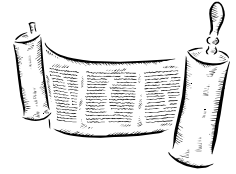
The Israel Committee was blessed in February by working together in Israel. As an active member of the Committee I hope to help students make connections to this ancient Land while illuminating the complexity of issues facing the modern State of Israel. Currently grades 2, 5 and Chai School have Israel curricula. This year we will continue to dialogue about Israeli issues in our upper grades in addition to expanding our modern language studies. Students at the end of fourth grade, the Alef Hebrew year, will spend six weeks studying modern Hebrew while seventh graders will have their year dedicated to modern Hebrew. This will encourage more in-depth language study in the seventh grade, a difficult time for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students who are immersed in liturgy with their tutors.

At the end of our school year our students participated in our Tzedakah Fair making food for S.O.M.E., plants for the Hebrew Home, and deciding how to allocate their Tzedakah dollars. This year we will be creating a Religious School Beit Din, a House of Justice. This project is funded by our Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning and the Federation of Greater Washington. Students from each grade will meet monthly to discuss ways in which our school can help those in need. The Beit Din will have an active role in creating Tzedakah projects for our school, deciding which organizations will be recipients of Tzedakah Funds and how best to reach out to those in need in our community.

During the year Family Education programs will continue to encourage parents to be a part of the educational process under the leadership of Anne Feinberg; our Youth Chorus will continue with Cantor Lisa Levine at the helm; our wonderful teachers will be creating fabulous projects for our students, and Rabbi Feshbach and I look

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT DATES



5769 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

# SAVE THE DATE!

Hebrew Opening Day . . . . .	September 9
Hebrew Opening Day . . . . .	September 10
Opening Sunday School . . . . .	September 14
Opening Chai School . . . . .	September 14
Religious School Open House . . . . .	September 21
Back-to-School, 4:30 . . . . .	September 23
Back-to-School, 4:30 & 6:45 . . . . .	September 24
Back-to-School, 8:45 , 11:15 & 6:30	September 28
No School Rosh Hashanah . . . . .	September 30
No School Rosh Hashanah . . . . .	October 1
No School Erev Yom Kippur . . . . .	October 8
Sukkah Building . . . . .	October 12

forward to greeting you and your children as you enter Temple Shalom on Sunday mornings.

Valeriya, our Religious School Assistant, and I are very excited about the coming year: Please call Val anytime you have questions about the day-to-day operations of the school. Hebrew School opens on Tuesday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Sunday School opens Sunday, September 14th, for all students. Parents, please join us then for our Blow-out Bruchim Habaim Welcome Back Assembly at 8:45 AM or 11:15 AM with Cantor Levine, Rabbi Feshbach, myself and all our staff. As we dream of a new school year I am reminded of the beautiful words from the Misheberach prayer by our own Cantor Levine, "Bless us with the vision for tomorrow." Shanah Tova u'Metukah! Have a Sweet and Happy New Year!

Lisa Pressman  
Director of Education

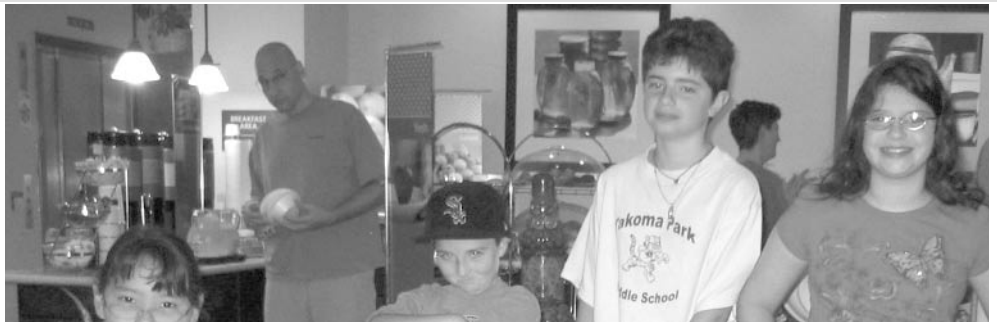
# September 2008

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MONDAY Offices closed – Labor Day
- 3**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service  
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting  
7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 5**  
FRIDAY 7 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service
- 6**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah of Shoshana Weinstein & Emma Kapstein O'Brien
- 7**  
SUNDAY 1:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Coordinators Meeting
- 9**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School – Day 1  
7:30 PM Taste of Judaism
- 10**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service  
4:30 PM Hebrew School – Day 1  
6:45 PM Hebrew School – Day 1  
7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 11**  
THURSDAY 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 12**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service
- 13**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10:30 AM Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Madison Wayne

- 14**  
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session – Day 1  
9:30 AM Committee Chairs Meeting  
9:30 AM Book Discussions  
10:45 AM Youth Choir Kick-Off Meeting with Cantor Levine  
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session – Day 1  
6:30 PM Chai School – Day 1  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class – Day 1  
6:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class – Day 1
- 16**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School  
7:30 PM Taste of Judaism
- 17**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service  
4:30 PM Hebrew School  
6:45 PM Hebrew School  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 19**  
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service
- 20**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah of Adam Lott & Jacob Ritz  
8:30 PM Selichot Coffeehouse with Cantor Levine & “3 OF A KIND”  
9:30 PM Coffee, Cake & Conversation  
10 PM Selichot Service
- 21**  
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session  
9:30 AM Committee Chairs Meeting  
9:30 AM Religious School Open House

- 10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir  
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session  
12 PM Religious School Open House  
6 PM Renaissance Group Ice Cream Social  
6:30 PM Chai School
- 23**  
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School – Back to School  
7:30 PM Taste of Judaism
- 24**  
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service  
4:30 PM Hebrew School – Back to School  
6:45 PM Hebrew School – Back to School  
6:45 PM Confirmation Class  
7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 25**  
THURSDAY 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- 26**  
FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
7 PM Pot Luck Dinner  
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service
- 27**  
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study  
10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah of Alyssa & Jaime Berez
- 28**  
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session – Back to School  
10 AM High Holiday Community Memorial Service at Garden of Remembrance  
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir  
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session – Back to School  
2 PM 9–12-Month Meeting  
6:30 PM Chai School  
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session – Back to School

## URJ Campers Temple Shalom Youth at Camp Harlam Kunkletown, PA



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adult Education	Barbara Saragovitz Steve Hirschfeld
ARZA	Joan Kalin
B'nai Mitzvah	Marney Jacobs
Brotherhood	Herb Jacobowitz Bob Krauss
Capital Projects	Mark Ross
Cemetery	Marta Tanenhaus
College Outreach	Mary Jacobs
Communications	Ken Norkin
Finance Committee	Marc Feinberg Kenneth Kramer
Founders	Ed Beeman
Historian/Parliamentarian	Sandy Kamisar
House & Grounds	Mike Gurevich
JCC Delegate	Joan Kalin
Leadership	Anne Feinberg
Legal Counsel	Marc Feinberg
Membership	Allison Druin
Mitzvah Corps	Wilma Braun Beryl Tretter
Music	TBD
Nominating	Andrea Mark
Outreach Committee	TBD
Religious Education	Marc Blumenstein
Renaissance Committee	Francine Simons
Sisterhood	Andrea Karp Susan Stamm
Special Funds	Harvey Berger
Tikkun Olam	Larry Katzman
Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth Committee	Seth Maiman

Out with the old — to make room for the new!

**September 14**

*Gift Shop Sale*

**First day of Sunday School  
Early and Late Sessions  
Many items are on sale —  
some up to **90% off!****

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October/November B'nai Mitzvah

October 25	Johnny Ruvolo/Marc Finzi
November 1	Nathaniel Gottesman
November 8	Adult B'nai Mitzvah
November 15	Talya Cohen
November 22	Zev Truskey/Josh Kohm

### Save the Date

**The Temple Shalom  
Adult B'nai Mitzvah  
CLASS OF 5769**

will be called to the Torah on  
**Shabbat Lech Lecha  
Saturday, November 8, 2008.**

Please plan to celebrate this Shabbat with  
the Class and join the Kiddush luncheon  
immediately following the service.

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MONDAY

6:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Early Service

9 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Late Service

**30**

TUESDAY

Temple Offices Closed — Rosh Hashanah  
8:30 AM Early Morning Rosh Hashanah  
Service

11:45 AM Late Morning Rosh Hashanah  
Service

2:45 PM Rosh Hashanah Children's  
Service (age 6+)

4:30 PM NO Hebrew School

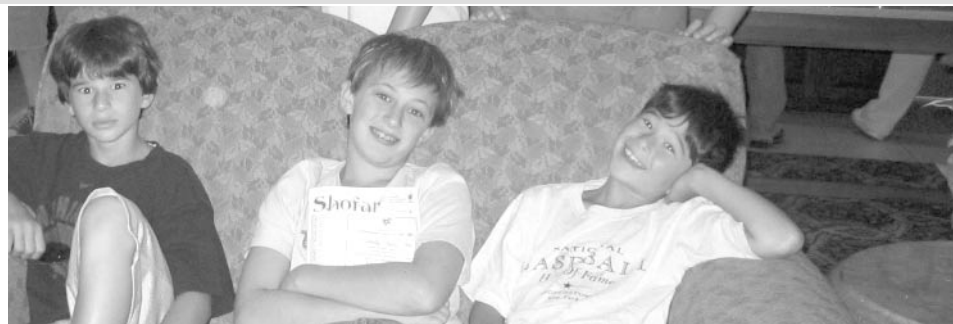
4:30 PM Rosh Hashanah Tot Service  
(ages 2-5)

5 PM Tashlich Service

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WEDNESDAY

10 AM-NOON Second Day Rosh Hashanah  
Intimate Morning 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.**

From the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

# Hear ye!! Hear ye!!

- Have you decided that it might be a good idea to get involved in Temple Shalom?
- Have you figured out that you get more out of our congregation when you invest more into it?
- Do you think it would be wonderful if your children could see you involved in the Temple Shalom Community?

If you've answered yes to any of the above, Marc Blumenstein, Chair of the Religious Education Committee, is seeking Temple members who would be interested in serving on the Committee. Meetings will be monthly with Lisa Pressman, Director of Education. We have much to map out as we commence our second year together. Come join a spirited group seeking to fully develop Jewish education and support leadership on this journey together.

Call Marc Blumenstein at 301.562.6036 and please leave a message.

Speaking of religious education, please submit your registration forms as soon as possible; let's not have the school's office scrambling to organize last minute registration forms and class enrollment.



From the President

Dear Congregation Temple Shalom,

I am honored, excited and most of all humbled to be serving as your president for the next two years. Many of the joys of my life including B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, grandparenthood have been celebrated at services and with friends at Temple Shalom. And during sorrowful times, such as the death of my father, or in times of need, as when I was injured in an automobile accident, Temple Shalom members have stepped forward with food and support.

I've done a lot at Temple Shalom. My family have been members since 1987. We've celebrated four B'nai Mitzvah, four Confirmations, three Post Con graduations, and my own adult Bat Mitzvah at age 40. Julie Knoll and I taught kindergarten and first grades together. I have taken classes, ushered, fixed onegs, and attended services. I have served on and chaired the Religious School and Membership committees, served on the Tzedek (now Tikkun Olam) committee, the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee, and chaired the Purim Carnival more times than I care to count.

One of my most memorable and fulfilling accomplishments was serving as co-chair with the late past President Steve Eisen on the Shalom L'olam Capital and Endowment Campaign bringing light into our Sanctuary and financial stability in the form of the Bruce E. Kahn Endowment.

I started getting involved at Temple Shalom to learn more about Judaism. I stayed involved for the fine people. With the exception of our being Jewish, our congregants come from as rich and varied backgrounds as you can find anywhere. And I've learned more from them about what it means to be Jewish than I ever have from a book. We have professionals from every field and interests of every kind. Playing, praying and learning from the people who make up Temple Shalom has made it possible for me to practice being Jewish every day, in every aspect of my life.

Things have changed a great deal since my early days at Temple Shalom. All of us seem to have less and less time to devote to the things that give our lives meaning. We have less time for study, for participation, for worship. But the effort I have expended over the years has created a source of support and goodness that I couldn't do without.

In our Siddurim, both new and old, there is a meditation:

May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have care to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

As we move past a very difficult time, I invite you to come in the doors of Temple Shalom, whatever your need. Learn with us, pray with us, study with us, seek with us, receive solace or celebrate simchas with us. Come in the doors of Temple Shalom.

L'Shana Tova

Betsy Kingery

## From the Board

### Summary of 2008 Annual Meeting

Upon determination of a quorum of 50 members, President Andrea Mark called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Rabbi Feshbach delivered the D'var Torah.

Andrea Mark gave the Board of Trustees report. Rabbi Feshbach gave the Senior Rabbi report and then conducted an open question and answer period. Lisa Pressman gave the Director of Education report, Myles Levin gave the Brotherhood report, and Andrea Karp gave the Sisterhood report. The reports are available on the Temple Shalom Web site.

Scott Schreiber presented the budget. He noted three trends:

- 1) Nationally, there is less of a commitment to religious organizations.
- 2) The country is going through a recession. At Temple Shalom, we have seen an increase in requests for dues reduction because of this.
- 3) Temple Shalom is seeing the results of the internal events of the past year.

In looking at the current (FY08) budget, Scott noted that the budget will come in under the \$1.2 million projected. The FY09 budget reflects our expectation of bringing in 20–30 new members. We have also cut back on non-essential expenditures. With one full-time cantor instead of two part-time clergy, there is a savings in salary expenses. If the financial situation worsens during the year, we can cut back on office expenses. Scott noted that we do have funds in reserves. The synagogue has planned to manage our way through this situation until we can rebuild the base. He noted that the celebration of the synagogue's 50th anniversary this coming year will also provide opportunities for fund raising. Ken Kramer made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Sandra Kamisar. After a short discussion, the motion passed by majority vote.

Marilyn Ripin presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers and trustees for election. Scott Kravetz moved to accept the slate, seconded by Helen Crystal. During the discussion, George Leventhal moved to split the vote so that the president would be voted on separately from the other officers and trustees. After some discussion, he withdrew the motion. The original motion passed by majority vote. The new officers and trustees are:

Betsy Kingery—President

Myles Levin—Executive Vice President

Scott Schreiber—Vice President, Finance

Linda Gurevich—Vice President

Mark Ross—Treasurer

Margo Gottesman—Secretary

Alan Lewis—Financial Secretary

Stephanie Weldon, Trustee (term expires 2009)

### Trustees with terms expiring in 2011

Jordin Cohen

Susan Medick

Allison Druin

Richard Udell

Marc Feinberg

Betsy Kingery addressed the congregation and assured the group that the discord of the past year had caused the entire Board to focus on how the congregation can function better. She noted that she welcomes all comments and noted that congregants should feel free to call her to discuss any concerns.

Ethan Burger requested that a governance committee be formed to look at the congregation's by-laws and constitution. Betsy responded that the congregation will be looking carefully at its governance.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mark Ross addressed a question that Cate Bennett had posed to the Rabbi earlier regarding the Board's decision about staffing two years earlier.

Earl Simons moved for adjournment, seconded by Barbara Miller. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

## From the Transition Committee

Ready, get set, she's off and running! Cantor Lisa Levine, who began her tenure at Temple Shalom on July 1, made her debut to the Congregation with a special Friday night reception and service on July 4, 2008. This was the first event scheduled to introduce Cantor Lisa to the Temple Shalom family.

In May, outgoing President Andrea Mark and incoming President Betsy Kingery assembled a Transition Committee to help assure a range of opportunities for all segments of the Temple community — young and old, up County and down County, singers and non-singers — to meet our new Cantor. Cantor Lisa, who wanted to meet everyone — yesterday — has stressed the importance of being accessible. While relocating and getting her family established in Montgomery County, she has actively participated in planning and has started to execute an impressive array of informal, more formal and spiritual events that will continue over the next several months. These range from leading Friday night services over the summer, to teaching the music she will lead during the High Holidays, to holding organizational meetings of the youth and adult choirs, to attending neighborhood gatherings, to meeting with the B'nai Mitzvah families and much more in between. A key event in September will be Cantor Lisa's performance, with friends, in a "Selichot Coffeehouse" on Saturday night, September 20, 2008.

All who have met Cantor Lisa to date have been impressed by her spirituality, musical talent, and enthusiasm. The Transition Committee, which consists of members of the Cantor Search Committee, the Board of Trustees, and regular Temple members, also have been impressed by her extraordinary commitment, energy and ability to multitask!

Don't miss out. If you have not yet met the newest member of the Temple Shalom team, please note in this bulletin and in the weekly Temple e-mail messages, the multiple opportunities to meet Cantor Lisa. Whatever your special interest, you will probably find Cantor Lisa shares it too.

Allison Druin

Phyllis Slesinger

## From the URJ

*“It is our honor to serve on the Union for Reform Judaism National Board. We would like to wish our Temple Shalom family a happy and healthy New Year.*

*Shana Tova,*

*Sandy Kamisar and Stephen Sacks*

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## SAVE THE DATE

### THE MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF THE UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM REGIONAL BIENNIAL

— OCTOBER 24–26, 2008 —

The Regional 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 plans now to join our delegation and attend.

Another purpose of the biennial is to bring together members from congregations in the region so they can learn from each other and return home energized and ready to strengthen their congregations. Planned highlights include learning opportunities that benefit our congregation and ourselves as well as programming for children ages 5 and older. There will be free time on Shabbat to enjoy informal education opportunities and to 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, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York Campus.

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 event 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.

## The URJ Blog

The Union for Reform Judaism has launched a new blog - **RJ.org:News and Views of Reform Jews** – that will, we hope, become a free market place of ideas about Judaism and the role it plays in our lives [[go to blogs.rj.org](http://go.to/blogs.rj.org)]. The blog is a platform for Reform Jews and those who care about Judaism to come together to kibbitz and learn in an online community. In order for the blog to succeed, we need your help in getting the word out.

The blog launched in May 2008 using postings from the 30 people who wrote for the (online) magazine, The RJ Guide to Reform Judaism: 30 Stories. But that is just the start! Please help the URJ blog succeed by reading it, commenting on the entries and posting your own submissions. And even more, send this notice on to others who will also be interested in the conversation and who will contribute their ideas.

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## From the SISTERHOOD

Greetings from the Temple Shalom Sisterhood.

On behalf of our organization, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy New Year. After reactivating the Temple Shalom Sisterhood three years ago, the leadership of the Temple Shalom Sisterhood has been gearing up for another busy year. After spending much of last year defining our goals, we developed the following mission statement.

“The Temple Shalom Sisterhood’s primary focus is to provide educational, spiritual, emotional and recreational activities for all women members of the synagogue in order to promote a sense of kinship and connection for the women within the temple.”

To this end, we are inviting all women of the Temple to become active in the Sisterhood. We are seeking new ideas and energy to help us achieve our goals. We have developed some activities which have been very successful and will continue to be part of our annual schedule, such as movie nights, theater outings, the Women’s Seder and other holiday events. However, we would like to have more input from the women of Temple Shalom as to events in which you would like to see us become involved. We need your assistance to take this organization to the next level. Please watch the *Shofar* for announcements about upcoming activities and meetings. If you would like to join our e-mail list, please contact Susan at 301-588-4339 or [ssamm@starpower.net](mailto:ssamm@starpower.net).

Andrea Karp and Susan Stamm

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## From the FOUNDERS

Greetings from the Founders! A Healthy, Happy New Year from all the Founders of Temple Shalom. As the Temple approaches its 50th year, do you, our Temple Shalom Family, know your Temple Roots? I urge you to read our early history, *The First Thirty Years*, by Joseph Caro. Since then our Temple has grown, and we are proud of its success and its successors. May the seeds that we planted those many years ago continue to grow. L’Shana Tova,

Jean and Ed Beeman

## From the BROTHERHOOD

It has been six years since I became President of the Brotherhood. It has been a wonderful experience and now I am going to pass the "torch" as I move on to assume the position of Executive Vice President of Temple Shalom. The camaraderie that I experienced has been wonderful, a great group of men meeting every month to enjoy a light dinner and conduct the business of the Brotherhood. I would like to thank all the members of the congregation who supported all our functions and to the members of the Brotherhood who were there when we needed you to help prepare for our functions.

I am turning over the reins of the Brotherhood to two new co-presidents, Bob Krauss and Herb Jacobowitz. The following message comes from Bob and Herb:

### LOOKIN' FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Welcome to the changing face of Temple Shalom Brotherhood. This coming year we are making a concerted effort to provide programs and events that appeal to the broad spectrum of Temple Shalom men. In addition to our Sunday brunches, wine sales and end of the year Sunday School picnic, we want to schedule programs for the dads who are dropping off their children at Sunday School. We are looking into sponsoring Temple outings to sporting events and sports film nights. Hey guys, what programs would be of interest to you? Please let us know what events you would like to attend. Take a second to e-mail us, Brotherhood@templeshalom.net or call Herb Jacobowitz at 301-384-8833 or Bob Krauss at 301-384-1023. Brotherhood is for all Temple men, so please come join us.

Shalom,

**Myles Levin**, Immediate Past President

**Bob Krauss**, Co-President

**Herb Jacobowitz**, Co-President

## Temple Shalom Book Club

The Temple Shalom Book Club will begin its twelfth year with a meeting on Sunday, September 14, to discuss the fascinating *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. This ingenious story tells about the odyssey of a fictional haggadah through centuries of European Jewish history and is based on the actual Sarajevo Haggadah, a 15th century work that was rescued by a Muslim librarian during the shelling of Sarajevo in the Bosnian war of the 1990s. Ms. Brooks takes us back through time to the various characters that created the Book and later protected it through the centuries.

The Book Club will meet at Temple Shalom from 9–10:30 AM, during the early session of Sunday School; it is free to all and will feature a breakfast snack. We will also discuss other books that the participants may want to read this year, so please bring your ideas and suggestions.

**If you have any questions, call or e-mail**

**Mona Ellis at 301.589.6650, monaellis@comcast.net or  
Stu Bassin at 202.307.6418, stuart.j.bassin@usdoj.gov**

## From the RENAISSANCE GROUP

Greetings from the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group Steering Committee

Since the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group was formed in September of 2001, our programs have become a vital part of the Temple's activities. Our mission is to provide social and cultural opportunities for Temple members over the age of 50 who wish to pursue an active lifestyle. Over the past seven years, our events have included museum visits, theatre and concert performances, film evenings, dinner parties at local restaurants, excursions to places of interest, such as the Jewish Center at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, the National Arboretum, the National Zoo, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. We traditionally end each season with a gala cocktail party and buffet in June.

On Sunday evening, **September 21**, the Renaissance Group will launch its eighth year with our **Annual Meeting and Ice-Cream/Dessert Social**. At that time, the Steering Committee will be on hand to announce this year's plans and to note your suggestions for future activities. We will also welcome **Cantor Lisa Levine** as a special guest speaker for this important event. Please join us for this meeting. I look forward to meeting you then.

On behalf of the Renaissance Group Steering Committee, I wish you and your loved ones a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

L'shalom

**Francine Simons**

Chair, Renaissance Group Steering Committee

## From the CEMETERY COMMITTEE

We are pleased to be able to inform you that the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington, Inc., has renewed its contracts on behalf of area congregations with Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home in Silver Spring, MD, and Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria VA. The contract terms, effective July 1, 2008, appear on the Committee's Web site at [www.jewish-funerals.org](http://www.jewish-funerals.org).

Both companies have built facilities for the special needs of Jewish funerals. Jefferson has served the community since 2000, and Hines-Rinaldi since 2002. Congregations in the DC Metro area have indicated that they are well satisfied.

Contracts of the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington provide the community with quality funerals that uphold Jewish values: honor and privacy of the deceased, simplicity and equality in death, protection of the bereaved from exploitation, and facilitation of the Jewish rituals that each congregation considers to be appropriate. The contract prices are public, thus setting the standard for Jewish funeral prices in the area. The use of these contracts since 1987 has saved the community more than 10 million dollars.

For more information or to discuss your concerns, please contact Bob Hausman, President of the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee, at 202 966-1545, or [rmhausman@gmail.com](mailto:rmhausman@gmail.com).

**Marta Tanenhaus**, Chair

## From the TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

By Larry Katzman

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

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

**High Holiday Food Drive:** We are currently looking for two people to coordinate this effort which provides crucial food to needy families and individuals. To volunteer or learn more, contact Tim Greene (301-589-2744) or Larry Katzman (301-565-0707). **Total time commitment: a few hours in September/early October.**

**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. Look for announcements in the Fall. **Total time commitment: 3 hours in November.**

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 environment. If interested in inquiring or getting engaged, please contact **Tim Greene** (301-589-2744) or **Larry Katzman** (301-565-0707).

## From the MITZVAH CORPS

The Temple Shalom Mitzvah Corps wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year! Please let us know if you need help handling any of life's problems – illness, bereavement, etc. – and we will do our best to offer you support, concrete and otherwise. If you would like to help those in the Temple with these needs, just give us a call.

L'Shana Tovah!

**Wilma Braun and Beryl Tretter**

Co-Chairs, Mitzvah Corps

## From ARZA

This has been an exciting year as Israel celebrated its 60th birthday! In the spring we hosted a wonderful Israeli Art Show, celebrating Israel art and music and raising funds for the Temple as well. Once again the Temple had a successful trip to Israel and one of our post-con students, Daniel Knoll, traveled with almost 700 teenagers across Israel for a month as part of the NFTY Summer in Israel program. More exciting programs are planned, so stay tuned.

Many of you are already supporters of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. ARZA is the Zionist arm and voice of the Reform Movement in the United States, working to make Israel fundamental to the sacred lives and Jewish identity of Reform Jews. As a Zionist organization, ARZA champions activities that further enhance Israel as a pluralistic, just and democratic Jewish state. If you already check-off ARZA dues on your Temple bills, thank you for your support! If you are not already an ARZA member, please consider adding the check-off to your Temple dues. It is only \$36 per person and the money goes to support our efforts here in the United States and in Israel. ARZA plays a critical role connecting Reform Jews to Israel through engagement, advocacy and travel. If you have any questions, please call **Joan Kalin** or **Julie Knoll**.

Best wishes for a Happy Healthy New Year for us, our families, our congregation and for all Israel. **Julie and Joan**

## WE NEED YOU !

**Volunteers are needed at the Temple for a wide variety of services. We need people to help with Religious Services, communications, office help, gift shop, Tikkun Olam, college outreach, fundraising, and making telephone calls.**

## Labor on the Bimah

Friday, August 29, 8 PM

Speaker: Phil Dine

### “The State of the Unions.”

Temple Shalom continues our tradition of joining together with synagogues and churches around the area in observance of Labor Day. The Jewish aspect of this observance, sponsored by the organization Jews United for Justice, is called “Labor on the Bimah.”

Many members of our congregation are involved, in one way or another, with labor unions or the labor movement. This year we have a special opportunity to hear from a congregant who is ideally suited to address this topic: Philip Dine is a Washington-based journalist, frequent speaker on labor and politics, and author of the recent *State of the Unions: How Labor Can Strengthen the Middle Class, Improve Our Economy, and Regain Political Influence* (McGraw-Hill). The book delves into the decline of American labor unions, explores how their troubles have had a powerful effect on our way of life and on our political landscape, and suggests how labor could revitalize itself.

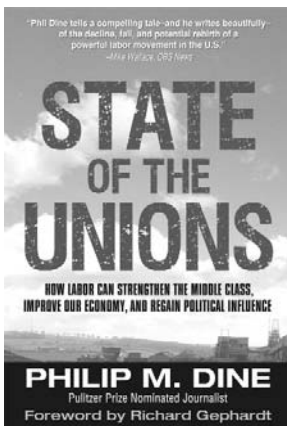


Philip Dine has covered the labor beat for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for two decades. Twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his labor reporting, in 2007 he won the National Press Club’s Edwin Hood Award for Diplomatic Correspondence and first place for investigative reporting from the Society of Professional Journalists’ Dateline Awards, for his coverage of Afghanistan’s illicit narcotics trade.

A New York native, Dine did graduate work at MIT in political science and industrial relations, then spent two years researching the German and French labor movements before going into journalism in New England. With the Post-Dispatch for 10 years, he wrote perhaps the only weekly labor column at a metro daily. He also has reported frequently on military and national security affairs, including coverage from the Persian Gulf, Kosovo, Afghanistan and behind the Iron Curtain. His op-ed/commentary pieces have been published in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, Newsday and elsewhere.

Since coming to the nation’s capital in 1996, he’s been cited seven times for top Washington investigative or foreign correspondence by the National Press Club or Society of Professional Journalists’ Washington chapter. He also won an Overseas Press Club award for top foreign reporting by newspapers, magazines, radio or television.

Dine was a Knight fellow for military reporters at the University of Maryland, co-founded the journalists’ group Military Reporters and Editors, and devised and taught a university course on the media, labor and social change at Webster University. He lives in Maryland with his wife and three children.



## The Foundation for Jewish Studies “Lunch & Learn Series” September 2008

JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville

Wednesdays

NOON – 1:30 PM

September 3, 10, 17, 24

301-881-0100

Sixth & I Street Synagogue

Thursdays

NOON – 1:30 PM

September 4, 11, 18, 25

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## INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

# ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES 5769/2008–2009

In every generation, it is the responsibility of the Jewish community to inspire each of us to embrace our past, create a more meaningful present, and transmit our values for the future. At Temple Shalom, our *Institute for Lifelong Learning* taps into all of our community's resources – scholars, writers, congregants, literature, current events, and others – to design and conduct a rich, innovative approach to learning.

As we welcome the New Year, 5769, we encourage each of you to engage in at least one class, one learning event, one dialogue on a topic presented through the Temple's *Institute for Lifelong Learning*. Bring your questions and curiosity; come and explore the tapestry of Jewish thought and learning. Below is just a taste of the learning activities planned for September and October and some topics to pull you in during the coming months. Check the Temple's Web site for complete descriptions. A full *Institute for Lifelong Learning* catalog is coming.

L'Shana Tova to you all,

Barbara Saragovitz and Steven Hirschfeld

Co-Chairs, Adult Education Committee

## September/October



### Taste of Judaism – Are You Curious?

Have you ever had questions about Judaism or Jewish life? Or have your non-Jewish friends, family or neighbors ever expressed any interest in Judaism to you? Taught by Rabbi Feshbach, this is

a 3-week introduction to the basic concepts of Judaism – God, Torah and Israel; spirituality, ethics and community – meant for all who are curious about Judaism, Jews with little background or those interested in learning more about Judaism in an introductory and non-threatening way (not that any of our other classes are threatening).

No charge.

Tuesday evenings, September 9, 16, and 23, 7:30–9 PM.



### Reading the Writings: The Book of Psalms II

For thousands of years, when Jews — or Christians — have been in trouble, or when they have been 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 informal discussion meets (almost) every **Thursday afternoon from 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM** 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 previ-

ous knowledge of Hebrew or Biblical texts is required. No charge.

**Begins October 16, 2008 and runs through May 21, 2009 (excluding November 27, December 25, January 1, January 29, and April 9)**



### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Missed that moment in your life to lead the congregation? Your congregation either didn't bat mitzvah women or your family wasn't observant? Temple Shalom has the way to achieve your dream of per-

forming as a bar or bat mitzvah. Last year's B'nai Mitzvah class will celebrate its achievement on Saturday, November 8, 2008. The study of Torah coupled with Rabbi Feshbach's scholarly discussions, readings and exploration of timely topics make this a very warm, rich experience.

**An exploratory meeting is scheduled for the next B'nai Mitzvah class (for fall of 2010), Sunday, October 26, 11:30 AM–1 PM. If you are interested, please call Rabbi Feshbach at the Temple (301) 587-2273.**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LEARNING TO COME

### TEMPLE SHALOM BEIT MIDRASH

What exactly is a Beit Midrash? According to Wikipedia, *Beit Midrash* literally means a "House [of] Interpretation," "Lecturing," or "House [of] Learning" in Hebrew. It may refer to a synagogue or yeshiva, and refers specifically to the "study hall" (and/or to the "place of worship"), which is a place dedicated for Torah and Talmud study.

- November — How to Read the Bible
- December — Introduction to the New Testament for Jews

## HOT TOPICS COMING UP

- BUILDING COMMUNITY IN A VIRTUAL WORLD
- HOW CAN THE NEW MILLENNIAL GENERATION CONNECT TO ISRAEL?
- A HISTORY OF OUR OWN – AN HISTORICAL RETROSPECTIVE OF THE DC AND METRO AREA JEWISH COMMUNITY
- SACRED AGING — Did you know that the fastest growing segment of the Jewish community is over 65?

# *High Holy Days*

Eighth Annual  
Community Memorial Service

Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park  
*Sadugor Gazebo in the Founders' Garden*

Sunday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.

*For directions and other information, please visit  
[www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org) or call (301) 428-3000.*





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