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March
 6
 FRI

Family Shabbat Dinner 6 PM
 Erev Shabbat Family Service 7 PM
 Led by Pre-K — Grade-1
 with Temple Shalom Youth Choir

7
 SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
 Special Post Confirmation Lunch &
 Study Session
Parashat Tetzaveh
Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

9
 MON

Tot Purim 6:30 PM
 Purim Craft Activities 7 PM
 Purim Family Service, Purim Spiel
 & Megillah Reading 7:30 PM

13
 FRI

Special Erev Shabbat Service
 Honoring Mitzvah Corps 8 PM

14
 SAT

Primary Age Shabbat Service
 Grades Pre-K - 3, 9 AM
 Shabbat Morning Family Service
 Grades 4 - 7, 10 AM
 Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah
 of Andrew & Rebecca Naimon 10 AM
 Torah Study 11 AM
Parashat Ki Tisa
Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

20
 FRI

Shir Shalom Music Shabbat
 Honoring Renaissance Group 8 PM

21
 SAT

Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah
 of Jeremy Eskin & Jacob Kowenski 10 AM
 Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Vayakhel - Pekudei
Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

27
 FRI

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 PM
 Health Care Shabbat Service
 with Hon. Donna Edwards &
 Honoring Silver Spring Chavurah 8 PM

28
 SAT

Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah
 of Josh Hoffman 10 AM
 Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM

Parashat Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

Monday, March 9th
Purim Celebration



6:30 Tot Purim
 7:00 Purim Craft Activities
 7:30 Purim Family Service

Including our world renown Purim Spiel
 Costume Parade and Megillah Reading

Scholar in Residence
Rabbi David Forman
 Tuesday
March 17
 7:30 PM



Wednesday
March 18
 10:30 AM

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April

3 FRI Shabbat Family Dinner 6 PM
Tot Passover Seder 6 PM
Shabbat Yom HaSefer Family Service
Led by Grade 4
with Temple Shalom Youth Choir 7 PM

4 SAT Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah
of Teri West 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Tzav
Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

8 WED Erev Passover & First Seder

9 THUR First Morning of Passover at Temple Emanuel
Clergy Cook Off 9 AM
Passover Festival Morning Service 10:30 AM

10 FRI Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM

11 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Hol Hamoed Pesach
Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

15 WED Seventh Day of Passover at Temple Shalom
Passover Festival Morning & Yizkor
Memorial Service 10:30 AM

17 FRI Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM

18 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Shemini
Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

20 MON *Yom HaShoah v'HaG'vurah*
Holocaust Martyrs & Heroes
Remembrance 7:30 PM

24 FRI Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 PM
Shir Shalom Music Shabbat
& Post Confirmation Graduation 8 PM

25 SAT Shabbat Service & B'not Mitzvah
of Monica Serafini & Claire Weitzner 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Parashat Tazria - Mezora
Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

Scholar in Residence Rabbi David Forman

Temple Shalom is honored to welcome Rabbi David Forman, one of Israel's leading voices for peace and justice, as the 2009 Scholar in Residence.

The Scholar in Residence Program will be held March 17 and 18, 2009, in the Temple Shalom Sanctuary. On Tuesday evening, March 17, Rabbi Forman will speak on pressing current issues for Israel, "**Different Voices for Difficult Days: The Contradictory Truths About Israel's Wars in Lebanon and Gaza.**" On Wednesday morning, the topic will be, "**Israel: The Role of Religion in a Democratic State.**"

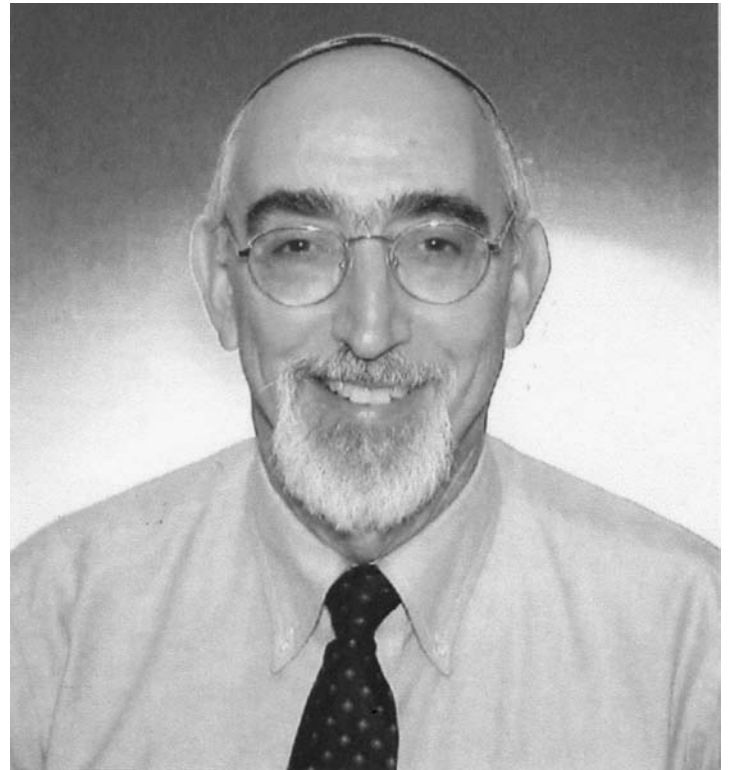
A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Rabbi Forman moved to Israel thirty-five years ago. As the former director of the Israel office of the Union for Reform Judaism, he has been instrumental in building programs that bridge the Israel-Diaspora divide.

Rabbi Forman has also been a leading activist in Israel's human rights and peace movements. He served as founding chairperson of the Jerusalem Council for Soviet Jewry (1973); chairperson of Interns for Peace (1984–1986); and founding chairperson of Israeli Rabbis for Human Rights (1988–1992), on behalf of which he accepted the prestigious Knesset Peace Prize (1993). Of note, Rabbi Forman also served as a deputy commander in the Israeli artillery corps, receiving a medal for distinguished service.

As a columnist for *The Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Forman writes regularly for both the Israeli Hebrew and English press on social, political and religious issues. He lectures internationally on Human Rights and Social Justice – in Sweden, Norway, Senegal, England, Jordan, Canada, Ukraine, Russia, Bylerussia, Greece, Japan, and the United States; including an address as keynote speaker at the Nobel Institute in Oslo, Norway.

A frequent scholar in residence throughout the U.S., Rabbi Forman has authored four books, two of which will be available for purchase and signing during his stay at Temple Shalom:

- *Over My Dead Body: Some Grave Questions for God* (2005)
- *Fifty Ways to be Jewish* (2002)
- *Jewish Schizophrenia in the Land of Israel* (2000)
- *Israel On Broadway — America Off-Broadway: Jews in the New Millennium* (1998).



Please join us:

**Tuesday Evening
March 17, 2009
7:30 PM**

*"Different Voices for Difficult Days:
The Contradictory Truths About
Israel's Wars in Lebanon and Gaza"*

Followed by a Dessert Reception

**Wednesday Morning
March 18, 2009
10:30 AM**

*"Israel: The Role of Religion
in a Democratic State"*

A Congregational Luncheon in honor of Rabbi Forman will follow.

**Sign up for luncheon:
lharrison@templeshalom.net
301.587.2273**



Intent and Impact:

Getting Perspective.....and Making a Difference

Message from
Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

By the time you read these words perhaps we will know more about whether the recently declared truce in the Gaza Strip is holding, or whether it was simply another lull in a seemingly endless cycle of rearming and repositioning, and suffering and posturing and pain. The situation is so complex — with so many competing interest groups among the Palestinians, within Israel, and with the Arab and Muslim world — that it sometimes is tempting to throw up our hands in despair, or seek refuge only in prayer. But, as is the case with the complex challenges here on the American home front, there are things we yet can do. We can learn. And we can act.

In my own discussion of the recent fighting, I have described different ways in which we can weigh and judge difficult moral questions. One approach is that of absolutism, the other of utilitarianism, or consequentialism. While these are, in some ways, competing philosophical approaches, to make matters slightly more clear, I have simplified these as questions of “intent,” and questions of “impact.” In trying to come to terms with morally complex questions, I believe it is incumbent upon us to weigh both factors. What is the goal and intention of our actions? What is in our heart? And, also: do we get any closer to our goal? How effective are our deeds?

Weighing questions of intent and impact means getting a deeper perspective on important issues, and it means figuring out ways in which we can make a difference in the world around us.

There are two opportunities coming up, in our congregation and our community, to do both of these things. One focuses specifically on Israel and the Middle East. The other begins at home, and includes foreign policy only as part of a broader range of social justice questions. But both opportunities are important. And neither one should be missed.

On **Tuesday night, March 17**, and **Wednesday morning, March 18**, we welcome back to Temple Shalom an extraordinary man whom some of us have had the chance to hear, both here and in Israel. **Rabbi David Forman** is the founder of Rabbis for Human Rights, the only religious organization in Israel that brings together clergy of all the different denominations of Judaism. He is an author and commentator, with regular columns in *The Jerusalem Post*. He was, for many years, the Director of NFTY in Israel, coordinating, in Israel, all the initiatives which brought Reform youth from abroad, developing those programs into the safest, deepest, best thought out, most educational and possibly the most powerful Israel experience of all such programs.

More to the point for the moment: he is a liberal with a dilemma — which is the question of how to balance his deep moral concerns about Israel’s behavior with his passionate commitment to the safety and security of his adopted country. I have spoken about Rabbi Forman in my High Holy Day sermons; I have shared some of what I have learned from him — and I have told some of you what happened this past summer when he took our Temple Shalom trip to Israel to visit the security fence. There, looking out over the Arab communities that the fence cut

off and cut through, he spoke with us in such a deeply nuanced way that our left-wing tour guide and our right-wing bus driver found themselves nodding in agreement at the same time — and then staring at each other as if they had been tricked into common sense.

You may think you know objective “facts” about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; Rabbi Forman brings it home in a way that few others I have ever heard are able to do. Please join us at **7:30 PM on Tuesday night, March 17**, to hear Rabbi Forman speak about “Different Voices for Difficult Days: The Contradictory Truths About Israel’s Wars in Lebanon and Gaza,” and join us again at **10:30 AM on Wednesday morning, March 18**, to hear Rabbi Forman’s talk on “Israel: The Role of Religion in a Democratic State.”

Then, in April, there is an opportunity that comes around once every two years, which I am almost astonished is not attended by a hundred members of our congregation, rather than a dozen or so. Shortly after the seating of a new Congress, our Reform movement’s Religious Action Center convenes a **Consultation on Conscience**, to be held this year **April 19-21, 2009, at the L’Enfant Plaza Hotel**. It opens with a major Sunday evening event (past speakers have included Elie Wiesel and Michael J. Fox), and continues during the day on Monday and Tuesday with perspectives on issues facing the Congress and administration, ranging from Energy and the Environment, Religious Freedom and Church-State Issues, Economic Justice and Hunger, Stem Cell Research and Same-Sex Marriage, to name just a few, just for a moment. All the current events and social justice issues that frame current policy debates and agendas are on the table, and are addressed by the key “players” in all fields.

It is at the Consultation on Conscience, over the years, that I have heard from and occasionally had a chance to meet: Senators Kennedy, Clinton, Lieberman, Durbin, Brownback and Specter; Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Howard Dean, administration officials working on a variety of issues, and activists and policy makers who are the leading voices in their fields. It is also an opportunity to meet with hundreds of Reform Jews from around the country — members of social action committees or interested individuals from every corner of our movement, to network, to share ideas, to form alliances and find ways to work together on the issues that we care about the most.

In my opinion the Consultation is a simply extraordinary experience. It is one of those events that people in congregations all over the country know about, but because we are right here and it is “local” we sometimes overlook. I urge as many of you who can to attend, to participate, to be a part of this experience. You can find more detail online at the Religious Action Center Web site (www.rac.org, a fabulous resource in and of itself — although at this point the information there about the Consultation does seem a bit like insider baseball — it is more a registration vehicle for people who already know about it rather than a full description). Please call me if you have any questions, or

want to discuss the Consultation in greater detail, or have me connect you with congregants who have attended in the past. You may find, if you go, that I am understating its importance.

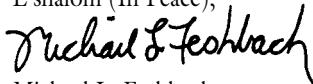
So the world goes on, with its challenges, and its opportunities. A new administration, a new era — a fresh chance, in the days ahead — to learn more, and act more. To use our ears and our eyes, our heads — and our hands.

For at the end of the day, it will be asked of each one of us: is this world a better place because we were in it?

Intent. And impact.

Time to take a stand.

L'shalom (In Peace),



Michael L. Feshbach

Kabbalat Shabbat and Family Services:

Earlier Options for Children and Their Families

Children are always welcome at Temple Shalom, in all services and at all times. But, as we know, sometimes timing and content can be a bit of a challenge. Is our 8 PM Friday night service too late for your kids? Remember that there are often options. Our increasingly well-attended Family Service takes place, usually, on the first Friday of the month (**March 6, 2009** and **April 3, 2009** in the upcoming months), beginning at 7 PM, and we try to keep that service to an hour in length.

And don't forget that on the Fourth Friday of most months, we also have a special, early **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** (the term means "Welcoming Shabbat" and tends to refer to a less formal and earlier setting for a Friday night service). These services will occur on **March 27, 2009**, and **April 24, 2009** in the coming two months. This service begins at **6:15 PM**, lasts 30-45 minutes, is mostly sung, includes some of the basic prayers, occasionally a very brief teaching or discussion, and features families sitting on or near the bimah. These services are followed by a Pot Luck Dairy Dinner in our Chapel at 7 PM; everyone is welcome at that dinner, including those coming for the 8 PM service. A special thank you to Ruti Berner-Kadish, who initiated and usually leads this service. See page 7.

Tot Services

Our popular Tot program continues in the coming months as well.

Tot Purim

with *Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Lisa Levine*

Monday, March 9 at 6:30 PM

Come in costume and prepare for a parade!

Tot Seder

led by **Carol Boyd Leon**

Friday night, April 3 at 6 PM

Featuring the first usage of Carol Boyd Leon's newly published, beautifully written and illustrated children's Haggadah (available from Ktav Publishing, see page 7).

Joint Passover Festival Morning Services

Temple Shalom, Temple Sinai, Temple Emanuel and Or Chadash of Damascus continue our tradition of combined Festival Morning Services for the upcoming Jewish holiday of Passover. Please join us for the following special observances:

First Morning of Passover:

Thursday, April 9

at Temple Emanuel

10101 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD

Clergy Cook Off: Matza Brei Breakfast 9 AM

Our annual matza brei festivities, featuring "competing" recipes from clergy of our different congregations (and some visiting rabbis and cantors as well!). This is a really fun experience! Ask those who have "sampled" our different styles of matza brei before!!

Passover Festival Morning Service 10:30 AM

Seventh Day of Passover

Wednesday, April 15

(the final day according to the Reform calendar)

at Temple Shalom

8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, MD

Passover Festival Morning & Yizkor Memorial Service 10:30 AM

Includes the Hallel Psalms of celebration and the memorial prayers for loved ones who have passed away.

Last Matza Luncheon, our final "Pesadich" meal (for those who observe seven days), immediately following the service.

Yom HaShoah V'haG'vurah

Monday, April 20

Holocaust Martyrs & Heroes Remembrance Day 7:30 PM

Our annual Temple Shalom commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day — known in Hebrew as *Yom HaShoah* — takes place on **Monday night, April 20, at 7:30 PM**. This special service includes: the writings and participation of our Seventh Grade Class, the assistance of our Tenth Grade Confirmation Class in reading the names from our own Scroll of Remembrance, and the lighting of the black Holocaust Menorah designed especially for our congregation.

Please remember, or if you are new with our congregation, please know that the "names" referred to above are the names of those who perished during the Holocaust who were relatives of members of our congregation. If you would like to add names, please write or call our clergy assistant, Lauren Harrison, at lharrison@templeshalom.net, or 301.587.CARE (2273), by **Tuesday, April 14**. Please also include some guidance as to how to pronounce the family names. And, above all, please join us for this powerful service of reflection and remembrance.



Message from
Cantor Lisa L. Levine

Dear Friends,

*“For lo..the winter is past and the rain is gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, and the time of
singing is come.....”*

These words, from Solomon’s Song of Songs perfectly describe the coming of spring. As I write this article, winter is still upon us. But I anticipate by the time you read it I will be looking out my kitchen window to see purple crocuses and yellow daffodils in bloom. The rebirth of the earth after winter will soon be here. All seems so peaceful and serene as the promise of spring approaches.

And yet, as I anticipate gazing upon these blooms, I am reminded of the situation going on in the land of Israel, where Solomon’s words were written. I think of the people, on both sides of the conflict, who are in pain. I think of my friends and family in Israel and how the situation in Gaza is affecting them. And I wonder what the future holds for our people and our land. I feel very apprehensive and afraid.

It is not the first time in my lifetime that Israel has been at war. In 1973, my brother Danny was living on Kibbutz Hulda when the Yom Kippur War broke out. He stayed to help in the fields while the men went to fight. They gave him a medal and honorary lifetime membership in the Kibbutz. When I lived in Jerusalem from 1980-81, it was peaceful in the old and new cities. My apartment was close to Mt. Scopus and the West Bank. There was never a time when I felt unsafe to travel anywhere.

Today, the situation has radically changed. We all remember the terrifying days during Israel’s brief war with Lebanon during the summer of 2006. Israeli friends have told me that the streets and cafés of Israel, usually teeming with people, were empty. Hotels and beaches deserted. Gas masks and shelters readied. Men and women called up for reserve service. No family was untouched. That scenario is repeating itself today.

Israel seems so far away, and yet it represents all of the freedoms that we, as American Jews, cherish. Our own country has invaded Iraq, half a world away from our borders, in order to wipe out terrorism and stabilize the region. Yet, when Israel defends itself against the terror that is born in its own backyard it is ridiculed and accused of aggression. It seems as if a double standard is always in place when it comes to us. I hope and pray that by the time you read this article the conflict in Israel will be resolved and our people will once again be able to celebrate Passover in quiet and peace. I pray that a lasting peace will come to our land and to all lands where war seems to be the only way of protecting the freedoms that we cherish. I continue to hope that there will be another way.

So, when you look out your window today at the beautiful flowers of spring, as you feel warm and secure in your homes and see your children playing freely with their friends, as you sit down to your Passover tables and recall our people’s struggle for freedom, please do not forget about our brethren in Israel. They need our thoughts and our prayers. Strengthen our community by attending services regularly to pray for peace. E-mail, call, write and support Israel in every way you can. For the time of singing is come: a song for peace in our homeland and throughout the world.

Yours in song,

Cantor Lisa L. Levine

Upcoming Worship Events:

Friday, March 6th 7 PM

Shabbat Family Service with TSY Youth Choir

Friday, March 20th 8 PM

Shir Shalom Music Shabbat **“Oldies But Goodies”**

Friday, April 3rd 7 PM

Shabbat Family Service with TSY Youth Choir

Friday, April 24th 8 PM

Shir Shalom Music Shabbat **“Music of the Shoah”**

Announcing

Temple Shalom

TORAH CORP

Who: Adults who have a good Hebrew Level

What: A mini-course to learn the system of chanting Torah

When: Three Sundays: April 19th, 26th and May 3rd from 9 – 10:15 AM

Where: Cantor Levine’s Study

Why: Because you love learning and want to chant Torah at Temple Shalom

To enroll and for more information, e-mail Cantor Levine at: CantorLisa@templeshalom.net

Announcing

Lay Cantor’s CORP

Do you sing in the shower?

Would you love to help lead services this summer? Pick up your packet of music and a CD from Cantor Levine and she will help you become a lay Cantor for our summer service program.

Meeting: Wednesday, April 29 7:30 PM

To enroll and for more information, e-mail Cantor Levine at: CantorLisa@templeshalom.net



Kabbalat Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat —literally, “Welcoming the Sabbath”— is an ideal service for Families, Teens and kids of all ages. Kabbalat Shabbat is conducted at a relaxed pace and in a rich musical mode. Kabbalat Shabbat dress is casual and worshippers sit together with clergy on the Bimah. Musicians are encouraged to participate under the guidance of Cantor Levine. The centerpiece of the service is the Hebrew prayer, *Lekha Dodi*, a popular liturgical poem from the 16th century, in which the ‘Sabbath Bride’ is invited into our presence.

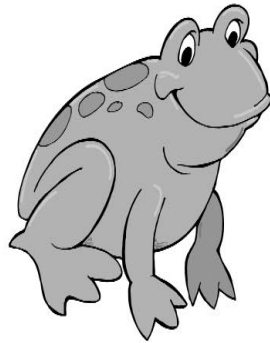
Kabbalat Shabbat features a Camp-style musical service followed by a scrumptious vegetarian Shabbat pot-luck dinner, with food, wine and friendship. After dinner, the children play together and adults have time to sit down and catch up on news of the week and see old friends.

It is one Shabbat Service your kids will beg you to come back to again and again.

March 27 at 6:15 PM

April 24 at 6:15 PM

Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish for potluck!



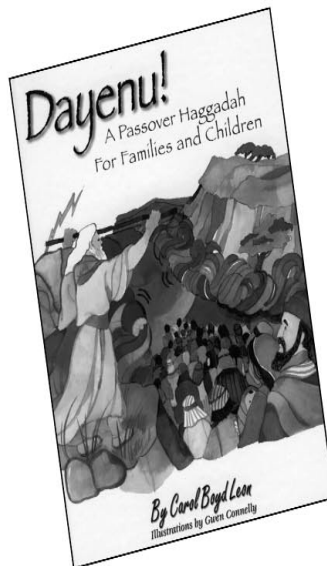
CHILDREN & TOTS' PASSOVER SEDER

For children ages 1-7 and their family members

DATE: Friday, April 3, 2009

TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Temple Shalom Chapel



Carol Boyd Leon will lead a joyous, song-filled Passover seder using the beautiful new *Dayenu! A Passover Haggadah for Families and Children*

Please bring a vegetarian dish to share for dinner and RSVP to Allison Druin so we can set a place at the table for your family

Allison's contact info:

allisond@umiacs.umd.edu

301-654-7345 / 301- 332-2551 (cell)

KIRKUS BOOK REVIEW: Early-childhood educator Leon makes the Passover story and Seder ceremony an enjoyable experience for preschool children and young families in this succinct retelling of the Jews' flight for freedom from slavery. Clear explanations for each ceremonial food and ritual appear in a lively, color-coded text with dual Hebrew and transliterated equivalents, encouraging role-playing at the table; characters from the villainous Pharaoh, to the Prophet Elijah, Miriam and Moses, to all ten plagues are represented. Easy-to-learn, catchy, rhythmic songs that capture traditional Hebrew prayers combine with original English folksongs, further adding to the playfulness. Available with or without CD.



Lisa Pressman
Director of Education

You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God; I am the Lord.
Leviticus, Chapter 19:14

Our eighth and ninth graders attend our Sunday evening Chai School program. The Chai School offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum for our adolescent students. Eighth and ninth graders are at a transitional time in the teen years; their bodies are changing so quickly that they don't always recognize the person in the mirror each day and they are challenging the ideas that are presented to them as they figure out their own world view. These times can be difficult for the teens as well as the adults that encounter them. In the school we find that we have those moments when we can't believe how mature and perceptive our students are and those moments when we wonder if they will ever "grow up."

Creating curricula for our teens in this environment challenges us as educators to go beyond the norm. For our Fall and Spring Semesters we offer an elective program that allows the students to choose a class that is closer to their own interest areas whether that be in the arts, spirituality, language, history, etc. We want our teens to feel like they have a say in the educational process. In January and February we have our Winter Mini-mester. On these Sunday evenings we explore topics of importance for one hour and do a community building activity for an hour. We maintain our pizza time in between since it is a core aspect of our program to allow teens social time together.

In January we discussed the Israeli-Hamas war and what it is to be different, a program introduced by a teen speaker who discussed the challenges he faces with Asberger's Syndrome. The quote from Leviticus, above, led to an interesting discussion with our teens as we explored how to care for and understand our relationships with other people. In February students participated in Chai School Mitzvah Day, to help others in our community, and studied about Jewish views on Ecology in preparation for our eighth and ninth grade retreat March 6-8, at the Smith Center. The retreat fosters a strong sense of community and the sharing of Jewish ideas in an intense three-day program. Our students never forget their friends and the activities of our retreats.

It is a pleasure for the teachers of the Chai School program to work with your teens preparing these programs and watching our students grow and mature: **Michael Twitty, Holly Shere, Natalie Lazaroff and Sara Rosen.**

Lisa Pressman
Director of Education

College Outreach Committee

Focus on Temple Shalom College Students

Temple Shalom wants to stay connected with its members who are at college. Currently, we have approximately 50 students in our program.

The College Outreach Committee sends care packages to all Temple Shalom College Students. We send Judaica gifts and snacks and anything else we think students may like. In January we sent each student a package with a pair of traveling Shabbat candlesticks, Shabbat candles, hot chocolate and some munchy snacks. We also create a directory of all Temple college students so they can keep in touch with each other.

If you are a college student or a parent of a college student, please make sure the Temple College Outreach Committee has your student's college address and current e-mail address. This year the College Outreach Committee is taking the program online, finding that e-mail is a more time effective way to communicate with students. Because college students move around a lot, we need to verify each student's address every year, so even if your student participated in the past, please make sure we have a current address.

Congregant **Mary Jacobs** has chaired the College Outreach Committee for years and this year is handing the responsibility over to **Barbara Shulman** and **Brenda Maas**. If you haven't communicated with Brenda or Barbara recently, please e-mail us at TempleCollegeStudents@gmail.com. Please include the following:

- student's name
- college name
- year (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate student, law student, etc.)
- student's e-mail address
- student's college address
- student's phone number

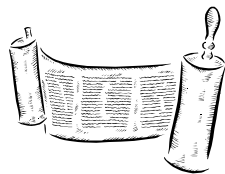
Open House
Sunday, March 29th 12PM-3PM

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES



SAVE THE DATE!

— March —

- March 1Grade 4 Family Education Program
.Grade 7 Holocaust Museum Trip
- March 6-8 . . .Grades 8 & 9 Retreat, 6 PM to 10 AM
- March 6Erev Shabbat Family Service &
.Shabbat Dinner, led by Pre-K – Grade 1
- March 7Special Post Confirmation Lunch
.& Shabbaton
- March 8Purim Carnival (No Evening Classes)
- March 9TaSTY Tot Purim 6 PM
.Purim Craft Activities 7 PM
.Purim Family Service 7:30 PM
- March 14Primary Services, Grades PK-3, 9 AM
.Shabbat Family Services, Grades 4 - 7, 10 AM
- March 15Grade 3 Family Education Program
- March 22Rosh Hodesh: A Girl's Thing
.Grades 7 & 8, 4 PM
- March 29Grade 6 Family Education Program
.TaSTY: Chocolate Seder, K-12, 1:30-3 PM

— April —

- April 3 . . .Grade 4 - Yom HaSefer Family Service &
.Congregational Shabbat Dinner
- April 5 – Sunday, April 12SPRING BREAK
- April 15NO SCHOOL – Passover
- April 17-19Grade 10 Retreat, 6 PM to 10 AM
- April 18TaSTY Kids Trip to DC,
.Grades 4 & 5, 4-6 PM
- April 19Religious School Open House
.(for prospective members)
.Grade 5 Family Education Program
- April 20Yom HaShoah Service
.Grades 7 & 10 participate
- April 24Post Confirmation Graduation Service

TaSTY

Calendar of Events!

Sunday, March 29

- 1:30 - 3 PM TaSTY ToTS Gr. K-3
- Chocolate Seder led by TaSTY Kids Gr. 4-5
- 1:30 - 3 PM TaSTY Junior Gr. 6-7
- Chocolate Seder led by Tasty Senior

Saturday, April 18

- 4 - 6 PM TaSTY Kids Gr. 4-5
- TaSTY Celebration Trip in DC

Friday, May 8

- 8 PM TaSTY Senior Gr. 8-12
- TaSTY Creative Service

Sunday, May 17

- 3 - 5 PM TaSTY Senior Gr. 8-12
- TaSTY Takes the Mall

Two NEW Programs
this summer!

This will be the most incredible summer
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From the President

Betsy Kingery

Temple Shalom at “50”

In 1959, 39 courageous families committed themselves to a common goal and founded Temple Shalom. Fifty years later we can truly claim to have fulfilled our founders' vision of a welcoming and progressive Jewish congregation in which members of all ages can find spiritual sustenance and the seeds of Jewish life.

Within our warm and family-friendly atmosphere, you can explore the richness of an evolving tradition and experience the resonance of our musical heritage. You can participate in life-long opportunities for religious education, congregational involvement and spiritual growth. You can fulfill your commitment to social justice through our coordinated practice of social action. And on the occasion of every service, simcha and Shabbat, you can join with us in celebrating the diversity we call family.

Now more than ever, it is time for us to rededicate ourselves to that vision, to our Temple community and to each other. Andrea Mark, Jordin Cohen, Bev Cohen, Francine Simons and Earl Simons have stepped forward to co-Chair a year of celebration of the 50th anniversary of Temple Shalom.

Beginning in June and continuing throughout the year there will be services, honors, and events for all ages. There will be opportunities, big and small, for all members of Temple Shalom to be involved. Our goal is for everyone to feel the power of this year and to feel a part of the celebration. To get involved please contact me at president@temple-shalom.net or Andy Mark at andreamark@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

From: Andrea Mark

Did you or your children become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Shalom?

Did you win any awards in Hebrew School?

Were you the chairperson of the first Silent Auction?

Did you perform with the Temple Players?

Were you part of the first Temple Shalom trip to Israel?

We need photos of these wonderful life-cycle events and any other memorabilia you have that tell the story of Temple Shalom from 1959 to the Present. So go through your attic and old scrapbooks and photo albums and donate items to help us put together an exhibit of our Temple's history.

Please be sure to put your name and phone number on the back of each of your items and then place them in the box labeled “50th Anniversary Items” in the Temple office.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist with this project, please contact Andrea Mark: andreamark@gmail.com.

Temple Shalom Brotherhood Presents
Brunch with

Kerri Strug



A Jewish Olympian:

Life Before and After Her 1996 Gold Medal

Sunday, March 22 at 10 am

\$5 donation at the door

Reservations: Temple Office 301-587-2273
or email Brotherhood@templeshalom.net

Temple Shalom Brotherhood Presents

Shirley Levin

Certified Education Planner



**What You Should Know
Before
Sending Your Kid to College**

**Sunday, March 22
6:30 to 8:30 pm**

PEP

Parent Education Program

Sunday,

March 22, 2009

9:00 - 10:45 am &

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

March Mindfulness:

The Power and Purpose of Prayer

Join Rabbi Michael Feshbach for a fascinating journey through the Prayer book and Jewish Liturgy.

- *Why are the prayers in the order they are?*
 - *What is service trying to say?*
 - *How can modern Jews relate to an ancient arrangement of someone else's words?*



Questions?

Contact Rabbi Feshbach

301-587-2273

rabbifeschbach@templeshalom.net



Mitzvah Corps Shabbat

Friday Night, March 13, 2009, 8 PM

We honor those dedicated members of our congregation who have given of their time and experience to help others in need — those who send meals when congregants are sick or recovering, lead services in houses of mourning, go shopping for those who are homebound, help visit the sick or take you to a doctor's office.

The ways in which our Mitzvah Corps volunteers have "been there" for others has varied over the time since our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Bruce Kahn, launched this important program, and not everyone knows all that we can (or should) do for each other. So let this night be an important moment: a tribute to those who have given time and service, and a reminder to us all, of what we are and can be — in the very best of our tradition and in the deepest meaning of community.

And remember: if you have pastoral or personal needs that our congregants might be able to help with, please be in touch with:

Rabbi Michael Feshbach

rabbifeshbach@templeshalom.net, 301.587.2273

Cantor Lisa Levine

cantorlisa@templeshalom.net, 301.587.2273

Mitzvah Corps Chairs:

Wilma Braun (wilmabr@verizon.net) 301.460.5693

Beryl Tretter (btrett1125@aol.com), 301.984.5619.

And please be with us, on March 13, as we honor the men and women of our Mitzvah Corps.

Renaissance Group Shabbat

Friday Evening

March 20, 2009

On Friday evening, March 20, Temple Shalom will honor the Renaissance Group at a special Shabbat service. The Shir Shalom choir will be on hand and will sing some of our favorite traditional Reform melodies. Please plan to join us for this occasion.

The 2009 Renaissance Group program began on Sunday evening, January 18, at the Temple. Over 40 Temple Shalom Renaissance members enjoyed a potluck supper in the Social Hall and then gathered in the Sanctuary to see a terrific 1980's film, *Remembrance of Love*, with Kirk Douglas. After the movie, we returned to the Social Hall for dessert. It certainly was a delightful way for us to spend a cold January evening — good food, good movie and good company!

The Renaissance Group plans social and cultural activities for Temple Shalom members over 50 years of age. Information regarding future Renaissance Group activities will be announced in the Shofar, as well as flyer mailings and e-mail messages.

For further information about the Renaissance Group and future events, please contact Francine Simons at 301.838.9530 (e-mail: Francine311@comcast.net).

Silver Spring Chavurah

Celebrates Its 20th Year

Friday Night

March 27, 2009

On March 27th, the Silver Spring Chavurah will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a special prayer and oneg at Friday night services.

Second only to the Wine Tasters in longevity, our group currently consists of eight couples, many of whom are original members. The Chavurah formed when our children were achieving bar/bat mitzvah age and we have shared many life cycle events, both our mitzvahs and life's difficulties, including weddings, support for parents and each other, and grandchildren. We are an extended family within the Temple Shalom family.

At the core of the Chavurah are our monthly and life cycle events. Each couple takes a turn planning events that have included leading a summer Shabbat service, enjoying a potluck Super Bowl party, attending Jewish themed theatrical events and concerts, baseball games, wine tasting adventures, and more recently, celebrating the birth of grandchildren. Of course, almost every event includes food!

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us at services on March 27 and celebrate our anniversary with us.

Rick Meyers

Silver Spring Chavurah

Temple Shalom Book Club 2009

March 22: *The Lemon Tree*

by Sandy Tolan. A non-fiction book that reads like a novel about the history of both Israel and Palestine. The story is told through the intertwined lives of a Palestinian and a Jewish settler whose families both occupied and loved the same house. The book is full of facts about the Arab-Israeli conflict but is a page-turner.

May 17: *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness*

by Simon Wiesenthal. The author recounts when a dying SS officer asked for forgiveness. Wiesenthal asks 25 others to comment on whether they would forgive or not. A fascinating collection of diverse opinions.

All meetings of the book club are free and take place from 9-10:30 AM during the early session of Sunday school. You do not need to RSVP and all are welcome, even if you have never joined us before. Bagels and coffee will be served.

For any questions please contact Mona Ellis at monaellis@comcast.net or 301.589.6650 or Stu Bassin at sbassin2001@yahoo.com or 301.896.0868.

Temple Shalom Tikkun Olam Committee Presents

Health Care Shabbat: Coverage For All?

featuring remarks from

Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD)
Friday, March 27, 2009 at 8 PM

"We live in a country with a pitifully inadequate health insurance system that causes horrors every day so tragic that they could rip the heart out of a stone.... The time has long since passed when our leaders should have done what every other advanced country has somehow managed to do: provide all its citizens with essential health care...."

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President, Union for Reform Judaism, December 15, 2007

The Union for Reform Judaism has consistently supported universal health care coverage. A 1975 URJ Resolution on "Health Care and Health Insurance" called for a "national comprehensive prepaid single benefit standard health insurance with no deductible, to cover prevention, treatment and rehabilitation in all fields of health care." Similarly, in a 1976 resolution, the Central Conference of American Rabbis called on Congress to "enact a comprehensive national health insurance program." [From www.urj.org Statement on Jewish Values and Health Care]

In accordance with the values of our tradition and the voices of our movement, we come together to begin a debate about the shape of our society, and we hear from a member of Congress long active as an advocate for those in need.

About Congresswoman Donna Edwards



Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards of Fort Washington represents Maryland's 4th Congressional District comprised of portions of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. She was sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives on June 19, 2008. She currently serves on The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where she sits on the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. She also serves on the Science and Technology Committee where she sits on the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.

Rep. Edwards has spent her career as a public interest advocate dedicated to addressing issues of public health, domestic violence, and campaign finance reform just to name a few. Prior to serving in Congress, she was the executive director of the Arca Foundation in Washington, DC. During her time at Arca, she gained national prominence in her efforts to: • Support "living wage" campaigns • Ensure the independence of the federal judiciary • End capital punishment • Protect Social Security, and • Support labor and human rights internationally.

Our March 27 service will also honor members of the Silver Spring Chavurah, on their 20th anniversary of communal study, friendship and celebration.

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Greening of the Temple

Temple Shalom
Tikkun Olam Committee

We all address environmental issues in our own ways. We might use reusable bags at the supermarket, take the Metro to work, talk to our children about global warming, or make donations to environmental causes. But given that Temple Shalom is a community, what can we do, individually and collectively, to more fully address these problems in ways that fit into our busy lives? How can we help to instill an environmental awareness in our children? The Tikkun Olam Committee is committed to spearheading efforts in these areas.

Below is a list of about a dozen projects that span a wide range of actions and solutions. We are asking you to commit to spending three hours on any one of these between now and the end of May. Some of these projects may seem large but we are not asking you to be in charge, only to contribute what time, energy, and enthusiasm that you can. Many of the projects involve research and reading, which can be done on your own schedule and in your own home. Or, you can select a project where you work with others, if you wish. Ample resources already exist, as a starting point, on each of these projects, so you would not be starting from scratch. We will not start on all of the listed projects, only those which have enough people volunteering. Please contact Larry Katzman, Tikkun Olam committee chair, 301.565.0707, dkatzman2@comcast.net, for more information and to volunteer.

The Book of Deuteronomy (Chap. 20: 19-20) enunciates a profoundly simple solution to the problem of environmental degradation. Called bal tashchit, this law tells us "don't waste/destroy." Over the years, this concept has been expanded to command us to engage in responsible, humane living. Please consider how you and your family might get engaged in any of the following actions:

Carpooling. Explore how the Temple can encourage and facilitate carpooling for Religious School classes, services, and events.

Temple garden. The Temple is blessed with ample, sun-drenched land on the south side of the building. Would it be feasible to start a very small, vegetable garden project this spring, on an experimental basis? Some members have already signed on to this project. We need about three or four more. Interested? Another area to explore is how to make use of the produce, if and when we have a larger garden in subsequent years. We could use them for large congregational feasts, for example. Or we could see this project as a true "community garden" by giving away our harvest to area food banks, who have seen their supplies of fresh food dwindle in recent years, even as demand for their services have increased.

Green products. What Green products can the Temple sell to members that would help preserve the environment? For instance, some congregations sell CFL light bulbs (which use a fraction of the energy of traditional bulbs) or bags made from recycled materials.

Temple garage sale. Help assess the feasibility of holding a congregation-wide garage sale to assist members in recycling personal belongings. A corollary might entail determining whether a congregational bartering system might work.

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March 2009

1
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 4 Family Education
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
9:45 AM Holocaust Museum Trip – Grade 7
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
6:30 PM Chai School
6:30 PM Confirmation Class

3
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

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

5
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Adult Ed: Reading the Writings

6
FRIDAY 6 PM Family Shabbat Dinner
7 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service
with Temple Shalom Youth Choir

7
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
Special Post Confirmation Lunch
& Study Session

8
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
10 AM Purim Carnival
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
6:30 PM NO Chai School

9
MONDAY 6:30 PM Tot Purim
7 PM Purim Craft Activities
7:30 PM Purim Family Service, Purim Spiel
& Megillah Reading

10
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

Wednesday Morning Minyan Service SNOW POLICY

The Wednesday morning minyan will NOT meet if the Montgomery County schools are closed because of inclement weather. If the MC schools have a late opening we will convene as usual at 7 AM.

11
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Leadership Class
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

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

13
FRIDAY 6 PM Brotherhood-Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner
8 PM Special Erev Shabbat Service
Honoring Mitzvah Corps

14
SATURDAY 9 AM Primary Age Shabbat Service
Led by Grade 3
10 AM Shabbat Morning Family Service
Led by Grade 6

10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah
of Andrew & Rebecca Naimon
11 AM Torah Study

15
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 3 Family Education
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Grade 3 Family Education
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
6 PM Confirmation Class –
Driving Like A Mensch
6:30 PM Chair School
6:30 PM Post Confirmation

17
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Visiting Scholar:
Rabbi David Forman

18
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
10 AM Visiting Scholar:
Rabbi David Forman
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Leadership Class
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

19
THURSDAY 12:25 PM Reading the Writings

20
FRIDAY 8 PM Shir Shalom Music Shabbat
Honoring Renaissance Group

21
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Service & B'nai Mitzvah
of Jeremy Eskin & Jacob Kowenski
Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM

Renaissance Group Movie Night

Temple Shalom
January 18, 2009



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Outreach Committee	TBD
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Renaissance Committee	Francine Simons
Sisterhood	TBD
Special Funds	Harvey Berger
Tikkun Olam	Larry Katzman
Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth Committee	Seth Maiman

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SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
- 9 AM Book Discussions Group
- 9 AM PEP: March Mindfulness with Rabbi Feshbach
- 10 AM Brotherhood Brunch with Terri Strug
- 10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
- 11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
- 11:15 AM Mah Jongg
- 11:30 AM PEP: March Mindfulness with Rabbi Feshbach
- 2:30 PM Leadership Class
- 4 PM Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing
- 6:30 PM Brotherhood: College Prep for Parents
- 6:30 PM Chai School
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Class
- 6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class

24

TUESDAY

- 4:30 PM Hebrew School
- 7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

25

WEDNESDAY

- 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
- 4:30 PM Hebrew School
- 6:45 PM Hebrew School
- 6:45 PM NO Confirmation Class

26

THURSDAY

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

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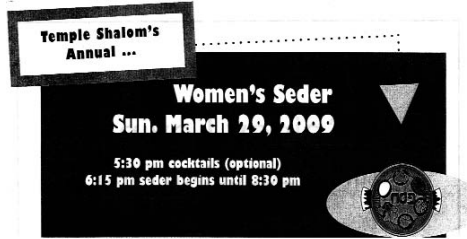
FRIDAY

- 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- 8 PM Health Care Shabbat Service with Hon. Donna Edwards & honoring Silver Spring Chavurah

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SATURDAY

- 10 AM Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of Josh Hoffman
- 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study



Come experience an interactive Haggadah led by Cantor Lisa and Lisa Pressman

Traditional seder plate foods and blessings

Vegetarian Dinner

Bring a spouse, friend, relative, or child over 12yrs.

\$25 per person RSVP by March 23

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SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM Grade 6 Family Education
- 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
- 10:45 AM NO Youth Choir
- 11:15 AM Grade 6 Family Education
- 11:15 AM Religious Education Late Session
- 1:30 PM TaSTY Junior, Kids & Tots: Chocolate Seder
- 5:30 PM Women's Seder - Cocktails
- 6:15 PM Women's Seder
- 6:30 PM Chai School
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Class

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TUESDAY

- 4:30 PM Hebrew School



April 2009

1
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting
6:45 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Leadership Class

2
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings

3
FRIDAY 6 PM Shabbat Family Dinner
6 PM Tot Passover Seder
7 PM Shabbat Yom HaSefer Family Service
with Temple Shalom Youth Choir

4
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Service &
Bat Mitzvah of Teri West
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

5
SUNDAY NO Religious School – Spring Breaks

7
TUESDAY NO Hebrew School – Spring Break

8
WEDNESDAY NO Hebrew School – Spring Break
Erev Passover & First Seder

9
THURSDAY 9 AM First Morning of Passover
at Temple Emanuel Clergy Cook Off
10:30 AM Passover Festival Morning Service
Temple Office Closed –
First Day of Passover

10
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

11
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

12
SUNDAY NO Religious School – Spring Break

14
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

15
WEDNESDAY Seventh Day of Passover at Temple Shalom
10:30 AM Passover Festival Morning &
Yizkor Memorial Service
Temple Shalom Office Closed

16
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

17
FRIDAY 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

18
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

19
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 5 Family Education
9 AM Torah Corps
9:30 AM Religious School Open House
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
NOON Religious School Open House
6:30 PM Chai School
6:30 PM Post Confirmation Special Siyyum

20
MONDAY Yom HaShoah v'HaG'vurah
7:30 PM Holocaust Martyrs & Heroes
Remembrance with 7th &
10th Grade participation

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TUESDAY Yom HaShoah –
Holocaust Remembrance Day
4:30 PM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

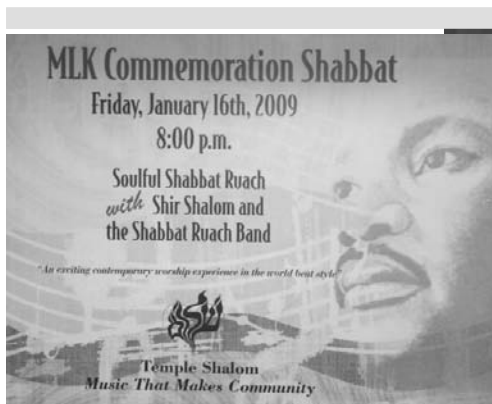
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WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Hebrew School
6:45 PM Confirmation Class

23
THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings

24
FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
8 PM Shir Shalom Music Shabbat
& Post Confirmation Graduation

25
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Service & B'not Mitzvah
of Monica Serafini & Claire Weitzner
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

26
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration
9 AM Torah Corps
10:45 AM Temple Shalom Youth Choir
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
4 PM Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing
6:30 PM Chai School
6:30 PM Confirmation Class



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TUESDAY Yom HaZikaron – Israel’s Memorial Day

4:30 PM Hebrew School

29

WEDNESDAY Yom HaAtzma’ut – Israeli Independence Day

7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service

4:30 PM Hebrew School

6:45 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

30

THURSDAY 12:15 PM Reading the Writings

7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Greening of the Temple

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Investing in Green uses. How can the Temple most effectively spend money raised from the sale of products and/or garage sale, as mentioned above? Some synagogues and churches have explored buying “energy offsets” or wind power for their congregations. Others use CFL bulb proceeds to purchase additional CFL’s and donate them to community groups for distribution to impoverished families who can’t afford them. Still others support international planet-saving efforts such as a reforestation project in Haiti.

Engage in public policy. Many policy developments are unfolding at the local, state, and federal level that will impact the health of our region and planet. For instance, Montgomery County is right now working on a Climate Action Plan with the goal, as directed by the County Council, of reducing the county’s emissions by 80 percent by the year 2050. The county needs to hear from us. Get involved! The Tikkun Olam Committee can link you up with other congregants and community groups who are doing the same.

Caterers. What criteria should we use to evaluate the Green policies of Washington-area caterers (using environmentally-friendly plates and silverware, for instance, or emphasizing locally-grown food) and how can we encourage congregants to patronize them for Temple-based catered events?

Environmental film festival. There are plenty of wonderful films available for rental, which could be shown at the Temple one day or evening per month, followed by discussion.

Temple eco-friendly policies. Susan Zemsky and the Temple staff have instituted some cost-effective, energy-savings practices in recent years. What more could the Temple do to help the environment and, at the same time, reduce Temple costs?

Religious School curriculum. Lisa Pressman is very supportive of continuing the environmental programs in the Chai School and working on curriculum for the lower grades in the coming years. She has created a Beit Din – legal court- made up of students who make decisions on Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam programs in the Religious School. These grass roots efforts are teaching our children about the importance of programs that respond to our values of Gimilut Chasadim, caring for others, and B’al T’ashit, caring for the planet. What more can we do? Call Lisa Pressman with ideas, 301.587.2273.

Household carbon footprint. Determine your family’s carbon footprint easily and quickly. Go to http://www.coolcongregations.com/carbon_calculator/ which is operated by Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light. Then, take suggested steps to reduce your footprint. Please let Larry Katzman of the Tikkun Olam Committee know that you have calculated your footprint.

Larry Katzman, Chair, Tikkun Olam Committee

Upcoming in May 2009

May 15, 8 PM

Soulful Shabbat Ruach

B’nai Mitzvah

MAY 2

AARON RICHARDS

MAY 9

ANNA SCHWARTZ & LAURA GIRON

MAY 16

JACOB RINI

MAY 23

ELIANA MAIA-GOLDSTEIN



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.**

**Temple Shalom's
Annual ...**

**Women's Seder
Sun. March 29, 2009**

**5:30 pm cocktails (optional)
6:15 pm seder begins until 8:30 pm**



**Come experience an interactive Haggadah
led by Cantor Lisa and Lisa Pressman**

Traditional seder plate foods and blessings

Vegetarian Dinner

Bring a spouse, friend, relative, or child over 12yrs.

\$25 per person RSVP by March 23

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Name (s) attending _____

Number attending _____

Phone Number of Temple Member _____

E-Mail _____

I can come at 5:15 pm and help set up I can stay after and help clean up

Total enclosed (\$25/ person) _____

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DUE March 23

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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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- Cantor Levine's Mitzvah Fund
- Rabbi Kahn's Mitzvah Fund
- Rabbi Bruce E. Kahn Endowment Fund
- Oscar Felker Fund
- David Mark Goldenhorn Fund
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- Library Fund
- Sigmund Mayer, Jr. Prayer Book Fund
- Memorial Plaque
- Mitzvah Corps Fund
- Music Fund
- Herman Rosenfeld Fund
- Sanctuary Fund
- Shalom L'Olam Campaign
- Tanakh Donation
- Tree of Life
- Youth Fund
- Yahrzeits

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