

Shofar

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December

1
WED First Night of Chanukah

3
FRI Chanukah Dinner & Night of 1,000
Menorahs 6 PM
Erev Shabbat & Chanukah Family Service
with Temple Shalom Youth Choirs &
Consecration 7:30 PM

4
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah
of Max Perez-Duel 10 AM
Mikeitz, Gen. 41:1-44:17
Zekhariah 4:1-7

10
FRI Erev Shabbat Services with Shir Shalom
Choir 7:30 PM

11
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28

17
FRI Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 PM
Pot-Luck Dinner 7 PM
Erev Shabbat Services 7:30 PM

18
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah
of Julia Matteson 10 AM
Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26
1 Kings 2:1-12

24
FRI Erev Shabbat Services 6:15 PM
(Note special time)

25
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1-6:1
Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

31
FRI New Year's Eve Shabbat Nosh 5:45 PM
Erev Shabbat Champagne Services 6:15 PM
(Note special time)

1
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Va-eira, Exodus 6:2-9:35
Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Night of 1,000 Menorahs

a festive evening of worship, friends, food, songs and crafts!

3rd night of Chanukah

Bring YOUR Chanukah Menorah to Light!!

Chanukah Celebration & Dinner

Friday, December 3rd

6 PM Chanukah Dinner

7:30 PM Shabbat & Chanukah Services with Shir Shalom & TSY Choirs

Bring your family Chanukah Menorah & Candles

We will provide dinner, the latkes,
applesauce, drinks and dessert!
\$12 per adult, \$8 per child

Please sign up at

<http://nightof1000menorahs.eventbrite.com>



Soulful MLK Shabbat Ruach Service

Friday, January 14, 2011

7:30 PM Shabbat

with

Shir Shalom Choir

& Shabbat Ruach Band

and guests

Tony Small & "Kids Lead"
The Wilson High School Choir
Lori Williams, conductor



January

- 7**
FRI Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:15 PM
Shabbat Family Services, 5th Grade Leads
7:30 PM
- 8**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16
Jeremiah 46:13:28
- 14**
FRI Soulful MLK Shabbat Ruach Service with
Shir Shalom Choir & Band 7:30 PM
- 15**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah
of Joel Maiman 10 AM
B'shalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16
Judges 4:4-5:31; 5:1-31
- 21**
FRI Grades 4 & 5 Shabbaton 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 PM
Pot-Luck Dinner 7 PM
Erev Shabbat Services 7:30 PM
- 22**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Grades 4 & 5 Shabbaton Pick-Up 12 NOON
Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23
Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6
- 28**
FRI Shabbat at Home—no regular services
- 29**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Yoga Shalom 10 AM
Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18
Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26

February

- 4**
FRI Grade 6 Shabbaton 6 PM
Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:15 PM
Shabbat Family Services: 1st Grade Leads
7:30 PM
- 5**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Grade 6 Shabbaton Pick-Up 6 PM
T'rumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19
Isaiah 66:1-13, 23
- 11**
FRI Sisterhood Shir Shalom Music Shabbat:
"And Miriam Said Unto Them," 7:30 PM
followed by Bake and Share Oneg
- 12**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of
Matthew Kessler 10 AM
T'zaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10
Ezekiel 43:10-27
- 18**
FRI Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 PM
Pot-Luck Dinner 7 PM
Erev Shabbat Services 7:30 PM
- 19**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35
1 Kings 18:1-39
- 25**
FRI Erev Shabbat Services 7:30 PM
- 26**
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah
of Rachel Arbacher 10 AM
Vayak'heil, Exodus 35:1-38:20
1 Kings 7:40-50

It's the **TRIP** of a Lifetime!



Even if You are Going for a Second Time!

Come Explore a Possible Temple Shalom
Summer 2011 Congregational Trip to Israel
Jerusalem and the North, with new sites, new
insights, and places we haven't visited before.

Possible dates:

July 24-August 7, 2011

We come together at Temple Shalom
for a pot-luck dairy dinner and
exploratory meeting.

Meet our guide, Israeli historian Arie
Mizrachi-Shoham, and ask any
questions you have, on

Tuesday evening

December 7, 2010, 6-7:30 PM

With questions or to express interest (even
if you cannot come on December 7),
please contact
Marilyn Goldfarb at 301-593-8565 or
margold@ix.netcom.com.



The meeting and dinner will be
followed by the "Castles in the Sand"
program with our special guest
speaker, master tour guide
Arie Mizrachi-Shoham.

Shofar

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Next Shofar Cut-Off Date
Monday, January 24, 2011

Temple Shalom Presents:

Castles in the Sand The Spice Route, the Desert, and the Mystery of the Ancient Nabateans

An evening with

Arie Mizrachi-Shoham

Master tour guide and energetic
student of all things connected with
Israel, ancient and modern.

**Tuesday Evening
December 7, 2010
7:30 p.m.**

Free and open to the public

RSVP to: 301-587-2273





The Visible Jew: The True Hero of Chanukah

Greetings from
Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

Jewish children know the story of Chanukah by heart from an early age. They learn of Judah Maccabee as they learn about superheroes, and they can recite the reason why we light candles for eight days far sooner than they can properly pronounce the names of more important Jewish holidays: a single cruse of (extra-virgin) olive oil (what is a “cruse” of oil, anyway—Royal Caribbean does the Persian Gulf?), enough to light the Ner Tamid, the Eternal Light, for only a single day, lasted instead for eight. A miracle!

The story is fine for young children. But if this is all that Jewish teens and adults know of Chanukah, they are depriving themselves of a more powerful message, a lesson well suited for our own era. For if we study the sources, if we peek into our past with an ear to history and politics, we will learn a very different message. As I have shared with you before, I believe that the lesson of history, the true miracle of Chanukah, is that the Jewish people found a way to survive—indeed, to thrive—as a minority in the midst of an overwhelming and very different majority culture. The secret was to be open to the world around us, to not isolate ourselves—but instead to stand with pride, as Jews.

I believe that this strategy, developed in response to the assimilationist pressures of Hellenism, is the secret of our survival through all the subsequent centuries of living as a tiny drop of still distinct oil in a vast ocean of others.

We keep the flame of faith and culture alive. We survive and stand proud even as a minority. The Washington area has a large and thriving Jewish community. But in some parts of this country, it is impossible to forget—at almost any time of the year but especially this one—how much of a minority we are. And even here, with some county schools closed for High Holy Days, with Jewish names and faces around us, even here there are reminders, both seasonal and ongoing, of the demographic reality around us.

It is always a judgment call: when to draw a line, and when to blend in. Part of the reason we survived was because we learned to be open, to foster friendly relations with and, yes, even to learn from our neighbors. But it is too easy to forget the other half: that when anything loomed to detract from our identity, to confuse our children, to dilute our Judaism, we took a stand—even an unpopular one. We stood firm, without fear, for we knew that without this balance we would not be.

We can see the balance between accommodation and its limits even in the celebration of Chanukah itself. We give gifts now at this season. Although based on an ancient tradition, obviously and overwhelmingly the real reason that Chanukah has become a gift-giving holiday is because of the influence of Christmas.

So we give gifts. But as Jews. And in front of a menorah. (The reality and balancing act played out in many interfaith families makes this dynamic more delicate, of course, and different in many households.

To the extent that this is a challenge in your lives, remember that we are here to listen, to help, to talk things through at any time.)

But there is another tradition of Chanukah I want to emphasize at the moment. That tradition is the commandment to “publicize the miracle,” to place the menorah in a window, where it can be seen from the outside. (Curtains and other fire hazards place some practical limitations on what we can actually fulfill in this regard, but this is the original commandment of the season.)

There is a reason our tradition teaches us to place our menorahs in the window. To stand up, to be counted, to say to an outside world that is celebrating one holiday (as they should, and with joy) that some of us are celebrating something else. That is the core commandment of Chanukah in our day.

The visible Jew is the true hero of Chanukah. We are blessed in this season with the opportunity to know the heart of the miracle of minority survival as did our mothers and fathers in ages past.

May your latkes give you the strength to face the winter. Julie, Benjamin, Daniel, and Talia join me in wishing our entire community a happy, healthy, and meaningful Chanukah.

Michael L. Feshbach

Rabbi

Reminder: Special Friday Night Service Times on National Holidays

Friends,

Erev Shabbat services on the Friday nights towards the end of December bring with them special celebrations.

Our service on **Friday night, December 24** (“Erev Christmas,” if you will) meets from **6:15 PM – 7 PM**. A brief Oneg Shabbat follows the service. (We were going to offer a special Chinese Food Shabbat dinner, but it worked out better for the Brotherhood and Sisterhood to offer dinner-and-a-movie night on December 26, details on page 13.)

On **Friday, December 31**, we come together for “Champagne Shabbat,” with champagne and cheese (and juice and cookies) in the foyer at **5:45 PM**, preceding the service, which also runs from **6:15 PM – 7 PM**. (No Oneg Shabbat after the service that night.)

Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas to our Christian neighbors and relatives, and a Happy Gregorian New Year!



Message from
Cantor Lisa L. Levine

I end every yoga class as most teachers do, with the salutation: *Namasteh*. *Namasteh* is a Sanskrit word meaning “I honor the light within you.” Isn’t it interesting that light is the expression for hope and strength for so many cultures? So it is with Judaism. Light represents the spirit of shechinah, God’s presence ever near to us. Light represents holiness, which is expressed when we light Shabbat, Havdalah or Chanukah candles. During Chanukah, light also represents our people’s triumph over evil, our survival through years of oppression, and our refusal to bow to authorities other than Adonai, the God of our ancestors.

While the smell of latkes, the sounds of children playing dreydle and the taste of gelt are so much a part of Chanukah, it is the sight of lights as they glow and grow night after night that fills us with the sense of our people’s might and strength throughout history.

This year’s Chanukah celebration on **Friday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM** is again called “The Night of a Thousand Menorahs.” Through the magic of twinkling lights, we will bring a sense of awe, wonder, holiness, and beauty into our families’ lives. It will be so special that we invite you to bring friends with you to this unique Shabbat experience.

Please bring your menorah and four candles, one for each of three nights of Chanukah and one Shamash candle, to light during the Shabbat dinner.

Hand in hand with our Chanukah celebration is our freedom celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on **Friday, January 14th at 7:30 PM**. Once again we will be joined by the Wilson Senior High School Choir under the direction of Lori Williams, and “Kids Lead,” the teen gospel choir under the direction of Tony Small. Of course all our choirs and bands will also be there to bring ruach and spirit to our prayer experience. It is through our collective memory that we strengthen our ties to our community and continue to shine light upon all that is just and good in our world.

Please plan on joining us for these two very important celebrations of light! May this holiday season be filled with acts of kindness, tzedakah (charity), blessing and light.

Wishing you all *namasteh!*

Cantor Lisa Levine

RELIGIOUS SERVICES COMMITTEE

Our newly revived ushering program began in November, when we sent to all members a schedule that runs from now to the end of June 2011. Congregants are once again taking turns welcoming fellow congregants and guests to our Friday evening Erev Shabbat services.

- Wondering how the schedule was created? Committee members listed names by a combination of alphabetical order and upcoming bar/bat mitzvah dates.

- Not able to usher? A call to the office is all it takes.
- Can’t make your assigned date? Consult the list of assignments and make a trade. Just be sure to notify the Temple office.

Our committee is working hard to ensure that our services run smoothly. See you there!

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.

**Saturday
January 22
10 AM
IN THE CHAPEL**

**Shir Shalom Music
Shabbat**

**Friday, February 11
“And Miriam Sang Unto
Them”**

Thank you
to all our patrons
of the
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From the President

Myles R. Levin

Although some time has passed since the High Holy Days, I would be remiss by not mentioning the wonderful, spiritually uplifting services provided to our congregation by Rabbi Feshbach and Cantor Lisa. Thanks are also in order to our Membership Committee for their time spent at the welcome table. What a wonderful feeling it was to see so many people stopping at the table for information about our temple community and discussing the possibility of joining.

As I mentioned in my High Holy Day address, our Temple is strong and vibrant. Many temples throughout the country are having problems that range from financial constraints to needing volunteers with specialized skills for projects, and so on. It is so refreshing that our congregants are concerned and can be counted upon to contribute to our High Holy Day Appeal to keep us financially strong and to step in when volunteers are needed.

In the past, there have been many conversations regarding the possibility of establishing a pre-school at Temple Shalom. As I am sure you know, many synagogues in the area have pre-schools. We could now consider organizing and establishing a pre-school of our own. Once a child is enrolled, his or her family is almost certain to eventually join the Temple.

The Membership Committee over the past year researched how other temple pre-school programs in our area are doing. The committee looked at the impact these programs have had on their membership and on the religious school in general and concluded that a pre-school should be considered a viable path for Temple Shalom to explore.

One of my goals as President is to "get the ball rolling" to establish a pre-school at Temple Shalom. I am soliciting your help. Please contact me at president@templeshalom.net if you are willing to assist in the implementation of this process.

Shalom,



Myles R. Levin

President



Temple Shalom

Coming Together ~ ~ Building Community

To continue our tradition as a warm and welcoming and inclusive community, we are asking each member family to usher or help with the oneg at a Friday night service no more than one time during the year.

Our objective is to strengthen our community, make new friends, and ensure our services run smoothly.

More information will follow shortly.

--Religious Services Committee

Energetic Cantor Seeks Singers for Hard-Working Adult Choir

The rewards are great, the time is well spent. We are a warm, fun and loving group of people. We love long warm ups and singing with the band.

If you share the same interests, please meet us:

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Temple Shalom Sanctuary

Call for details:

Tel: 301-587-2273 x105 or email: Cantorlisa@TempleShalom.net



Lisa Pressman
Director of Education

Our religious school receives the Incentive in Congregational Education (ICE) grant each year for cutting-edge ideas in Jewish education. ICE is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. For the past two years, we have applied these funds to our Tzedakah Beit Din, a new endeavor in *tzedakah* programming not seen anywhere else in the country, in which our grade K-7 students make decisions about *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) for our school. Tzedakah Beit Din is a new approach to service learning that teaches students the importance of tzedakah (righteous acts of giving) and how to implement activities that support this important Jewish ethic within our school.

Our ICE grant for 5771, 2010-2011, has brought together our early childhood educators, Lisa Rozman, Jeanette Gordon, Rebekah Levy, and Hillary Frizner, and I to re-imagine our early childhood curriculum for grades Pre-K to grade 2. We met throughout the summer and will continue to meet during the year as we envision a 21st-century program for our students.

Jeanette, Rebekah and I attended the Moreh L'Morim Conference at Siegel College in Cleveland to further our studies specifically in the area of Hebrew education for our younger students. We participated in an intensive program called Total Physical Response (TPR) (www.tpr-world.com). TPR is a study program for all languages, not just Hebrew. In TPR we learned how to help our students acquire a second language in the same way that they acquired their first: beginning with the oral form, not with the written form as currently practiced. TPR has been piloted in congregational and day schools in Cleveland for the past ten years and has shown remarkable results in Hebrew prayer language acquisition. Our students will not become expert Hebrew speakers (we have too few hours of study for fluency), but they will become more literate Hebrew readers with a greater understanding of the words and concepts of Hebrew prayer. The goal of our Hebrew program is for students to feel comfortable in our prayer service and to have a working ability to decode the words of the prayers and an overall understanding of the concepts behind the key prayers of the service.

TPR is only one of the ways that we are challenging our students to find stronger and deeper positive connections to their Jewish heritage. The work that the early childhood teachers are doing, beginning this year and for the future, will bring new visions of Jewish teaching to our children and new and fun ways to incorporate a sense of Jewish pride and commitment in our students.

Lisa Pressman
Director of Education



Director of Education Lisa Pressman, and Jeanette Gordon and Rebekah Levy of our religious school with singer and songwriter Noah Budin and storyteller Corine Stavish in Cleveland, OH, for the Moreh L'Morim (Teacher to Teacher) conference.



BROTHERHOOD Entertainment Books for 2011!

The 2010-2011 Entertainment Books are now on sale through Temple Shalom's Brotherhood. The books contain discount coupons for dining out, sports events, travel, and retail services.

The books are \$30 each

\$

Save \$100s!!!!

\$

and can be picked up during Sunday School sessions in front of the temple office.

Money raised through sales of the Entertainment Books helps to support Brotherhood activities.

For more information about our Religious School, please go to <http://www.templeshalom.net/index.php/home/education/>

For classroom information and teacher emails, go to http://www.templeshalom.net/index.php/home/classroom_connections

Focus on Temple Shalom College Students and Military Troops

Temple Shalom wants to stay connected with its members who are at college or in the armed forces. The College Outreach Committee sends care packages to our college students. Linda Kushner and Barbara Shulman send gifts and snacks and anything else we think they may like. We create a directory of all Temple college students and armed forces personnel so they can keep in touch with each other. Right now we have approximately 40 participants in our program.

If you are a college student or are a member of the armed forces, or if you are the parent of someone who is, please make sure the Temple College Outreach Committee has your or your child's current school or military postal and e-mail addresses.



We believe that e-mail is the most time-effective way to communicate.

Because young people move around, we need to verify each student's address every year, so even if you have participated in the past, please make sure we have a current address. If you haven't communicated with Linda or Barbara recently, please e-mail us at TempleCollegeStudents@gmail.com. Please include the following:

- student's/military person's name
- college name, if applicable
- year (freshman, sophomore, graduate student, law student, etc.), if applicable
- student's/military person's e-mail address
- student's/military person's current address (even if still at home)
- student's/military person's phone number, if applicable

Thank you for participating in this effort!

Linda Kushner

Barbara Shulman

College Outreach Committee



2010-2011 Book Club Selections

All Book Club meetings will be held at Temple Shalom from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

We welcome old and new Book Club members!

Sunday, December 12, 2010

My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq by Ariel Sabar: Following the birth of his son in 2002, Sabar, an investigative reporter at the *Baltimore Sun*, seeks to understand his father, a Kurdish Jew from a remote village in Iraq. His father is now a UCLA professor teaching his native Aramaic. A tale of hope and continuity.

Sunday, February 6, 2011: *The Cantor's Daughter* by Scott Nadelson

Sunday, March 27, 2011: *Triangle: The Fire that Changed America* by David von Drehle

Sunday, May 15, 2011: *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant

For more information, contact Mona Ellis at monaellis@comcast.net and 301-589-6650, or Stu Bassin at sbassin@bakerlaw.com and 301-896-0868.

Temple Shalom Sisterhood's (second ever) Tallit Workshop
Offered by Temple Shalom volunteer Pamela Fields

- ✦ Make a tallit from scratch for yourself or a loved one!
- ✦ Workshop is especially geared for the teamwork of a parent and a bar/bat mitzvah student. (This will be one of the most meaningful (and creative and rewarding) parts of your child's bar or bat mitzvah!)
- ✦ Workshop is designed so you can do all of your work in class (except shopping for materials)
- ✦ Share creative inspiration with other workshop participants.
- ✦ Special ceremony for tying tzitzit will "tie" the special experience all together.
- ✦ If you are considering taking this workshop, please:
 - ✦ Have a sewing machine you can bring with you each week, and
 - ✦ Know how to use it.
- ✦ Maximum enrollment: 5 participants (you and your bar/bat mitzvah student count as one participant)
- ✦ Donation: \$54* (for Temple Shalom members (includes complete tallit instruction book; does not include materials)

*\$18 of this will go to the Beth El Sisterhood, whose wonderful tallit guide we'll be using by special permission. \$36 will go to the Temple Shalom Camp Fund.

Workshop Schedule

- Sunday, January 9—1:30-3:00 PM —Orientation, Design and Shopping List (**a must attend!**)
- Sunday, January 30—1:30-5:00 PM—Tallit base and corners
- Sunday, February 6—1:30-5:00 PM—Tallit decoration and Atarah
- Sunday, February 13—1:30-5:00 PM—Tallit decoration, and tzitzit
- Sunday, February 27—1:30-5:00 PM —Make-up or finish-up class

To enroll, have any questions, or would like to see photos of past student masterpieces, please contact Pamela Fields at 301-565-4002 or pamela@fieldsrichards.com.

Enrollment deadline: January 4, 2011! (Enrollment limited to 5, so hurry!)

High Holiday Events



Temple Shalom congregants toss bread into a flowing body of water to symbolically cast off their previous year's sins.



Rabbi Michael Feshbach reads from Micah: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

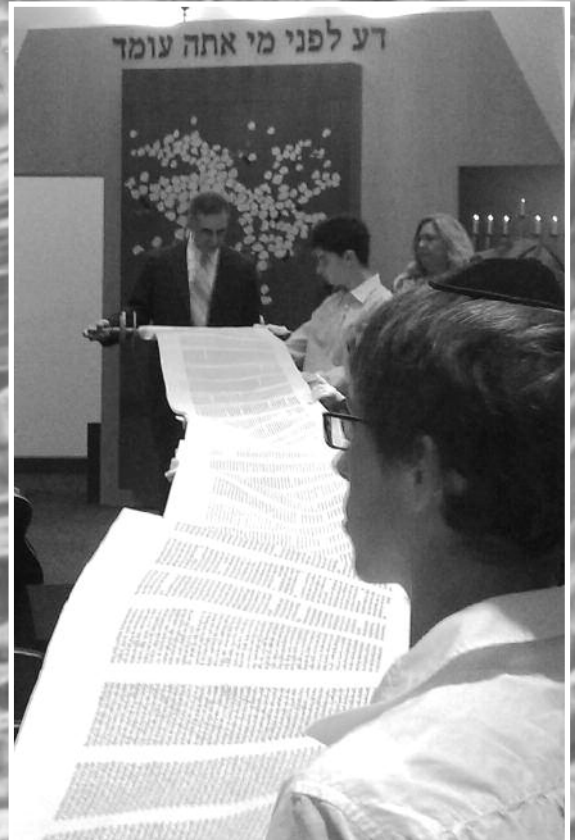
Shofars sound from the bridge over Rock Creek as the first day of Rosh Hashanah draws to a close.



Sitters and children alike use their time together to get to know one another and engage in creative projects while parents attend Rosh Hashanah early services.



One of the rarer occurrences at Temple Shalom—unrolling the entire Torah scroll at Simchat Torah to rewind from the end of Deuteronomy back to the first chapter of Genesis. Congregants donned clean, white gloves and handled the delicate parchment carefully as it spanned the sanctuary.



Scott Kravetz prepares to roll the scroll to its beginning.

SHABBAT AT HOME

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011



Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Shabbat at Home on Friday evening, January 28, 2011. Erev Shabbat services will not be held at the Temple that evening. Instead, all congregants are urged to open their homes to share Shabbat dinner with new and old friends. If your home is not big enough, or you're new to the Temple and don't know who to invite, or if you simply want to meet some other Temple families, we'll match you with a host family. Dinners may be cooked, catered, or pot luck, traditional or not, basic or gourmet. It's about building community. The dinner is just the icing on the cake. Simply complete the form below and return it to Lauren Harrison by FAX, email, US mail or in person. **All placements will be made by mid-January.**

Everyone is invited to participate in this Temple Shalom tradition by:

1. Hosting Shabbat dinner in their home with new and old friends
- OR
2. Being a guest in the home of a Temple Shalom family

Fill out the form below and return it to the Temple by mail, FAX 301-588-9368, or e-mail to lharrison@templeshalom.net . NO later than Sunday, January 16!



Names in my household (include any children and their grade in school) _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

On January 28th.....

_____ I/We will host Shabbat Dinner.

I/We have already invited the following households to Shabbat Dinner. _____

I/We have room for _____ additional guests (to be assigned to us).

_____ I/We would like our household of _____ members to be invited to a Shabbat Dinner.

Please Note any special needs, dietary restrictions, allergies, etc. below.

Susan Polis Gerech, Shabbat at Home coordinator.
Please call 301-929-6122 or e-mail sgerecht99@verizon.net with any questions.

A Perfect Score!

On 10-10-10 the Renaissance Group held its 10th Anniversary Dessert Social to kick off the new calendar year. Fifty-four members attended the evening gathering.

After a brief meeting and discussion of upcoming events, our evening entertainment was introduced. Cantor Jinny Marsh, a cantorial soloist and guitarist, provided vocal entertainment with her klezmer discussion and music; and trombonist Seymour Greene reminisced and offered tunes from the days when he appeared with Irving Berlin in "This is the Army." The Library of Congress recently honored Mr. Greene for his musical contributions. He also has played at every presidential inauguration since 1953.



Sisterhood Events



**Does Temple Shalom
have your current
e-mail address?**

We can keep you up-to-date on the latest Temple news with our weekly e-mail newsletter and special announcements. If you have not been receiving regular e-mails from Temple Shalom, send your e-mail address to cmcgowan@templeshalom.net to be added to the list.



Friday Feb. 11 Sisterhood Shir Shalom Music Shabbat ("And Miriam Sang Unto Them") Bake and Share Oneg 7:30 PM



Saturday March 5 Yoga Shalom Kiddush lunch following 10 AM For people of all levels, ages 10 years and above



Sunday April 3 Women's Passover Seder 5 PM - 8 PM. Led by Cantor Lisa Levine and Lisa Pressman.

Mah Jongg is played every Sunday morning at 11:15 am in classroom 4. All ability levels are welcome. Come and they will teach you. Contact Robin Dinerman at rdinerman@verizon.net.



Our Busy Brotherhood

The Temple Shalom Brotherhood has come up with a full schedule of activities for this fiscal year. Our goal is to reach out to all Temple members, especially the men, with our events. As you read this, we will already have had three monthly meetings. At our last meeting, we celebrated the upcoming nuptials of our member Heath Winter and Jennifer Alexander. Jennifer and her daughter Maya were at the meeting to celebrate with Heath and the other members. We also sponsored a “Men’s Night Out” featuring poker for prizes. The evening included a deli dinner and lots of fun. We had our first Sunday brunch featuring Rabbi Feshbach on November 7.

Upcoming activities include three more brunches, including our annual political discussion with Michael Kranish, a Temple member and writer for the *Boston Globe* on January 30. It will be good to get his insight on the election. We are also planning a program during both religious school sessions on February 13 on how to manage your kids’ technology. That discussion will be led by Allison Druin, a Temple Board member, mother, and expert in the field. We are also planning a session on preparing for college and a field trip for parents and families.

Finally, we will hold our annual Passover Wine sale on April 3 and 10th, and our last day of school picnic on May 15.

Our monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month and feature a deli dinner, a meeting to plan upcoming events, and some fun. We invite all Temple men to join us at 6:30 PM for these meetings.

Upcoming Brotherhood Events

**Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Renaissance
“Dinner and a Movie” Night**

**Sunday, December 26, 2010
at 5 PM**



**Political Brunch with author, historian, and
Boston Globe Washington
correspondent Michael Kranish**

**Sunday, January 30, 2011
from 10 AM to 12 NOON**

**Presentation by Allison Druin, “How to Manage Our Kids’
Technology”**

**Sunday, February 13, 2011
8:45 AM to 10:45 AM
or 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM**

photos courtesy Lynn Kanowitz



Brotherhood member and Poker Czar Heath Winter (center, with Alaska sweatshirt), his fiancée Jennifer Alexander and her daughter, Maya, celebrate their upcoming wedding at the Brotherhood meeting on November 3.



Brotherhood Poker Night

**Be part
of Temple Shalom
behind the scenes!**

Volunteers play an integral role in the day-to-day operations of Temple Shalom. From ushering at Temple services to being president of our community, volunteers are actively engaged with the organization in a variety of invaluable ways.

For more information about our volunteer opportunities, call Executive Director Susan Zemsky at 301-587-2273.

Temple Shalom extends thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers. We sincerely appreciate your hard work, dedication, and commitment.

December 2010

1
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
10:30 AM Aspects of Identity – Adult Ed. at Leisure World
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6 PM First Night of Chanukah
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

2
THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings: The Book of Job

3
FRIDAY 6 PM “Night of 1,000 Menorahs” and Chanukah Dinner
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat & Chanukah Family Service with Temple Shalom Youth Choirs & Consecration

4
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
10 AM Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Max Perez-Duel

5
SUNDAY 8:45 am Religious School Early Session
10:30 AM Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class
10:40 AM Youth Choir
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir Rehearsal
6 PM CHAI School
6 PM Confirmation Class
6 PM Religious School Evening Session
6:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class

7
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School
6 PM Israel Trip Planning Session and Dairy Pot Luck Dinner
7:30 PM “Castles in the Sand: The Spice Route, the Desert, and the Mystery of the

Ancient Nabataeans,” an Evening with Arie Mizrachi-Shoham

8
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
10:30 AM Aspects of Identity – Adult Educ. at Leisure World
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting
6:30 PM Confirmation Class Special Session
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM The Washington Jewish Healing Network Spiritual Support Group

9
THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings: The Book of Job
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

10
FRIDAY 6 PM Grade 10 Retreat
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services with Shir Shalom Choir

11
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

12
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 6 JFE Early Session
8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
9 AM Federation Super Sunday
9:15 AM Book Club Meeting
10 AM Grade 10 Retreat Pick-Up
10:40 AM Youth Choir
11:15 AM Grade 6 JFE Late Session
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir Rehearsal
2 PM Zimriyah Rehearsal
4 PM Zimriyah Concert
5:30 PM Post-Concert Reception

SAVE THE DATE:
Tikkun Olam Forum on Homelessness and Hunger in our Midst

**Sunday
December 19, 2010**

4:30-6 pm

As the recent elections reshape the political landscape around us, challenges remain for the most needy and vulnerable in our midst. Watch for details to come about this Sunday afternoon forum focusing on what we can do, locally and nationally, to address the most difficult dilemmas of the economic downturn.

6 PM CHAI School

6 PM Religious School Evening Session
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

14
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

15
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
12 NOON Aspects of Identity – Adult Educ. at Leisure World
4:30 PM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Choir Party

16
THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings: The Book of Job

17
FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7 PM Pot-Luck Dinner
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services

18
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
10 AM Shabbat and Bat Mitzvah of Julia Matteson



Mitzvah Day
Beaming with joy, a Project Linus team works on a snugly blanket for a hospitalized child.



Mitzvah Day
Julie Knoll directs traffic while cycling enthusiasts take Bikes for the World donations for a test drive.

19

SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM Grade 3 JFE Early Session
- 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
- 11:15 AM Mah Jongg
- 11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
- 12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir Rehearsal
- 2 PM Worship and Music Committee Meeting
- 4:30 PM Tikkun Olam Homelessness Forum
- 6 PM CHAI School
- 6 PM Religious School Evening Session
- 6:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class

21

TUESDAY

NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

22

WEDNESDAY

- 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
- 10:30 AM Aspects of Identity – Adult Educ. at Leisure World
- NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

23

THURSDAY

- 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

24

FRIDAY

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Services

25

SATURDAY

- 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

26

SUNDAY

- NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK
- 5 PM Renaissance/Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dinner & Movie

28

TUESDAY

NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK



Spend Dec. 26 with Us !



Attention all Temple Shalom members:

Israeli style dinner at Temple followed by a showing of the movie "The Lemon Tree"

A Palestinian widow must defend her lemon tree field when a new Israeli Defense Minister moves next to her and threatens to have the lemon grove torn down.

Dinner at 5pm

\$18 per person for dinner



RSVP by **December 16**

- * Eventbrite.com - go to templeshalom.net
- Or
- * Make check payable to Temple Shalom and send to:
Harvey Berger
500 Cosgrave Way
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Please note in your reservation if you would prefer vegetarian

Sponsored by the Renaissance Group, Brotherhood, and Sisterhood

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WEDNESDAY

- 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
- NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

31

FRIDAY

- OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE
- 5:45 PM Shabbat Nosh
- 6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Champagne Service



Mitzvah Day
Many hands make light work, and Maia Eskin seems to enjoy the challenge as the library cleanup gets under way.



Mitzvah Day
The TSY Youth Choir and Ruach Teen Choir perform for seniors at Brighton Gardens on Mitzvah Day.

January-February 2011

January

1
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

2
SUNDAY NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

4
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

5
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

6
THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings:
The Book of Job

7
FRIDAY 6:15 PM Congregational Shabbat Dinner
7:30 PM Shabbat Family Services –
5th Grade Leads

8
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
4:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class

9
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
10:40 AM Youth Choir
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir Rehearsal
1:30 PM 2nd Annual Sisterhood
Tallit Workshop
6 PM CHAI School
6 PM Confirmation Class
6 PM Religious School Evening Session

11
TUESDAY 4 PM Final Rehearsal for Upcoming Bar
& Bat Mitzvahs
4:30 PM Hebrew School

12
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

13
THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings:
The Book of Job
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

14
FRIDAY 7:30 PM Soulful MLK Shabbat Ruach
Service with Shir Shalom Choir & Band

15
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
10 AM Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of
Joel Maiman

16
SUNDAY NO SCHOOL
10 AM Faculty In-Service

17
MONDAY Office Closed for MLK Holiday

18
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

19
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

20
THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings:
The Book of Job

21
FRIDAY 6 PM Grades 4 & 5 Shabbaton
6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7 PM Pot-Luck Dinner
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services

22
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study
10 AM Yoga Shalom
12 NOON Grades 4 & 5 Shabbaton Pick-Up

23
SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
NO CLASSES GRADES 4 AND 5
8:45 AM Forum: Role of the Non-Jew
10 AM Grade 2 Early Session Visits the
Hebrew Home
10 AM Grade 6 Community Program at
Temple Shalom
10:40 AM Youth Choir
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session

11:15 AM Mah Jongg
12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir & Teen Band
Rehearsal
6 PM CHAI School
6 PM Religious School Evening Session
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

25
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

26
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

27
THURSDAY 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

28
FRIDAY Deadline for submissions to the Spring
2011 *Shofar*
6 PM Shabbat at Home – NO REGULAR
SERVICES

29
SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

30
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Religious School Early Session
10:40 AM Youth Choir
11 AM Brotherhood Brunch: Political
Speaker—Michael Kranish
11:15 AM Grade 7 JFE Late Session
11:15 AM Mah Jongg
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
12:30 PM NO RUACH TEEN CHOIR
REHEARSAL
1:30 PM 2nd Annual Tallit Workshop
6 PM CHAI School
6 PM Confirmation Class
6 PM Grade 7 JFE Evening Session
6 PM Religious School Evening Session

February

1
TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

2
WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
4:30 PM Hebrew School

6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir –
CD Recording at Studio

4

FRIDAY 6 PM Grade 6 Shabbaton

6:15 PM Congregational Shabbat Dinner

7:30 PM Shabbat Family Service, 1st Grade

5

SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

6 PM Grade 6 Shabbaton Pick-Up

6

SUNDAY 8:45 AM Religious School Early Session

9 AM CHAI School Mitzvah Day

9:15 AM Book Club Meeting

10 AM Grade 2 Late Session Hebrew
Home Visit

10:40 AM Youth Choir

11:15 AM Mah Jongg

11:15 AM Religious School Late Session

12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir Rehearsal

1:30 PM 2nd Annual Tallit Workshop

NO EVENING CLASSES GR. 7 TO 9

8

TUESDAY 4 PM Final Rehearsal Bar & Bat Mitzvahs

4:30 PM Hebrew School

9

WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service

4:30 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

10

THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings:
The Book of Job

7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

11

FRIDAY 7:30 PM Sisterhood Shir Shalom Music
Shabbat, followed by Bake & Share Oneg

12

SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

10 AM Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of
Matthew Kessler

13

SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 1 JFE Early Session

8:45 AM Religious School Early Session

10:40 AM Youth Choir

11:15 AM Grade 1 JFE Late Session

11:15 AM Managing Our Kids' Technology

11:15 AM Mah Jongg

11:15 AM Religious School Late Session

12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir CD
Recording in Studio

1:30 PM CHAI Teen Band Recording in
Studio

1:30 PM 2nd Annual Tallit Workshop

6 PM Forum: Role of the Non-Jew

6 PM CHAI School

6 PM Confirmation Class

6 PM Religious School Evening Session

6:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class

15

TUESDAY 4:30 PM Hebrew School

16

WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service

4:30 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

17

THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings:
The Book of Job

18

FRIDAY 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

7 PM Pot-Luck Dinner

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services

19

SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

20

SUNDAY NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY

21

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENTS DAY

22

TUESDAY 4 PM Final Rehearsal for Bar & Bat Mitzvahs

4:30 PM Hebrew School

23

WEDNESDAY 7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service

4:30 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Shir Shalom Choir Rehearsal

24

THURSDAY 12 NOON Reading the Writings:
The Book of Job

7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

25

FRIDAY 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services

26

SATURDAY 10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

10 AM Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of
Rachel Arbacher

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Sisterhood	Lisa Rozman Karen Safer
Special Funds	Harvey Berger
Tikkun Olam	Josh Silver
Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth Committee	Seth Maiman

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SUNDAY 8:45 AM Grade 6 JFE Early Session

8:45 AM Religious School Early Session

10:40 AM Youth Choir

11:15 AM Grade 6 JFE Late Session

11:15 AM Mah Jongg

11:15 AM Religious School Late Session

12:30 PM Ruach Teen Choir Rehearsal

1:30 PM 2nd Annual Tallit Workshop

4 PM Tikkun Olam Forum

6 PM CHAI School

6 PM Confirmation Classes

6 PM Religious School Evening Classes

6:30 PM Post-Confirmation Class

MITZVAH DAY

By Janice Pliner

More than 250 members of the Temple Shalom family gathered for the 17th annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, October 31. After breakfast and a *dvar torah* with Rabbi Feshbach, participants headed off to perform tikkun olam in our community and at the Temple.

Although reports are still rolling in, here is a sampling of what participants were able to accomplish together on Mitzvah Day:

- 80 nutritious and delicious bagged lunches for Martha's Table
- 10 S.O.M.E. casseroles
- 200+ bookmarks and door hangers for children staying at the NIH Children's Inn
- 30 bicycles collected and compacted for shipment to poor countries via Bikes for the World
- Pruning overgrown shrubbery impeding a sidewalk next to a busy street for the Montgomery Housing Partnership
- 20 cozy fleece blankets (and one beautifully crocheted afghan by Sandy Kamisar) for Project Linus, benefiting children in hospitals and grief camps
- 400+ pounds of collard greens gleaned on behalf of the hungry
- A trunkload of warm clothes for the Interfaith Clothing Center
- A crate of toiletries for women and children at the Greentree Shelter
- Pet toys and dog treats for animal residents at the Washington Animal Rescue League
- Sprucing up the Temple grounds, including weeding, mulching, re-painting parking lot bumpers, raking, clearing off the roof and cleaning the teak benches near the main office entrance
- Dusting the library shelves
- Concert at Brighton Gardens by TSY and Ruach Choirs

A huge shout out must go to Norma and Steve Fenves and to Karen Safer for the



Balabustas by nature? Oliver Howard and Yarden Eskin do their part by helping to tidy our library.

countless hours they dedicated to planning and organizing all aspects of Mitzvah Day. In addition, thank you to Rabbi Feshbach for providing inspiration. Temple staff Susan Zemsky and Cheryl McGowan were also 100% supportive and helpful. Steering Committee members Laura Fenves and Tami Mark helped with research and planning support. Ben Feshbach was the official photographer, and Scott Kravetz served as utility fielder and cleanup batter.

Mitzvah Day benefited from a bunch of energetic and passionate Team Leaders as well:

Mona Ellis (Brookside Gardens), Seth Maiman and Rick Kessler (Glen Echo Park), Steve Hirschfeld and Jordin Cohen (Gleaning), Jody Gan (Martha's Table), Heller An Shapiro (S.O.M.E.), Lisa Rider and Simon Wing (Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition), Cliff Schwartz (Montgomery Housing Partnership), Penny Kline (A Wider Circle), Jennifer Goodman (Great Strides Therapeutic Riding), Leslie and Bill Cordes (Star Gazing Farm), Debbie Duel (Washington Animal Rescue League), Robin Koralek (Project Linus), Virginia Kling and Alison Ehrlich (Children's Inn), Julie Knoll (Bikes for the World), and Mike Gurevich (Temple Maintenance).

Here is what some younger participants had to say about Mitzvah Day:

Sophia Morse helped her friends and family make thoughtful treasures for the Children's Inn at NIH. She liked doing it because, "You got to be creative in making art with hard work. They [the items] are going to a hospital and all the children will feel happy."



Above: Small gifts with a big impact attracted a large group of craftspeople. Below: Door hangers and bookmarks for patients at the NIH Children's Inn.



Celia Ford made blankets for the Project Linus activity. She said she "felt really happy because my aunt was helping me. We made a blanket that is blue with polar bears on it."

Thank you to all who participated in Mitzvah Day. I hope you got as much out of it as you put into it.



Cliff Schwartz and his Mitzvah Day crew helped clear a sidewalk overgrown with shrubbery in a project with the Montgomery Housing Partnership.



Supervollie—Bernie Blumenthal welcomes another generous volunteer to Temple Shalom's 17th Annual Mitzvah Day.



Project Linus — A job well done! Lauren Diaz, Annie Goldman, Dean Goldman, Michele Rovins, Amelia Diaz, and Celia Ford show off a Project Linus blanket that will help lift the spirits of an ailing youngster.



Making Doggie Treats —Mitzvah Day volunteers create special treats for shelter animals.



photo courtesy Benjamin Feshbach

Big sleeves to fill: You're never too old to practice tikkun olam—but you're never too young, either!



photo courtesy Benjamin Feshbach

Rabbi Michael Feshbach, who provided inspiration for a successful event, visits the t-shirt table on Mitzvah Day.

Repairing the world through



Service ★ Education ★ Advocacy

Tikkun Olam Committee Gets Going

In these difficult times, the Tikkun Olam Committee is resuming its focus on direct service and economic justice. During the Yom Kippur lecture hour, the Committee featured a discussion on local housing needs and federal policy. Betsy Sharon of the Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition discussed the transitional housing and direct services the Coalition offers. Temple member Debby Goldberg provided a detailed overview of the foreclosure crisis and the inadequacies of the federal response.

Last month, the Tikkun Olam Committee hosted a pot luck dinner before Shabbat services. The dinner featured conversations with Temple president Myles Levin on a range of policy issues.

On Sunday, December 19, 2010, from 4:30 to 6 PM, the Committee will hold a forum titled “Homelessness and Hunger in our Midst.” We intend to include discussions of direct-service opportunities for Temple members as well as local policy regarding homelessness in Montgomery County.

The Committee wishes to make its forays into direct service and social justice policy participatory, engaging, and empowering. We wish to utilize the talents and energies of Temple members. If you have expertise in local, state, or federal policy, we want to benefit from that expertise. If you wish to address us on a direct service or policy issue, we welcome you as a speaker for one of our events. If you have any ideas for direct service or policy advocacy, we wish to hear about it. Please contact Tikkun Olam Committee chair Josh Silver at kathyjosh@comcast.net if you want to participate in the committee.

ADULT EDUCATION

Aspects of Identity: Explorations of Jewish Life in the Modern World

Cosponsored by Temple Shalom with the Jewish residents of Leisure World

Come join us as we explore topics that affect our everyday lives, such as the current state of Israel, anti-Semitism, interfaith marriage, and modern spirituality.

**Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15,
and 22, 2010**

10:30 AM - 12 NOON

To register or for more information, contact Mort Rudo: 301-598-1153 or mortrudo@verizon.net.

New Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Class Forming at Temple Shalom

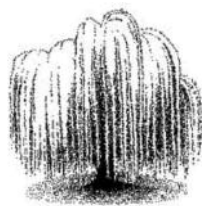
For a variety of reasons, many adult Jews did not have a Bat or Bar Mitzvah. Some may be from non-observant homes; others may have been raised in another faith tradition. Still others were Bar or Bat Mitzvah at 13 but are approaching the age of 83, and since some say that "the counting begins again" at age 70, they are now turning 13 again, as well!

At Temple Shalom, we have a proud tradition of welcoming those who want to explore the adult Bat and Bar Mitzvah process, no matter their current level of Hebrew, and of working with our adult learners to shape their Jewish studies to follow the leads of their own interests.

If you believe an adult Bat or Bar Mitzvah could be for you, here are steps that might change your life:

☆ **Let us know** by contacting Lauren Harrison in Rabbi Feshbach's office at lharrison@templeshalom.net or 301-587-2273, and

☆ **Attend a meeting on Sunday, December 5, 2010**, to explore the new adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah class. The meeting will run from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Rabbi Feshbach's study.



Washington Jewish Healing Network Free Spiritual Support Groups

The Washington Jewish Healing Network offers a variety of services, including spiritual support groups, healing mikveh rituals, courses, and meditation. Their Monthly Drop-In Group for Loss and Bereavement, led by WJHN co-director Rabbi Gilah Langner, will be held at Temple Shalom on Wednesday, **December 8, 2010**, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Beginning January 5, 2011, the group will meet at Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, MD.

Call Rabbi Langner to confirm at 202-364-3006. For additional programming information, go to the WJHN website (www.wjhn.org) or call 202-966-7851.

The Zohar

The Josephine F. and H. Max Ammerman
Study Retreat

Presidents Day Weekend

Sunday-Monday
February 20-21, 2011

11 AM to 3 PM

Speaker: Dr. Daniel C. Matt

Dr. Daniel C. Matt, one of the world's foremost authorities on Jewish mysticism, is creating a 12-volume, annotated English translation of the Zohar.

Retreat discussion topics will include:

- The Zohar: Masterpiece of Kabbalah
- Shekhinah: The Feminine Half of God
- Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World
- God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony Between Science and Spirituality

Location:

**Capital Camps
12750 Buchanan Trail East
Waynesboro, PA 17268
More information to come!**

Tax Planning: The Shalom Solution!

Members can receive a tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on investments by transferring securities to Temple Shalom. Simply turn your appreciated asset over to the Temple either as donation or to cover dues and fees.

You can claim a tax deduction for the current fair market value of the investment and pay no capital gains taxes on the appreciated value. For some people, this method of supporting the Temple Shalom community may work wonders.

Most importantly, do check with your tax advisor or run your own numbers to see if this arrangement will work for you.

But don't wait until tax time rolls around in the spring. To benefit for the 2010 tax year, you must transfer the asset before the end of December.

**For more information, please contact
the temple's executive director,
Susan Zemsky
(szemsky@templeshalom.net).**

A Wider Circle

A Wider Circle (www.awidercircle.org), a small, nonprofit Washington organization dedicated to helping individuals and families lift themselves out of poverty, is urgently seeking basic household furniture to furnish the homes of families in need and those transitioning from homeless shelters. Won't you please help by donating no-longer-needed beds, mattresses, cribs, strollers, chairs and tables? Please contact the organization at 301-608-3504 or by e-mail at furnish@awidercircle.org to arrange for a pick-up of your donation. If you prefer, you may drop off items seven days a week at our Center for Community Service, 9159-C Brookville Road, Silver Spring, MD. Thank you!

NFTY-MAR MAJYK

January 28-30, 2011 • Temple Rodef Shalom • Falls Church, VA

MAJYK, the Mid-Atlantic Junior Youth Kallah, is a very special event just for 7th and 8th graders. Its purpose is to introduce NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth, to its future—you!

What is NFTY-MAR?

The acronym stands for the North American Federation of Temple Youth – Mid Atlantic Region. It is a youth group that brings together reform Jewish teens from North Carolina, eastern West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, DC, Delaware, and eastern Tennessee.

We have weekend-long events about six times each year, which are, with the exception of MAJYK, open to high school students only.

What does the weekend involve?

The weekend will be filled with various get-to-know-you, get-to-know-NFTY, and get-to-know-fellow-NFTYites programs, mixers, and games, all geared toward helping 7th and 8th graders become acquainted with NFTY.

We'll attend Shabbat services written and led by NFTY's teen service and song leaders, with the guidance of their youth advisor and clergy; participate in engaging mixers and programs that will expose the participants to the variety of regional events that NFTY offers to high schoolers; and conclude with an exciting evening social!

Who is supervising the event?

Each event is fully staffed by adult leaders (local youth group directors, NFTY alumni, and the NFTY-MAR Regional Advisor), but is run by and for teens.

NFTY-MAR has an elected Regional Board, comprised of juniors and seniors who have demonstrated strong leadership skills, innovative programming, and a passion for creating a warm, welcoming environment for all members. They, along with the high school members of the hosting congregation, prepare the programs with the goals of engaging 7th- and 8th-grade participants and showcasing the best parts of NFTY—making lifelong friends, and learning, living, and loving Judaism!

Where do the participants stay?

Participants spend the majority of their time at the host congregation and are housed with volunteer host families, all of whom are members in good standing of the host congregation.

Want more information?

Visit www.nfty.org/mar/about for FAQs, a NFTY-MAR glossary, a link to our NFTY for Parents page, and much more!

Ready to register?

Registration is done online at www.nfty.org/mar, then follow the prompts to MAJYK's online registration. The username is "nftymar" and the password is "marvelous."

Cost:

Early Bird - \$150 Regular - \$175

Our prices are all-inclusive. They cover charter bus transportation, food, housing, and all programming.

Deadlines:

REGISTRATION will OPEN on Wednesday, November 24th

EARLY BIRD registration will END on Thursday, December 16th

REGISTRATION will CLOSE on Thursday, January 6th

Questions, comments, or concerns?

Please contact your local youth group advisor, or NFTY-MAR's Regional Advisor, Alexa Broida, by email at abroida@urj.org or phone at 212-452-6576 at any time! See you there!

MID ATLANTIC JUNIOR YOUTH KALLAH



MAJYK is a very special event, just for 7th and 8th graders. Its purpose is to introduce NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth, to its future – YOU!

The weekend will be filled with various games, programs, and activities designed to introduce the participants to NFTY, and more importantly, to their fellow NFTYites!



Join us for a weekend of living, learning, and loving Judaism; not to mention the chance to make the friendships of a lifetime!



PARENTS: Want more information? For photos, videos, and an event description, visit www.nfty.org/mar. For FAQs and our "NFTY for Parents" page, visit the "About Us" section, or contact Alexa Broida, Regional Advisor, at abroida@urj.org to give your child a meaningful Jewish experience!

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW...

When Is It?

January 28-30, 2011

Where Am I Going?

Temple Rodef Shalom
Falls Church, VA

Who Can Come?

All 7th & 8th graders!

Where Will I Sleep?

This event is home-hosted, so all participants will stay with members of the hosting temple.

How Do I Get There?

NFTY-MAR provides charter buses from the major cities in the region. Bus information for each event can be found when you register.

SOUNDING FUN YET?! SO...

How Do I Register?

ONLINE!

Also where you can find more information!
www.nfty.org/mar/events/majyk

Username: nftymar

Password: marvelous

When Should I Register?

You can start on: November 24th

Early Bird deadline: October 4th

Regular deadline: October 21st

More Questions?

Are they general NFTY-MAR

Questions? Visit

www.nfty.org/mar.

Are they MAJYK specific? Check

out our MAJYK page at

www.nfty.org/mar/events/majyk.

S.O.M.E.

Thanks for Stepping Up to the Plate!

“In grateful recognition of more than 15 years of service to our brothers and sisters in need at So Others May Eat. You are helping to restore hope and dignity to the poor and homeless of our nation’s capital.”

So reads the engraved wooden plate now on display at the Membership Table, presented to Temple Shalom in April for the generous work of our congregation in feeding lunch to S.O.M.E. clients every second Tuesday of the month.

With the new year in full swing, we’d like to thank the following Temple members who have given so generously to S.O.M.E. over the last year:

Myra Posin, who donates a casserole and makes our delivery each month
Temple Shalom Religious School 6th grade,
Beit Din and Chai school classes
Rabbi Feshbach and Julie Novick
Cantor Levine
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David Sharon
Judy & John Silver
Janine Simmons
Dianne Tencer

Are YOU Ready to Step Up to the Plate?

Temple Shalom distributed over 300 aluminum pans during the summer and High Holy Days. It’s time to bring them back—filled with something nutritious and delicious—and place them in the Temple freezer. No time to cook? Buy a frozen casserole instead!

“SOMething” New!

Please bring your canned fruits and vegetables and place them in the shopping cart in the upstairs lobby or in the black bin outside the Temple office. We will deliver them monthly with our casseroles. Thank you for your generous support!

—Joe & Nora Matus





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Temple Shalom

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SATURDAY - SUNDAY MARCH 19 - 20, 2011



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