

# Shofar

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- December**
- 2** Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM  
**FRI** Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 6:15 PM  
Erev Shabbat Family Services, Grade 7  
Leads, 7:30 PM
- 3** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
**SAT** Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of  
Zoe Goldenberg-Hart, 10 AM  
*Vayetzai, Genesis 28:10-32:3*  
*Hosea 12:13-14:10*
- 9** Erev Shabbat Services—Navah T'hilah Music  
**FRI** Shabbat w/Shir Shalom, 7:30 PM
- 10** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM  
**SAT** *Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43*  
*Hosea 11:7-12:12*
- 16** Erev Shabbat Services – Piano Shabbat,  
**FRI** 7:30 PM
- 17** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
**SAT** *Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23*  
*Amos 2:6-3:8*
- 23** Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 6:15 PM  
**FRI** Erev Shabbat Services —  
Night of 1,000 Menorahs, 7:30 PM
- 24** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
**SAT** *Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1-44:17*  
*Zakhariah 4:1-7*
- 30** Champagne Shabbat, 5:30 PM  
**FRI** Erev Shabbat Services, 6:15 PM
- 31** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
**SAT** *Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27*  
*Ezekiel 37:15-28*
- January**
- 6** Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM  
**FRI** Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 6:15 PM  
Erev Shabbat Family Services – Grade 6  
Leads, 7:30 PM
- 7** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
**SAT** Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of  
Reid Williams, 10 AM  
*Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26*  
*1 Kings 2:1-12*
- 13** Soulful Shabbat Ruach  
**FRI** MLK Commemoration, 7:30 PM
- 14** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
**SAT** Yoga Shalom, 4:30 PM  
*Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1-6:1*  
*Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23*

## Night of 1,000 Menorahs

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

Bring YOUR Chanukah Menorah to Light!!

### Chanukah Celebration & Dinner

Friday, December 23, 2011

6:15 PM Dinner and Dreidels

7:30 PM Service



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 13, 2012

7:30 PM

### MLK Celebration and Interfaith Service

featuring:

*Wilson High School Choir,  
Washington Revels Jubilee Choir,  
KIDS Lead and Tony Small*

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## January

- 20** Erev Shabbat Services – Piano Shabbat,  
7:30 PM  
**FRI**
- 21** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
*Va-eira, Exodus 6:2-9:35*  
*Ezekiel 28:25-29:21*  
**SAT**
- 27** Erev Shabbat Services – Folk Shabbat,  
7:30 PM  
**FRI**
- 28** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
*Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16*  
*Jeremiah 46:13-28*  
**SAT**

## February

- 3** Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM  
Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 6:15 PM  
Erev Shabbat Family Services – Grades K  
& 1 Lead, 7:30 PM  
**FRI**
- 4** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
*B'shalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16*  
*Judges 4:4-5:31; 5:1-31*  
**SAT**
- 10** Shir Shalom Music Shabbat, “And Miriam  
Sang Unto Them,” 7:30 PM  
**FRI**
- 11** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
*Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23*  
*Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6*  
**SAT**
- 17** Erev Shabbat Services – Piano Shabbat,  
7:30 PM  
**FRI**
- 18** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
*Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18*  
*2 Kings 12:5-16*  
**SAT**
- 24** Erev Shabbat Services – Folk Shabbat,  
7:30 PM  
**FRI**
- 25** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM  
*T'rumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19*  
*Isaiah 66:1-13, 23*  
**SAT**

# Shofar

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For more information or to register visit [urj.org/biennial](http://urj.org/biennial)



## Important Reminders

**Friday, December 9, 7:30 PM**

NAVAH T'HILAH The Sensational Jerusalem Kabbalat Experience! A once-in-a-lifetime event from the most innovative liturgical music composers and writers in Israel today.

**Congregational Mission to Cuba: February 11-21, 2012**

Become part of history and explore the Jewish communities of Cuba with Cantor Lisa Levine.

**Friday, February 10, 2012, 7:30 PM**

“And Miriam Sang Unto Them”—a celebration of Jewish women, featuring the music of Debbie Friedman and our WRJ Sisterhood members. With Shir Shalom Choir and guests.



## “In Every Generation...”

### Ethical Issues We Want to Avoid But Which All Families will Face

Message from  
**Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach**

Sometimes it is hard to remember what life was like before a certain date in September towards the beginning of this century. In a very real way, our world, and our world-views, changed forever on 9/11.

But if I am not mistaken, in August of 2001 our attention was not on foreign threats, but here at home. And we were focused not so much on the economy, as on important issues of life and death that had to do with the support of science, the role of research, and the balance of competing ideologies. I believe that was the month that President Bush gave a much awaited address on stem-cell research.

Issues of bioethics come and go from the headlines, but they are never far away. You can name the cases: *Roe v. Wade* is one, still challenged in new and complicated ways (Mississippi just voted down a referendum that would have granted a fertilized egg full human status, a determination that would have inadvertently or perhaps intentionally also banned certain kinds of birth control.) The Terry Schiavo case is another. So is the question of a “conscience clause,” which would allow pharmacists of certain religious persuasions not to dispense contraceptives. My colleague Rabbi Richard Address, at the time the Chair of the Union for Reform Judaism’s Department of Family Concerns, once said he was surprised that these issues were not more prominently featured even more of the time, because every family will face these quality-of-life and end-of-life dilemmas.

An ancient religious tradition dealing with questions that arise from cutting-edge modern medical procedures is an endeavor at once both vitally important and inherently complicated. What can centuries-old texts teach and tell us? As one article cogently asked, what do woodchoppers have to do with respirators? But *not* to attempt to offer guidance on life-and-death matters for fear of inexact analogies and because of the “newness” of the questions is to abdicate our role of offering spiritual guidance and real support in the most deeply important arenas of our lives.

Because of the importance I personally see in exploring these issues (see, for example, my chapter in the book *Genetics and Ethics in Health Care*, available on our website), I am excited to let you know about an opportunity to hear from some of the leading voices in this field, right here in our Sanctuary. On **January 8, 2012**, in conjunction with the Society for Jewish Ethics and the Foundation for Jewish Studies, Temple Shalom is co-sponsoring **A Bioethics Symposium: Traditional Jewish Values Across the Continuum of Life**.

More information will be announced shortly about this Sunday-afternoon opportunity, but what I can tell you now is that this forum features some of the most important voices in the Jewish world in the area of bioethics, including Rabbi Elliot Dorff, a progressive and creative thinker and author of some of Conservative Judaism’s most significant statements on ethical issues (from bioethics to sexuality to the development of Jewish practice), and Dr. Bill Cutter, one of our own

Reform movement’s most thoughtful voices on health and healing, and one of the founders of the Academic Coalition on Jewish Bioethics.

Sunday afternoons are often busy times in our lives (although at this point it is premature—and, based on recent experience, a false hope—to count on too many local teams playing significant games on that day). But this opportunity does not come along that often. Watch for more details, and, if you can, plan to be here on January 8, because, as much as we may be focused on unpredictable events in the daily news, the inexorable march of time will present some of these ethical scenarios to all of us, at one point or another.

Michael L. Feshbach  
 Rabbi

# Night of 1,000 Menorahs

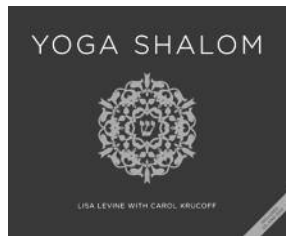
**Friday, Dec. 23, 2011**

Unveiling and dedication of  
original painting by  
**Dr. Eric Finzi:  
Shabbat Lights**

**After Dinner and  
Before the Service at 7:15 PM  
in the Temple Lobby**



Message from  
Cantor Lisa L. Levine



**Yoga Shalom™**  
Service, Havdalah and  
Book Signing  
**Saturday**  
**January 14, 2012**  
**Temple Shalom Social Hall**

**4:30 PM – Yoga Shalom Practice**

**5:45 PM – Havdalah**

**6 PM – Wine and Cheese  
Reception with Book Signing**

**Book Signing at 6 PM. Please come and participate and celebrate *Yoga Shalom!* Our own congregants, Robin and Diana Dinerman and Beryl Tretter, as well as special guests, are models in the book and will also be on hand to sign books.**

Coming full circle, I realize that embodying prayer is not as simple as practicing yoga. One must also understand the content of prayer, its context in history and why each prayer was selected for its place in the worship service. Ultimately, the power of prayer comes from what each of us brings from our spirits. That is discovered through the deep exploration of breath, stillness of mind and challenging of body. While my search continues for enlightenment and true embodiment of prayer, I know that I am deep into my journey and I look forward to bringing others into the vast unknown of what has proven to be the greatest adventure of my lifetime: seeking Oneness through yoga, meditation, music and prayer chant. It is a journey that will never end as I continue to discover the hidden Godliness in myself and others.

Yours in song and prayer,

Cantor Lisa

envisioned a service combining yoga and actual liturgical prayer. But the more I started thinking about it, the more I began to connect certain yoga postures with certain prayers. So, Sun Salutation, the worship of the sun, dovetailed with the prayer praising day and night, *Yotzeir Or*, and the forward bend with the *Bar'chu*.

Because, in my view, the most important element of any worship service is the music, I decided to record a CD that would accompany our worship service from beginning to end. I assembled a nice selection of meditative prayers recorded by Jewish artists; what I couldn't find, I went into the studio and recorded myself. That presentation, titled "Yoga Worship," was the first incarnation of what would become *Yoga Shalom*.

It all came together rather quickly after that. When I traveled as artist-in-residence to different communities, which I often did to share my liturgical musical compositions, I would teach Yoga Worship as part of my offerings. One such community was Temple Judea in Raleigh, NC. At that Shabbat morning, several yoga teachers were in attendance. One in particular, Carol Krucoff, took an interest in my yoga worship service. Carol, an editor for *Yoga Journal*, had written several books. She knew how to write book proposals and how to edit. She proposed that together she and I write a book that might be beneficial to Jewish yoga worshippers everywhere. We brainstormed a title and *Yoga Shalom* was born. Almost four years in the making, by the time you read this article, the book will be published by URJ Press. **To celebrate this event, Carol and I are teaching *Yoga Shalom* together on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 4:30 PM. This service will be followed by Havdalah at 5:45 PM and a Wine and Cheese Reception and**

Dear Friends,  
How does one embody prayer? I've been struggling with this question for more than 20 years, since I've been a practicing cantor and yoga practitioner. I suppose it was inevitable that the intersection of these two ancient arts would collide in me as I began to ponder how my yoga practice fit with the cantorial arts of liturgy, music and prayer.

My journey began while I was studying at HUC in New York City, commuting from Brooklyn by subway, working two student pulpits, studying voice, striving to achieve the highest level of success in my classes, and remaining functional in all of these areas. Stress was my constant companion. Hitting the books and freeing the voice were my goals. Yoga became the avenue I used to do just that: free my voice, reduce my stress, and focus on learning the art of the Cantor. A crucial byproduct: to remain totally present in my prayers and meditations so I could authentically pray with and on behalf of my congregation.

The next step on my journey came when I was asked to teach yoga at a Cantor's convention. My class, "Yoga for Singers," was an immediate success. I had full classes at 7:00 AM in what was certainly a very important element of yoga—the expansion of the lungs and breath control. This very simple practice enabled me to become a much better singer, not only with the expanded use of my lungs and diaphragm, but also in my capacity to open my chest and allow the free flow of air through my body.

However, my big epiphany came when I was invited to lead a yoga worship service at the URJ Biennial in Minneapolis. While I had used yoga to deepen my physical connection to singing and focus my mind for prayer, I'm embarrassed to say that I hadn't ever



**7th Grade Fall Harvest  
The Levine Garden  
Brookeville, MD**

**We harvested, gleaned,  
planted seeds and watered for  
winter! Then we said a  
blessing and ate.**

**Right: Rabbi Rachel digs  
potatoes.**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

During the past year and a half, many people have commented that being a synagogue president is a thankless task. Nothing could be further from the truth. I can not speak for other temple presidents, but being president of Temple Shalom is a very rewarding experience. In fact, as I've participated in many events and been behind the scenes with other activities, the breadth and depth of what we do never fails to amaze me.

Our board consists of volunteers who give their time and energy to do the business of the temple. Volunteers help out in the office, plan fund raisers, and assist with the temple mailings. We would not be as successful as we are without the time commitment and dedication of our members.

I have asked before and I will ask again now. Each person joins a synagogue for his/her own personal reasons, and I did discuss that in my High Holiday speech. Your reasons may not be the same as mine, and I can respect and understand that. But I do sincerely believe that Judaism reaches out to all of us on some level. It holds a special meaning for each of us. Every one of us benefits from the beauty of Temple Shalom in some way, some on a daily basis, some maybe just once or twice a year. But regardless of how often you utilize the services we offer at Temple Shalom, we ask you to contribute your time in some way. There are many committees at Temple Shalom that you could join and become involved. We can grow only as much as our members are willing to contribute. I know how busy life can be with all our family commitments, but I ask that you consider giving a few hours of your time to the Temple. Our website lists committees that you can join.

At Temple Shalom, committed individuals can rise through the "ranks" and become members of the board and ascend to possibly the presidency of the temple. It is a rewarding individual experience to become involved in the temple. I know because I have been a member of the board for many years and now have the honor to be your temple president.

Show your commitment to Temple Shalom by giving a small part of yourself. Let's make 5772 a year of commitment and growth.

L'Shalom,  
*Myles R. Levin*  
Myles R. Levin  
President



## Camp is Life

**Rabbi Rachel Ackerman**  
Director of Education

For three summers I watched as hundreds of children and young adults embraced each other, sobbing hysterically with bloodshot eyes. An outsider might have thought they were witnessing a major catastrophe. And then they'd notice everyone wearing a shirt with a slogan across the back: "Camp is life...the rest is just details."

And, in some ways for many children and young adults, the last day of camp is a catastrophe. For them, camp IS life. Children in the third through twelfth grades spend four to eight weeks immersed in a 24/7 intentional community. They are living Judaism, breathing fresh air, forming relationships, experimenting and trying new things in a safe space. In the intense environment, they can experience a range of activities in a single day and just as many emotions.

The Reform movement camps are incredible places of learning and growth for our campers. The three summers that I spent working at a URJ camp exposed me to a plethora of new experiences and boundless creativity. I witnessed an orchard transformed into the Garden of Eden for third graders learning about *derech erez* (how to do the right thing). I prayed with a group of seventh and eighth graders who planned a service in the pool using the water to relate to different prayers such as *Mi Chamocha*. I hiked up "Masada" in the dark with sixth graders on Tisha B'Av. I watched eleventh graders raise thousands of dollars for the AIDS Walk. I watched twelfth graders mobilize several hundred kids in *Yom Sport* (Color Wars), and became immersed for four weeks in fine and dramatic arts with tenth graders as they learned new skills and managed to put on a show of professional magnitude. And I, too, cried on the last day.

Many speak of the magic of camp. It is indeed a magical place. For many it is a safe space in an unpredictable world. Camp undoes the traditional stereotypes of who is "cool" and who is not. In many ways, camp is an equalizer. Ability or disability, gender, sexual

orientation, and economic status are often irrelevant at camp, and also oftentimes, in the best of ways, embraced in the camp setting. Climbing to the top of the tower is always a success, whether you are 8 or 28. You have an opportunity to sing and dance to your heart's content, whether or not you are good at either. And kids learn Judaism by doing and living, not simply by sitting in a classroom reading a book. The fact that kids can't wait for Shabbat, to dress in white, to dance, sing, and pray is a true testament to the power of Jewish community and the camp environment.

The URJ camps work hard to meet the needs of their campers. More than a dozen campers from Temple Shalom attend our regional camp, Harlam, in Kunkletown, PA, each summer, and I hope to be spending two weeks with your children there as faculty during the summer of 2012. All of our URJ camps are equipped with an inclusion specialist and more and more of them are providing shadows for mainstreamed campers as well as sessions to meet more particular needs, such as those of children with autism.

We have a wonderful sports camp entering its third summer, 6 Points Sports Academy in Greensboro, NC. There Judaism is joined with intensive sports training. Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY, provides leadership training for high school students. In addition, Mitzvah Corps arranges domestic and international summer trips that engage students in helping other communities. And, last, young people can attend our wonderful NFTY in Israel programs.

Please join us on January 29, 2012, during morning Sunday School sessions as Shane Carr, the Associate Director of 6 Points Sports Academy, joins us to talk about 6 Points and Camp Harlam. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send an email or give me a call. If you are interested but find the finances to be a hardship, know that there are several ways to get financial assistance. You can find out more about URJ Camps at <http://www.urjcamps.org/camps/>.

## MAKING SUMMER CAMP AND ISRAEL

At Temple Shalom we highly value the power of Jewish camping and teen summer trips to Israel. We also understand that finance can be a hindrance. Many grants, funds, and scholarships are available to subsidize the cost of camp and Israel trip. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate contacting us. In the meantime here are some wonderful resources that can help you send your children to camp and to Israel:

**ONE HAPPY CAMPER  
(FIRST-TIME CAMPERSHIP GRANT  
UP TO \$1500):**

<http://www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/>

**CAMP HARLAM FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
(NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP):**

<http://harlam.urjcamps.org/register/forms/>

**LEVINSOHN-FEINBERG FUND  
(TEMPLE SHALOM CAMP  
SCHOLARSHIP):**

CONTACT RABBI ACKERMAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

**ISRAEL QUEST GRANT  
(NEED-BASED GRANT FOR TEEN  
ISRAEL PROGRAM):**

<http://www.pjll.org/israelquest>

**DAVID GILDENHORN FUND  
(TEMPLE SHALOM ISRAEL  
PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP)**

CONTACT RABBI ACKERMAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

Just be warned, you may pick up a slightly different child than the one you dropped off. This child might stand taller, prouder of his or her Jewish heritage, with a group of new friends from far and wide (which can lead to a slightly higher phone bill), and one who crosses off each day as the next summer approaches, all the while thinking, "Camp is life...the rest is just details."

*Rabbi Rachel Ackerman*

Rabbi Rachel Ackerman  
Director  
Religious Education

## Library Notes

The Temple Shalom library now contains close to 6,000 volumes! We've got some wonderful new books in the adult collection,



both fiction and non-fiction. Come in and check them out!!

**97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement** by Jane Ziegelman—non-fiction—a look at the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the early 20th century.

**Safe Passage: The Remarkable True Story of Two Sisters Who Rescued Jews from the Nazis** by Ida Cook—non-fiction.

**Lunch in Paris: A Love Story, with Recipes** by Elizabeth Bard—non-fiction.

**City of Thieves** by David Benioff—non-fiction—based on the author's grandfather's stories about surviving WWII in Russia.

**In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin** by Erik Larson—non-fiction.

**The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss** by Edmund de Waal—non-fiction.

**The Dovekeepers** by Alice Hoffman—fiction—a thrilling, passionate saga of four women who come together to tend the doves in Masada.

And we can always use help—just ask! A library is never finished!

Judy Silverman and Vivian Kramer  
Librarians

## Youth Programs at Temple Shalom 2011-2012



**Robb Friedlander**  
Youth Director

### NFTY-MAR Calendar, 2011-2012

**December 14–18:** URJ National Biennial in the DC area, with major NFTY programming

**December 27-30:** NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah at Capital Camps, Waynesboro, PA

**March 23-25:** NFTY-MAR The Vent, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, MD

**April 19-22:** NFTY-MAR Spring Kallah, Camp Harlam, Kunkletown, PA

### TaSTY Junior – The Junior Youth Group:

#### TaSTY Junior Youth Group Proposed Calendar for 5772 (2011-2012)

12/10 (Saturday): Teen Social

1/27 (Fri) – 1/29 (Sun): MAJYK (Mid Atlantic Junior Youth Group Weekend Kallah), Temple Emanuel, Roanoke, VA [for 7th and 8th graders]

2/11 (Saturday): Swim Party at the Germantown Aquatic Center

TBD: Chocolate Seder, 11 AM-12 NOON

3/29 (Thursday): Bowling or other evening activity

TBD: Final Fun Event

**Watch for more details about all of our Youth Programs. With questions or for any other reason, you can reach**

**Robb at**  
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

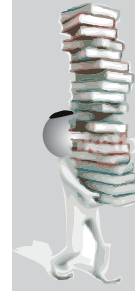
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Cemetery	TBD
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Outreach	TBD
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Worship	Marty Shargel
Youth	Bonnie Green



Temple Shalom

# Share Your Photos

To help complete our website, we need more photos of Temple activities and programs. For now, a photo of the new bimah appears as a placeholder at the lower left of almost every page. Do you have a picture that illustrates a key aspect of Temple life? If so, please send digital photos as email attachments to Susan Zemsky. Or drop off prints in the Temple office. They'll be returned.



## 2011-2012 Book Club Selections & Discussion

### Dates

Temple Shalom Book Club usual meeting time will be 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM., except the last day, May 20, 2012, when we meet from 10-11:30 AM during the Unisession.

### Sunday, December 4, 2011

*To the End of the Land* by David Grossman: This novel combines literal travel within Israel with the passages of life. Ora goes on a camping trip with an old friend, Avram, while her son, Ofer, joins the Israeli Army. They wander the hills and Ora recounts Ofer's story from birth to adulthood. The tragic consequences of war are contrasted with everyday life in contemporary Israel.

### Sunday, February 12, 2012

*Nemesis* by Philip Roth: The latest from one of the masters takes place in wartime Jewish New Jersey during a polio epidemic. The main character is an athletic PE teacher who is rejected from the military for bad eyesight. He has a happy existence and tries to instill his charges with strength and upstanding morals. Nemesis is the goddess of retribution or vengeance and in this story she upends the happiness that abounds until nothing is recognizable.

### Sunday, March 25, 2012

*Safe Passage* by Ida Cook: The true story of two young women who were interested in coming to America to see great opera stars perform and who ended up rescuing refugees from Europe at the start of the Holocaust. They were recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among Nations.

### Sunday, May 20, 2012

*Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer: An exploration of the lives of Jews in other places, this novel depicts a wealthy father who is separated from his Jewish family in Iran shortly after the revolution. His wife and daughter struggle to survive while searching for him, and his son struggles to make it in Brooklyn. It raises philosophical questions including those of allegiance to country vs. religion and the role of masters vs. servants.

### But wait! There's more!

Our book group is now registered at Politics and Prose. At checkout mention that you are part of the Temple Shalom book club and get a **20% discount.**



## TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD RETREAT



When:  
January 27-29, 2012

Where:  
Lansdowne Resort,  
Leesburg, VA  
(40 minute drive)

Who:  
All Temple Shalom women

Why:  
Connect with other Temple Shalom women,  
away from household responsibilities,  
family obligations, and other stresses.

What:  
Options such as great conversation,  
Shabbat dinner, lay-led services,  
**spirituality, relaxation** (spa, yoga), exercise  
(gym, lap pool), **shopping**  
(Leesburg Premium Outlets)  
wine tasting, mah jongg,  
schmoozing, and much more...

To express interest or to volunteer,  
contact Susan Gerecht at 301-929-6122 or  
sgerecht99@verizon.net.



# Spend Dec. 24 with Us !



### Attention all Temple Shalom members:

Chinese dinner in the Temple Social Hall, followed by a showing of the movie "Arranged." This delightful film tells the story of Rochel and Nasira, an Orthodox Jew and an observant Muslim respectively, who meet as teachers in a Brooklyn elementary school. Despite their cultural and religious differences, they become good friends.

Dinner at 6 PM  
\$18 per person for dinner



RSVP by December 16

Make checks payable to Temple Shalom and send to:  
Francine Simons  
311 Farragut Avenue  
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\*Vegetarian options will be available. Soft drinks will be provided.

Sponsored by the Renaissance Group, the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood

## RENAISSANCE GROUP

On Sunday evening, September 18, Temple Shalom's Renaissance Group met in the Temple's Social Hall for its Annual Meeting and Dessert Social. This meeting marked the 10th anniversary of the group's founding. More than 50 Temple members attended this event and were treated to delicious desserts.

Members of the Steering Committee were introduced, and a brief preview of this year's planned events was given. Suzanne Eichhorn introduced the evening's speaker, Sharon Salus, Temple member and docent at the Kreeger Museum in Washington. Her presentation on the life and art of Marc Chagall was interesting and informative, and we all thank Sharon very much for sharing her expertise with us.

We have a very full program planned for the coming year, so make sure you check the Temple's weekly email and flyers for further details. For more information about our group and upcoming activities, contact Lynn Kanowith at lkanowith@verizon.net, or call him at 301-384-2069.

## MESSAGE FROM BROTHERHOOD

At the time in mid-October of the submittal deadline for this issue of the *Shofar*, we were looking forward to our first events of the year. We hope that many of you enjoyed our trip to Gettysburg (co-sponsored with Renaissance), our first-ever tailgate party on October 30 (hopefully part of a successful season for the Redskins), and our initial Brunch on November 13, featuring Rabbi Feshbach.

We invite all members of the Temple to join us for several events that we have scheduled during the next three months. On the evening of December 24, together with Renaissance and Sisterhood, we are co-sponsoring the annual Dinner and Movie Night at the Temple. On Sunday morning, February 5, 2012, our own Dr. Eric Cline, a noted archeologist, will speak on "Recent Archaeological Discoveries at Megiddo and Tel Kabri in Israel." If you heard Dr. Cline's previous presentation at the Temple, you know that you will be in for a treat. Whether or not you've heard him before, we encourage you to come and to bring your friends. Our last event in February 2012 will be a Dinner/Bowling Night at Bowl America in Gaithersburg. You will receive detailed information when we complete the necessary arrangements.

As you all know, Harvey Berger was recently elected as Executive Vice-President of the Temple. We congratulate Harvey and commend him for stepping up to accept this important position and all the responsibilities and commitments that it entails, particularly since he already has done more than his share of service to the Temple, including a previous two-year term as President. Harvey's new position compelled him to resign as co-President of Brotherhood, although he gracefully agreed to remain as Treasurer. As the new co-President of Brotherhood, we elected the Temple's own triple-threat, Lynn Kanowith, who also serves as Chairman of Renaissance and prospective Financial Secretary. Brotherhood thanks both Harvey and Lynn for their continuing service to both the Temple and Brotherhood.

Brotherhood Presents Temple Shalom's Own

## Dr. Eric Cline



## Recent Archaeological Discoveries at Megiddo and Tel Kabri in Israel

Brunch on **February 5** at 11 am  
In the Social Hall  
\$5 per person, RSVP:  
[Brotherhood@Templeshalom.net](mailto:Brotherhood@Templeshalom.net)



We appreciate the support of all of the members of the Temple who have joined Brotherhood this year. Your support makes possible not only the many events that we schedule during the year but also the financial contributions that we make to the Temple and its activities. We hope that all of you will join us at our meeting at the Temple on the first Wednesday of each month, with a deli meal at 6:30 PM and a brief business session that usually ends around 8 PM. It's a great opportunity to schmooze and meet your fellow members. Please come and bring your fresh ideas and suggestions.

Maurice Axelrad  
Brotherhood President



Kol Sasson singing to a full house for the Selichot Coffeehouse.



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