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 September-October-November
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- September
- 2 FRI Tot Shabbat: Back to Shul, 5:30 PM
 Congregational Dinner, 6:15 PM
 Erev Shabbat Family Services, 7:30 PM
 - 3 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Shof'rim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Isaiah 51:12-52:12
 - 9 FRI Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM
 - 10 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and B'nai Mitzvah of Jack
 Taylor and Scott Gahart, 10 AM
Ki Teitzei, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Isaiah 54:1-10
 - 16 FRI Erev Shabbat Services – Piano Shabbat,
 7:30 PM
 - 17 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and B'not Mitzvah of
 Hannah Bisk & Ella Sheppard-Saidel, 10 AM
Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Isaiah 60:1-22
 - 23 FRI Erev Shabbat Services – Folk Shabbat,
 7:30 PM
 - 24 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of
 Sasha Gerecht, 10 AM
 Selichot Dessert Reception, 8 PM
 Selichot Coffeehouse w/Kol Sasson, 8:30 PM
 Selichot Candlelit Service, 10 PM
Nitzavim-Vayelech, Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
Isaiah 61:10-63:9
 - 28 WED Erev Rosh Hashanah Early Service, 6:30 PM
 Erev Rosh Hashanah Late Service, 8:30 PM
 - 29 THR Rosh Hashanah Early Morning Service, 8:45 AM
 Rosh Hashanah Youth Service, 8:45 AM
 Rosh Hashanah Late Morning Service, 11:45 AM
 Rosh Hashanah Family Service, 2:45 PM
 Tashlich 4 PM
Genesis 22:1-19
1 Samuel 1:1-28
 - 30 FRI Rosh Hashanah Second-Day Services, 10 AM
 Pre-Service Nosh, 5:45 PM
 Erev Shabbat Services: Shabbat Shuvah,
 6:15 PM
Genesis 1:1-2:3
Isaiah 5:5-6:13 or Jeremiah 31:1-19
 - October 1 SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of
 Rachel Arbacher, 10 AM
Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Hosea 14:2-10, Micha 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27

A Selichot Coffeehouse

Saturday, September 24th · 8 PM · Reception
 8:30 PM Concert by a cappella group Kol Sasson
 10 PM Candlelit Selichot Services



Kol Sasson, the premier Jewish *a cappella* group at the University of Maryland, formed in 1997, performs around the country for audiences ranging from religious school children to senior citizens, at synagogues, schools, universities, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, and

special events. This past year they were privileged to perform at a number of notable venues including the United Jewish Communities General Assembly, the Israeli Embassy, and also at the White House for President Obama. This year they placed second in the first-ever Jewish *a cappella* competition! They recently released their fifth studio album, *Dynamic*.



The Temple Shalom Music Committee Presents:

The Gershwin Songbook and Rhapsody in Blue

Sunday, November 20th, 4 PM

Followed by a dessert reception

Featuring:

Cantor Lisa Levine, Soprano
 Cantor Robert Gerber, Tenor
 Joshua Milton, Baritone
 Anabel Milton, Mezzo-Soprano

Andrew Stewart & Paul Carroll, piano

Patrons: \$136 (two tickets, reserved seating, and name listed in program)

Adults: \$18 per person

Students: \$10 per person

October

- 7** **FRI** Kol Nidrei Early Service, 6:30 PM
Kol Nidrei Late Service, 9 PM
- 8** **SAT** Yom Kippur Early Service, 8:45 AM
Yom Kippur Youth Service, 8:45 AM
Personal & Guided Study, 8:45 AM to 5 PM
Yom Kippur Late Service, 11:45 AM
Yom Kippur Family Service, 2:45 PM
Yom Kippur Afternoon Opportunities for Adults, 2:45 PM
Healing and Meditation Service, 4 PM
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, 4:15 PM
Yizkor and Ne'ilah, 5:15 PM (approximate)
- Morning Torah Portion: *Deuteronomy 29:9-14 & 30:11-20; Isaiah 58:1-14*
Afternoon Torah Portion: *Leviticus 19:1-4, 9:18, and 32-37; Jonah 1:1-4:11*
- 12** **WED** Erev Sukkot Service Under the Sukkah, 6 PM
BYO Dinner Under the Sukkah, 7 PM
- 13** **THUR** Sukkot Morning Community Service at Or Chadash, Damascus, MD, 10 AM
Luncheon Reception, 12 NOON
Apple Picking at Butler's Orchard, 1 PM
Leviticus 23:33-44
Zechariah 14:7-9, 16-21
- 14** **FRI** BYO Dinner Under the Sukkah, 6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat/Chol Ha'Moed Sukkot Services – Union Prayer Book Service with Dr. Jack Lowe & Cantor Lisa Levine, 7:30 PM
- 15** **SAT** Shabbat/Chol Ha'Moed Sukkot Morning Worship and Study, 10 AM
Yoga Shalom, 10 AM
Exodus 33:13-34:26
Ezekiel 38:18-39:7
The Book of Ecclesiastes is Read
- 19** **WED** Erev Simchat Torah Family Service/
Consecration followed by Israeli Dancing, 7 PM
- 20** **THUR** Simchat Torah/Sh'mini Atzeret Joint Festival Morning Service, 10 AM
Luncheon Reception, 12 PM
Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12; Genesis 1:1-2:3
Joshua 1:1-18
- 21** **FRI** Erev Shabbat Services – Piano Shabbat, 7:30 PM
- 22** **SAT** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Brecher, 10 AM
Bereshit, Genesis 1:1-6:8
Isaiah 42:5-43:10
- 28** **FRI** Erev Shabbat Services – Folk Shabbat, 7:30 PM
- 29** **SAT** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Service and B'nai Mitzvah of Courtney & Mathew Green, 10 AM
Noach, Genesis 6:9-11:32
Isaiah 54:1-55:5

November

- 4** **FRI** Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Family Services – Grade 5 Leads, 7:30 PM
- 5** **SAT** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Eva Rocke, 10 AM
Lech L'cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27
Isaiah 40:27-41:16
- 11** **FRI** Soulful Shabbat Ruach Services w/Shir Shalom & the Shabbat Ruach Band, 7:30 PM
- 12** **SAT** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24
2 Kings 4:1-37
- 18** **FRI** Erev Shabbat Services – Piano and Veterans Shabbat, 7:30 PM
- 19** **SAT** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Gutman, 10 AM
Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18
1 Kings 1:1-31
- 25** **FRI** Pre-Service Nosh, 5:30 PM
Erev Shabbat Services – Folk Shabbat, 6:15 PM
- 26** **SAT** Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
To'P'dot, Genesis 25:19-28:9
Malachi 1:2-2:7 or 1 Samuel 20:18-42

Shalom from ARZA

ARZA (the Association of Reform Zionists in America) is the Israel address for Reform Jewry in the United States. ARZA develops financial, communal and moral support for the Reform Movement in Israel to help it grow and be strong. We do this through education, advocacy, membership and fund-raising. By supporting the Reform Movement in Israel through ARZA, YOU are helping to build an inclusive and democratic society.

Join us; your help is greatly needed.

Best wishes for a very Happy, Healthy, Sweet New Year!

Joan Kalin
ARZA Chair

Important High Holy Day Reminders

In order to receive High Holy Day tickets, members must be current in their Temple Shalom financial obligations through the first quarter of FY 2011-2012.

If you plan to attend Reform services in another city, call the Temple Shalom office. We will fax the form that will allow you to attend there without charge. If you require handicapped parking, please make a notation on your ticket request form or call the temple office.

Parking cards will be mailed with your ticket(s).



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On a Bench in Front of the House

Greetings from
Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

*“K’she’ani biladayich nofeil V’bor V’lo tach’tit,
Al safsal mul habayit, shatiti birah m’komit.*

Without you I fall into a bottomless pit;
On a bench in front of the house I drank a local beer.”

These are the opening words of a song by Israeli singer Berry Sakharof, called *Tamim Nora'im*, Days of Awe.

“Soon the holiday begins, and the sky is torn apart.
Just don’t leave me alone, during the Days of Awe.
I have broken each and every one of my vows.
Please forgive me during the Days of Awe.

In the synagogue window I see a Cantor in front of the congregation.

Children in the balcony waiting to hear the shofar.
Now my heart is hungry and my cup empty.”

The imagery is hardly very traditional. The cup is beer instead of wine, he is outside looking in. And the man is aching, obviously, and yearningly lonely.

It is a feeling, I believe, that almost everyone goes through at one point or another. And it is among my greatest fears that anyone here should have to go through this at all.

The crowds, the hustle and bustle, add to the potential for loneliness and feeling apart. People greet each other, but some feel as if they move through a fog.

All of us live in a duality: a world of interiority, which none know but ourselves, but also the part of us that we show, that everyone can see. And it is sometimes necessary to process some of our deepest feelings when sitting alone.

But as we gather once again for the Days of Awe, let us remember to reach out to everyone around us. If there are those who are alone, invite them in if you can. If there is a hand you can hold out, do so. Somehow the two sides of our lives, the inner world and the outer face, come together to let us grow and make us whole.

“I think about all the things I could have said,” Sakharof writes, and he is right. Honesty and introspection can fill us with awareness and regret. But it is warmth and love, acceptance and friendship, the courage to walk through an open door and find a seat “inside” that lead us to a better place.

And for all of us, this year, may our cups be filled with sweetness, our hearts be lifted in song. May we find a place for each other, and always remember that there is a place... where we belong.

And who, I wonder, who is the “without you” in the first line of the song? “Just don’t leave me alone... during the Days of Awe.”

Julie, Benjamin, Daniel and Talia join me in wishing all of you a healthy, happy and fulfilling year of 5772.

L’shanah Tovah,

Michael L. Feshbach
Michael L. Feshbach
Rabbi

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*A Special Thanks
to everyone who made our annual
fundraiser a great success!*



Message from
Cantor Lisa L. Levine

Yoga Shalom™
led by Cantor Lisa Levine

**Saturday
October 15
10 AM**

Many thanks
to our summer service
volunteer leaders! Your
voices and spirits have
enriched and inspired us.

Dear Friends,

Imagine what it would be like to sit in a prayer service with 300 cantors and professional synagogue musicians, all singing at full voice from the beginning of the service to the end. Each song, whether new or known, takes on a life of its own, rising and falling, reaching a great crescendo or becoming soft as a whisper. Then imagine eight services, evening and morning, evening and morning for four days filled with beautiful music, voices and spirit. Then you will begin to understand what it is like to attend a Cantor's Convention like the one I attended in Boston at the end of June. And that is just the beginning of the amazing week I experienced with my colleagues as we joined for our annual pilgrimage to learning, laughter and song. At one of these services we rolled out and dedicated our own Torah scroll, commissioned by the members of our Conference, to be used for all our gatherings.

There were also magnificent evening concerts showcasing the talents of our membership and the Boston community. The Zamir Chorale gave an inspirational concert at the newly built Temple Beth Elohim of Wellesley featuring cantors and musicians with ties to that city. I was honored to perform at the Opening Concert Showcase in which the Shomeir Shirah Award was presented to Cantor Alane Katzew for her years of service to the URJ and her promotion of Jewish music and education across the country.

Daytimes featured workshops of every kind, from "What's Hot at Havana Shira" (the song-leading camp) to "How to Use Your i-Pad on the Bima," both of which I attended. There were keynotes by Rabbi Jeffrey Summit on

"The Meaning of our Melodies," Professor Joshua Jacobson (Director of the Hazamir Choral) on "The Power of Choral Singing," and the final keynote by renowned author Anita Diamante on "The Music of Mayyim Chayim, the Ritual Arts Pertaining to the Mikvah." All were so inspiring that I brought back DVDs to share.

Then there were the plenary sessions, the long meetings in which our conference does business, votes on issues, passes our budget and hears updates from the many committees and arms of our organization. In one of these sessions, I acted as a facilitator as we broke into groups to discuss the new URJ initiative titled "Empowering our Youth," an interactive community-based round table. The mandate of this program is to meet in small house groups to discuss, listen and begin to understand better what teens need and what we can offer to compel them to continue their Jewish education beyond B'nai Mitzvah. I will continue to be part of this exciting initiative, and you will be hearing more about it as we approach the URJ Biennial to be held here in December

One of the highlights of the convention was the announcement by Dr. David Ellenson, President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, that as of this coming year, Cantors will be granted ordination at graduation from HUC, receiving the same status as Rabbis. There will be no distinction between the two clergy educations except for the title. This is a monumental milestone in the life of the American Cantorate and one that supports our role as co-clergy partners with Rabbis.

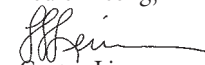
Finally, this convention brought attention to and honored the founding women of the

Cantorate, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld and the first, second, and third graduating classes of HUC and their immeasurable contributions and trail-blazing courage to take on a career traditionally designated only to men. Because of their actions, the next generation of women cantors was able to succeed and continues to grow in large numbers.

All of these wonderful events made for a most enriching week. But I almost forgot the best part: getting to connect and reconnect with all of my long-time colleagues and friends and meeting the next generation of cantors now coming up the ranks. I have immeasurable love and respect for all of these people, and I come back from each convention enriched, restored and renewed with an arsenal of new music, new songs, and a new spirit for the sacred work I perform each and every day as the Cantor of Temple Shalom. So next time you are sitting in Temple at services, perhaps even the High Holy Days, bring to mind the 300 Cantors singing along with you. It might just transport you to a higher place than you could ever imagine.

Wishing you a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year!

Yours in song,


Cantor Lisa

FROM THE PRESIDENT

How fast the year goes by. The High Holy Days are once again upon us, and they present a wonderful opportunity for Jews to become reconnected with their religion, their synagogue, and with their actions which are taught in the Torah. All of this is part of what we do at Temple Shalom, and we do it in a warm, caring, and comfortable setting.

Please join us this High Holy Day season to continue the positive aspects of your High Holy Days experience.

It is not long after we come back from our summer break that we celebrate the High Holy Days. A very special thanks to Executive Director Susan Zemsky, who spends countless hours preparing for the holidays. Our office staff does a fantastic job handling the business of the Temple and are the individuals behind the scenes who deserve our thanks for a job well done. Keeping track of the business end of things is Mark Ross, our treasurer, who guides our congregation through the toughest economic times in a generation.

Our Educational Search Committee was successful in the appointment of our new Director of Education. We welcome Rabbi Rachel Ackerman to our congregation and her first High Holy Days with us.

May we continue to go from strength to strength.

L'shana tovah



Myles R. Levin

President



From the Executive Director

The High Holy Days are a time of reflection, renewal, celebration, and coming together in community prayer. They are the culmination of several months of preparation. Some of the tasks at hand require putting the final touches on building projects. And some of the tasks are beginning things that need to be completed over the course of the coming year.

Temple Shalom is a busy place. All that happens in our community would not be possible without the fabulous volunteers who work with our staff on a regular basis. The office has a core of committed volunteers who regularly stuff envelopes, stick on mailing labels and help us sort out many jobs each month. They are great, and I cannot start the year without thanking them. The list is long, you know who you are and also know the administrative staff thanks you. If anyone would like to join in on all the fun we have on these projects, just let us know.

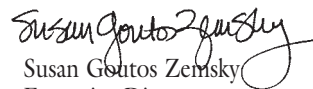
The members of the administrative staff take your comments and feedback seriously, and I want to thank Temple members for their thoughtful input. Because of these conversations and the relationships that we have with our congregants, we are able to look at the systems in place and make improvements and changes. Some changes have been made in the way we do business.

This past year, we cut back on paper communication by increasing the ability to

register for certain events online. This also has been met with a very positive response and has cut postage costs for both the Temple and our congregants. For those folks who prefer to call us to register, or directly send communications to the Temple, we continue to welcome that as well. These two systems are working well together. Keep those comments and phone calls coming—we need them!

As we enter High Holy Days of 5772, I wish for all of us the strength to weather the days ahead in the most positive of ways. Happy New Year from my family to my Temple Shalom Family.

Shalom,



Susan Goutos Zensky
Executive Director

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 same interests, please meet us:

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Call for details: 301-587-2273
Cantorlisa@TempleShalom.net



Youth Programs at Temple Shalom 2011-2012

Welcome to Robb Friedlander, our new Youth Director!
And Information about Upcoming Programs for TaSTY Senior and TaSTY Junior

Our Temple Shalom Youth Program begins the year with a warm welcome to Robb Friedlander, our new TaSTY Senior Advisor and Youth Director for TaSTY Junior! Robb comes to us with new ideas, energy, enthusiasm and a wealth of experience: he was a North American Federation of Temple Youth national board member when he was in high school in Kansas City, and he served as president of the Hofstra University Hillel when he was in college. He lives and works in the Washington area in the

fields of communications, consulting, PR and political work, and is delighted to be a part of our Temple Shalom team.

Robb will be working closely with our Senior Youth Group (9th-12th graders), guiding them towards re-creating a working leadership board and shaping their own calendar of events, as well as directing and planning programs for our Junior Youth Group (6th-8th graders). For additional information go to page 7.



Rabbi Rachel Ackerman
Director of Education

A favorite parable of mine (that you will likely hear me tell time and again) is that of an orphaned Jewish child from Eastern Europe who was being raised by non-Jewish parents. He was a shepherd and would sit under a tree and play beautiful music on his flute.

One day as he was playing, he saw a lot of people walking.

“Where are you going?” he asked.

“It’s Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year,” they replied. “We’re going to the synagogue and you should come with us.”

He thought about it, but continued on playing his flute. Ten days later, he saw the people walking again, this time dressed in white.

“Where are you going?” he asked.

“We are going to the synagogue,” they responded.

“Didn’t you go a few days ago?” he questioned.

“Yes, for Rosh Hashanah. But it is Yom Kippur! The most important day of the year! You should be coming with us to synagogue.”

He thought about it, put his flute in his pocket and made his way over to the synagogue.

He entered the room where everyone was praying, but he had no idea what was going on. They mumbled very quickly in a language he didn’t understand. He tried to follow, but couldn’t.

He watched them pray with fervor, and then, without realizing it, he pulled his flute from his pocket and played the most beautiful music from the depths of his soul. The room fell silent. He opened his eyes and realized everyone was staring at him. He did not know that instruments were not played on the holidays in this synagogue. The rabbi walked off of the bimah and toward the boy. Meanwhile people whispered, “He will tell the boy that what he did was wrong! To think, he brought that instrument in here!”

The boy was nervous as the rabbi approached him. When he reached the boy, a smile lit up the rabbi’s face and he lifted the boy onto his shoulders. The stunned congregation wondered what was going on.

“This boy!” declared the rabbi, “This boy has saved our prayers! You see, you all prayed only with *keva*, only with the words on the page. Our prayers were stuck at the ceiling. But this boy prayed with *kavannah*, from deep in his heart. He may not have prayed the words on the page, but he prayed the most meaningful prayers there are, and because of this our prayers have been lifted to the heavens.”

This story is remarkable in the context of what we bring to the table in the new year. We each come with our own gifts and talents, our own strengths and weaknesses. Some words we don’t understand and others come from deep within.

Every child in our school can be likened to this child. Each child in our school comes with unique strengths and individual talents and abilities about which they are passionate. Each child has mastery over certain areas, and many struggle in others.

As we approach the new school year, we do not ask that every child know how to read every Hebrew word, to pray every prayer, to know every fact. What we do ask is that each child brings the wholeness of himself or herself to school every day. We ask that each child brings his or her passions and desires and strengths. We ask that each child comes with a willingness to risk opening themselves up to sharing their most heartfelt prayers, in whatever form they come, so that we can be a school filled not only with *keva*, with great knowledge and depth of learning, but with *kavannah*, with a deep desire and love of learning and a willingness to journey together with our classmates, teachers, and families.

It is my hope that in this new school year each one of us, child, parent, teacher, clergy, staff, brings our metaphorical “flute,” that

Temple Shalom RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

(see our website and weekly e-mail for exact times and locations)

Saturday, September 10, 2011
TaSTY Junior BBQ

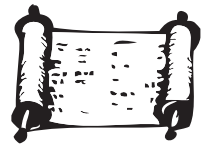
Sunday, September 11, 2011
Opening Day, Religious School and CHAI School

Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Opening Day, Tuesday Hebrew School

Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Opening Day, Wednesday Hebrew School

Sunday, September 18, 2011
Opening Day, Confirmation Class

Sunday,
September 25,
2011
Opening Day, Post-Confirmation



A whole new year of activities. Don't miss our opening days!

piece of us that is unique and passionate. It is in this way that we will elevate what we do from mundane to holy, from rote to full of life, from theoretical to practical and spiritual. It is by bringing these gifts that our learning will not get “stuck” in the walls of the classroom but will be “lifted” upwards (and outwards) so that we not only learn Judaism, but live Judaism.

I look forward to learning, growing, and journeying with you throughout the year, and please do not hesitate to come by to raise questions and concerns, critiques and new ideas, or just to say hello!

Wishing you a new year filled with sweetness and joy.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah,

Rabbi Rachel Ackerman

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Director of Education

TaSTY Senior — The Senior Youth Group:**Standing on their own and part of something larger**

TaSTY Senior is a congregationally based youth group, organizing and planning its own programs. But it is also the local chapter in a regional, national and, indeed, international Reform movement youth program. It is part of NFTY-MAR (the Mid Atlantic Region of NFTY), as well as NFTY itself (the North American Federation of Temple Youth).

Robb Friedlander (see pg. 5) will be working with the TaSTY Senior leadership to plan local events, and this calendar will be filled with additional social and social action events and planning meetings. Please note the following regional weekend events now, mark your calendars, and begin planning for these exciting opportunities for our Senior Youth Group members:

NFTY-MAR Calendar, 2011-2012

September 23-25: NFTY-MAR JELLO (LTI), Capital Camps, Waynesboro, PA

November 4-6: NFTY MAR Fall Kallah, Judea Reform Congregation, Durham, NC

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:**A Proposed Program**

Program plans are underway for our 6th-8th grade youth group as well. What follows is a tentative working calendar. Some of these details will change, but the opening program, a Backyard Barbeque and Pool Party, is fairly solid, and more details will be coming out about that shortly.

Not set in stone, but still potentially useful for your planning, the TaSTY Junior Program might look something like this:

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

9/10 (Saturday): Backyard Barbeque and Pool Party

10/1 (Saturday) or 10/9 (Sunday):

Afternoon Apple Picking at Homestead Farms

Hey, Teens! Let's Mobilize Our Power to Create Change: L'Taken Social Justice Seminar

Four hundred teenagers sat on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that night in 1998. The winter air was crisp, and they shivered on the cold, hard steps. Then a guitar began to play, and then another. A few flames began to flicker and the light was passed down from person to person as each teen lit their own Havdalah candle. Faces now lit by 400 candles, they ended Shabbat in song.

I was in 10th grade, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

I remember exploring friendships in hotel rooms and over meals.

I remember listening to speakers who took me, a 15-year-old, seriously, believing that I had the power to engage in change.

I remember not only the Havdalah, but staying up late the next night with other Jewish teens I had just met preparing to lobby Senator Frank Lautenberg about abortion rights based on a Reform Jewish perspective.

The L'Taken Social Justice Seminar was one of my most formative experiences as a teenager, both for the development of my Jewish identity as well as for the development of my sense of self as a person with the power and agency to engage in social change.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) is the DC office for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), educating and mobilizing the Reform Jewish community on legislative and social concerns (see: <http://rac.org/aboutrac/>).

One way they do this is through the energy of our teens. Teens from around the country gather from a Friday afternoon through a Monday studying contemporary social and legislative issues, engaging in text study, listening to speakers, celebrating Shabbat, going to museums, learning how to lobby, and then making their way to the Hill to present what they've learned to their senators and congresspeople.

The seminar is open to 10th-12th graders (with possible exceptions for interested 9th graders), and when we know what weekend Temple Shalom can attend, we will keep you posted. If you are interested in learning more about this phenomenal opportunity, please send an email rabiackerman@templeshalom.net. I look forward to attending the seminar, learning, and growing with you!

Rabbi Rachel Ackerman
Director of Education

11/6 (Sunday): Temple Shalom Mitzvah Day

11/19 (Saturday): Movie Night

12/10 (Saturday): Laser Tag

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 any questions or for any other reason, you can reach Robb at youthdirector@templeshalom.net.

Upcoming Life-Long Learning

at Temple Shalom

Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship

We are living in a unique era in Jewish history. Two vibrant, powerful Jewish communities—one in Israel, and the other in the United States—are contributing to and defining the content and future of Jewish life.

In Israel, this life is developing in the context of a sovereign Jewish state that boasts a Jewish majority. The issues Israel faces are almost unprecedented. How does a sovereign state respond to the challenge of power? How do values and traditions developed in a period of powerlessness stand up in light of a new reality?

At the same time, a feeling of disenchantment and disinterest toward Israel grows among an ever-increasing number of Jews worldwide. Can we develop a new narrative that will recast the relationship between our two communities, moving it from a crisis- and survival-based focus to one rooted in Jewish values and ideas?

The Engaging Israel project, created by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, is an attempt to address these profound questions in a deep and meaningful way. Led by a team of internationally renowned scholars in the fields of Jewish studies, Middle East politics, and history, the Engaging Israel project is being offered in the Washington area for the first time this fall at Temple Shalom, in partnership with the Foundation for Jewish Studies.

Through video presentations, text study, traditional teaching and partnered exploration (chevruta-style learning), we will examine core questions pertaining to the necessity and significance of the Jewish national enterprise; how a Jewish state should exercise power; why a Jew who lives outside of Israel should care about Israel; and what the State of Israel can offer the world.

Engaging Israel brings together a team of world-leading scholars and public intellectuals who specialize in areas such as Jewish thought, political theory, and international law, and who are leading forces in rethinking the meanings and significance of Zionism and Israel and communicating these ideas to Jews worldwide.

We come together for Tuesday evening sessions, beginning in the Fall, in what promises to be one of the most powerful and important Adult Education opportunities ever offered at our congregation.

Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship (A Project of the Shalom Hartman Institute)

Co-sponsored by Temple Shalom and the
Foundation for Jewish Studies

Tuesday Evenings, October 18 and 25,
November 1, 8 and 15, December 6, 13 and
20, 2011; January 3, 10 and 17, February 7,
14, 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 27 and April
3, 2012

7:30-9:30 PM

\$180 for members of Temple Shalom and/or
the Foundation for Jewish Studies; \$210 for all
others.

To register or for further information, contact
Rabbi Michael Feshbach at 301-587-2273 or
rabbifeshbach@templeshalom.net.

Explorations in Elul: Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days

A pre-High Holy Day exploration of the
themes, sounds and traditions of the Days of
Awe, meant to make for a more meaningful
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur season for all
participants.

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for the High Holy Days

A Thursday Brown-Bag Lunch Series,
taught by Rabbi Michael Feshbach, Cantor
Lisa Levine and Rabbi Rachel Ackerman

Thursday afternoons, September 1, 8, 15
and 22, 2011

12 NOON-1 PM; bring a lunch if you would like.

No charge

Watch for more details coming soon about
the following Adult Education opportuni-
ties beginning this Fall:

Reading the Writings: Shir HaShirim: The Erotic and Exotic Love Poetry of Song of Songs

For over a decade, members of Temple Shalom and friends and guests who have joined them have come together on Thursday afternoons to read through the Hebrew Bible. We have finished the Torah, worked through the Prophets, studied Psalms and, last year, tackled the Book of Job. Now we stand ready to dive into possibly the single most mysterious book in the entire Bible, the erotic and exotic love poetry found in the Song of Songs. Drop by for a single session or come for the entire year; no previous experience in Bible study is needed to benefit by exploring this amazing book, beloved of artists, lyricists and lovers throughout the ages.

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17, December 1, 8 and 22, 2011; January 5,
12 and 19, February 9, 16 and 23, March 1,
8, 15 and 29, April 5, 19 and 26 and May 3,
10, 17 and 24, 2012.

12 NOON-1 PM; bring a lunch if you would like.

No charge

Foundation for Jewish Studies Distinguished Scholar Series

Two November programs to be held at
Temple Shalom!

Did Women Study Torah in the Talmudic
Period?

Thursday, November 3, 2011

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Speaker: Dr. Judith Hauptman

Maharal: The Mystic as Legal Scholar

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Speaker: Rabbi Levi Cooper

Check the Temple calendar, flyer mailings and
weekly e-mails for more information on these
exciting and enlightening programs! Or visit
the Foundation for Jewish Studies website:
www.foundjs.org and choose Distinguished
Scholar Series under the Programs heading.



Temple Shalom

5772/2011

YAMIM NORA'IM

DAYS OF AWE

CONDUCTED BY



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THE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

SELICHOTSaturday, September 24 at 8 PM

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

This year at Temple Shalom we come together for

Kol Sasson in Concert at 8:30 PM

Join us in our continuing tradition as Temple Shalom welcomes Selichot with a coffeehouse performance by Kol Sasson, the premier Jewish *a cappella* group at the University of Maryland. Offering a diverse repertoire from traditional Jewish to Israeli pop music, Kol Sasson provides a joyous beginning to the High Holy Days.

8 PM: Selichot Dessert Reception

8:30 PM: Kol Sasson in Concert

10 PM: Havdalah and Selichot Service in the Sanctuary

Your Pull-Out Guide to High Holy Day Services!

www.templeshalom.net
301-587-2273
8401 Grubb Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 28

We offer two different styles of worship services for Erev Rosh Hashanah. Anyone with either “early” or “late” tickets for the rest of the High Holy Days may attend either of the services on Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Early Family-Friendly Erev Rosh Hashanah Service6:30 PM

An informal, hour-long family-style service for the eve of Rosh Hashanah. This service is open to the community: bring unaffiliated friends with you for a musical, folk-style celebration of the New Year, and be home early enough for a holiday meal with family and friends. (Because this service is meant for all ages, we will not be offering the Child Care we have traditionally made available during this time slot; Child Care will be available during the early service on Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur.)

Late Traditional Temple Shalom Service8:30 PM

Our late service for Erev Rosh Hashanah is not quite as late as it once was! (Please note that the Kol Nidrei late service still begins at 9 PM). We welcome the new year of 5772 with hope and prayer for a time of fulfillment and peace – and with our Shir Shalom Adult Choir joining us at this service.



FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 29

Congregational Morning Service

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

Early Service8:45 AM

Youth Service8:45 AM

We also offer, for the third year in a row, a special, parent-initiated worship and educational experience for children who might be too old for child care, but not yet ready to sit through the Sanctuary service. Geared toward children in second through fourth grade, this service takes place in the Chapel at the same time as the early Rosh Hashanah morning service, followed by activities and projects with a High Holy Days theme. Parents are welcome to drop off their children in the Chapel, then head upstairs to the main service. This service is led by Director of Education Rabbi Rachel Ackerman (Child Care continues during this time for younger children).

Late Service11:45 AM

Rosh Hashanah Family Service2:45 PM

Our Rosh Hashanah celebration for all ages, and all takers, combines our previous Children’s and Tot’s time into a single service. We come together in an upbeat spirit for this family experience of story and song with a procession of scrolls, the sound of the shofar, and the taste of apples and honey.

The Family Service will be led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach, Cantor Lisa Levine and Rabbi Rachel Ackerman. This service is open to the community.

Tashlich4 PM

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

BYOB (Bring your own bread crumbs to toss into the water.)



SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 30

Morning Service10 AM

This service is open to the community. Our Second Day Rosh Hashanah service offers a different experience of High Holy Day worship, with a powerful sense of intimacy and a special sense of connection among those who choose to attend.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

(The Sabbath of Repentance)

Friday, September 30

Pre-Service Nosh5:45 PM

Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service6:15 PM

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is one of the most significant occasions in Jewish life: The liturgy contains references to and wording from the High Holy Days in a way that is unique to this Shabbat.

Note the earlier time! Although less formal and less lengthy than our usual Friday night service, included are all of the special liturgical additions for Shabbat Shuvah, with a shared nosh before the service but no Oneg Shabbat afterwards.

SHABBAT MORNING

Saturday, October 1

Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Arbacher . . 10 AM (Sanctuary)

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study10 AM (Chapel)

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

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDREI SERVICE

Friday, October 7

Early Service 6:30 PM

Late Service 9 PM

A professional vocal quartet will join Cantor Levine for both the early service and the late service.

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

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, October 8

Congregational Morning Service

Myles R. Levin will deliver the President’s Annual High Holy Day message.

(For information on childcare, see last page.)

Early Service 8:45 AM (Sanctuary)

Youth Service 8:45 AM (Chapel)

Our youth service returns for those children who might be too old for child care, but not yet ready to sit through the Sanctuary service. This service is geared for children in second through fourth grade; it takes place in the Chapel at the same time as the early Yom Kippur morning service, followed by activities and projects with a High Holy Days theme. Parents are welcome to drop off their children in the Chapel, then head upstairs to the main service. As on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah, this service is led by Rabbi Rachel Ackerman.

(Childcare for younger children continues during this time as well.)

Late Service 11:45 AM

Personal and Guided Study

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

Yom Kippur Young Child-Oriented Service 2:45 PM

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

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

(More information to come, as we plan these programs.)

Yom Kippur Service of Healing and Meditation 4 PM

“God was in this Place” is a moving and spiritual journey through healing and hope. This intimate and fairly brief service will now take place in the

Chapel, prior to the Yom Kippur afternoon service. Please join us as together we experience inspirational music, meditative readings, personal and communal healing and hope. This service will be led by Cantor Lisa Levine.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 4:15 PM

We gather in the Sanctuary for a revised Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. This unique service includes the Grand *Aleinu*, a poetic reconstruction of the history of our people, aspects of the traditional *Avodah* service (the moment when the High Priest of old sought atonement for the entire people), the *Eleh Ezkerah* martyrology, the reading of the Holiness Code from the Torah, and the Book of Jonah as the Haftarah

Yizkor and Ne’ilah (approximately) 5:15 PM

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

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



SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH

EREV SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 12

Outdoor Erev Sukkot Service6 PM
Bring your *lulav* and *etrog*, or shake ours during Kiddush and Oneg.

Dinner Under the Sukkah follows the service.
Bring your picnic dinner and join us under the Sukkah.

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT

Thursday, October 13

Joint Reform Festival Morning Service for the
First Day of Sukkot10 AM
Our tradition of combined Festival morning services with other area Reform synagogues continues, as we come together at Or Chadash Congregation, 24800 Kings Valley Road, Damascus, MD.

A Kiddush luncheon will take place after services, followed by a trip to Butler's Orchard, a Sukkot harvest experience to pick apples for ourselves and to donate to area food pantries.

EREV SHABBAT/CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Friday, October 14

Pot Luck Dairy Dinner Under the Sukkah6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Union Prayer Book Service7:30 PM

SHABBAT/CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Saturday, October 15

Shabbat Morning Worship and Study10 AM
Our Shabbat morning minyan meets in the Chapel to worship and to wrestle with the portion of the week, including the special Torah reading and Haftarah portion for the Shabbat which takes place during these intermediate days of Sukkot.

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, October 19

Erev Simchat Torah Service & Religious School Consecration ...7 PM
The end touches the beginning; the ancient words are new again. Come celebrate the cycle of Torah as we honor our students of Torah of all ages, hear the very last and the very first verses of the Torah, and dance with the scrolls throughout the synagogue. We continue the Temple Shalom custom of carefully unrolling the entire scroll this Erev Simchat Torah. Step inside the circle for an awesome sight, and a powerful experience. Religious School Consecration for the youngest of our students takes place during this service as well.

SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 20

Joint Simchat Torah Festival Morning Service,
including the Yizkor Memorial Prayers10 AM
The unique joy of Simchat Torah and festive celebration of the season, along with the remembrance of the past, through the traditional memorial prayers of Yizkor. This service, combined with other area Reform congregations Temple Sinai, Temple Emanuel and Or Chadash of Damascus, takes place at Temple Shalom. A Kiddush luncheon follows the service.



Children at Temple Shalom Services
Always welcome, but options provided during the High Holy Days as well.

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

All children who are in our child care programs are encouraged to return to the Sanctuary or Chapel for our fabulous Children's and Tot's services. For those who are ready to try the Sanctuary service, but need a break, there will be drop-in sitting where parents may bring their children in and out.

And remember our new High Holy Day Youth Services, geared towards second through fourth graders, during the Early Morning Services of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Upcoming URJ Biennial

Dear Fellow Temple Shalom Congregant,

Every two years, the Union for Reform Judaism brings together members of Reform synagogues from around the country for a weekend of workshops, worship and fellowship that's best described as Jewish camp for adults. This year that event—the North American Biennial—will take place in our very own Washington community: at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

We are expecting up to 5,000 Reform Jews to come together in December for workshops on synagogue life and Jewish education, learning sessions on Torah and text, a giant Judaica expo, musical entertainment, and the most moving Shabbat you'll ever experience. The last Biennial held in Washington was in 1961, so this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many of us.

Temple Shalom is doubly honored this year. First, one of our members, Stephen Sacks, has been nominated to serve as the next Chairman of the URJ Board. He will serve as the head of the lay leadership and governing bodies of our movement. Second, we are a host congregation for this year's Biennial, which means you can participate in this rewarding event in one of two ways: by registering to attend the entire weekend, or by volunteering to help out for a three-hour shift and then staying for the day at no cost.

We hope you will join us in becoming a Biennial volunteer and help showcase Washington's vibrant Jewish community, while also taking this unique opportunity to enrich your own Jewish experience by meeting other Reform Jews from around the country. To learn more, please visit the Biennial website at www.urj.org/biennial, and, if you're interested in more information about volunteering, please contact us by email or phone.

We hope to see you at the Biennial!

Sandy Kamisar, 301-598-4673, sandrak415@aol.com

Peg MacKnight, 301-656-1298, pjmac99@comcast.net

Temple Shalom's liaisons to the Biennial Local Arrangements Committee

FROM THE LIBRARY

Books do circulate from the Temple Library over the summer. The loan period is one month rather than the two weeks during the school year. Some of our popular titles are:

Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer

The Mascot: Unraveling the Mystery of My Jewish Father's Nazi Boyhood by Mark Kurzem

Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Identical Twins Separated and Reunited by Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

The Defector by Daniel Silva

97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement by Jane Ziegelman

The Frozen Rabbi by Steve Stern

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

Vivian Kramer & Judy Silverman, Librarians



VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THE 2011 NORTH AMERICAN BIENNIAL A SUCCESS!

REFORM JUDAISM'S BIENNIAL CONVENTION IS COMING TO WASHINGTON!

December 14-18, 2011

Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland (next to the Capitol Beltway in Prince George's County)

LARGEST GATHERING OF JEWS IN NORTH AMERICA THIS YEAR

- Up to 5,000 expected to attend from the U.S. and Canada
- Workshops on congregational life, study sessions with leading clergy, performances by top-name Jewish musicians, a giant Judaica expo, speakers from Capitol Hill, Shabbat worship

TEMPLE SHALOM CAN HELP IN MANY WAYS
The Biennial needs 55 volunteers from Temple Shalom and 800 volunteers overall to help as ushers, greeters, meeting monitors and registration workers

VOLUNTEERS

Will be asked to work a 3-hour shift at the Biennial
In exchange, you can stay for the day's programs and events at no cost

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:

Sandy Kamisar, 301-598-4673, sandrak415@aol.com

Peg MacKnight, 301-656-1298, pjmac99@comcast.net

Or go to www.urj.org/biennial

Sisterhood Members

Consider playing a role in Sisterhood activities this year. Please join us—we need your help to make Sisterhood a vibrant part of our Temple community.

If you are interested, please contact Karen Safer at Karen.safer@gmail.com or Linda Gurevich at Linda.Gurevich@gmail.com

Sisterhood Events

Theater Lovers!

Please join us again for a four-play subscription to Theater J.

Specific plays have not yet been announced, but the upcoming season includes productions by some of the most brilliant and witty contemporary playwrights.

Contact Karen Safer at Karen.Safer@gmail.com for more information.

The Renaissance Group of Temple Shalom

Invites you to Continue our Concert Series with the



Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Jack Everly and the Brothers Gershwin
Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 8 PM

The Music Center at Strathmore
5301 Tuckerman Lane
No. Bethesda, MD

Jack Everly, conductor • Stewart Goodyear, piano • Judy McLane, vocalist
The Renaissance Group has reserved a block of 30 seats in the center of the Grand Tier for this concert of music by George and Ira Gershwin.

\$42 a seat

To reserve, send a check made out to Temple Shalom for the full amount along with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope to:

Alan Lewis
1829 Parkside Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20012

Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2011



Have Koffee and Kugel With the Sisterhood !!

Sunday, Sept 11, 10-12 NOON

1st day of Sunday School
See old friends, meet new ones and share ideas for new events.

Happy Birthday, Lucky, whichever one it is, and many more good ones! Lucille Malamut's birthday coincided with the annual luncheon celebrating and thanking our many hard-working volunteers. We could not keep Temple Shalom running without you!



Hear Temple Shalom... Via Internet Radio



New Year, new projects, new beginnings! The newest of these is JWash.net, an Internet-

only radio station with Jewish programming focused on the National Capital Area.

JWash.net is broadcasting Temple Shalom's Shabbat and High Holiday services as part of a schedule that offers 24/7 Jewish music, culture, talk and tefilla. Unlike traditional over-the-air broadcast radio stations, Internet radio stations microcast programming to target audiences—and make programming available everywhere the Internet connects.

Travelers or others who can't get to shul can stay connected to the community by computer or through iPhone, Android and Blackberry apps for smartphones and tablets.

JWash.net is part of the Live365.com network of Internet radio stations. Access to JWash.net is free to anyone with Internet access. And, for a small monthly fee, Live365.com provides an added-value "VIP" service with higher fidelity and diminished commercial interruption. Best of all, every VIP subscription launched from JWash.net earns Temple Shalom a little commission.

Tune in today! Use the link at the Temple website or go directly to www.JWash.net to become enriched, restored and renewed.

MESSAGE FROM BROTHERHOOD

The past year was a good one for Brotherhood and we expect this year to be even better.

In addition to a return visit by Rabbi Feshbach on November 13, 2011, our Sunday brunches this year will feature Dr. Erich Cline discussing his latest archeological digs on January 8, 2012; Mark Plotkin of WTOP presenting a political analysis on April 15, 2012; and Natasha Barrett, the host of Speaking Live on Channel 8, at our pre-Mother's Day brunch on May 6, 2012.

Last year we tried something new, a Men's Night Out/Poker Night, which was so popular that we had another session this Spring. It will now be a regular part of our calendar, so please join us on November 9, 2011. Also for the first time Brotherhood members participated in the Synagogue Softball League, as part of the Ohr Kodesh team. Our players look forward to more Temple members participating on the team this year.

As usual, we arranged visits to athletic events and field trips for adults and children, including a Wizards game, a Lady Terrapins game and a visit to the National Zoo. For parents of children in the Religious School, we had a presentation by Allison Druin on "How to Manage and Support Technology with Your Kids." In cooperation with our new Youth Director, Robb Friedlander, we hope to plan similar events this year.

The highlight of this past year: the Brotherhood Shabbat dinner and service during which we presented the Brotherhood Lifetime Service Award to Bernie Blumenthal.



The annual End-of-the-Year School Picnic, attended by dozens of hungry faculty, students and families, features a delicious BBQ care of the Brotherhood.



Winner takes all at the semi-annual Poker Night, one of the many activities sponsored by our very involved and active Temple Brotherhood.

We can't top that, but you will not want to miss our Shabbat service on March 16, 2012, which will be run by Brotherhood under the able leadership of Marty Shargel.

In addition to our usual programs, including the very popular end-of-the-year Religious School picnic, we are considering some new events, such as a trip to Gettysburg (with the Renaissance Group) with a rented bus and box lunch, a Redskins tailgate party in the Temple parking lot with a big-screen TV in the Social Hall (if we can solve technical problems), and a bowling night for couples.

In order to continue to make these programs as well as our substantial annual financial contributions to the Temple possible, we need the participation of Temple members of all ages. We know that you are all very busy but we would like your support and input, and you will find that not only is it not very demanding but you will enjoy it. We come together to serve the Temple and have a good time on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning on September 7, 2011. Please join us for a deli meal at 6:30 PM and a brief business session that usually ends around 8 PM, and bring with you fresh ideas and suggestions.

We hope that you will all become members of Brotherhood, and we look forward to seeing you at Brotherhood meetings and functions.

With our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year,

Maurice Axelrad, Brotherhood President

CHAVURAH: Building a Temple Shalom “Family”

Would you like to enrich your life in many ways, engaging in a unique opportunity for friendship, self-growth, and a feeling of true belonging? Joining a Temple Shalom Chavurah may be just the answer.

A Chavurah (from the Hebrew word *chaver*, meaning “friend”) is a small group of families, couples, or individuals who are members of the larger Temple Shalom family. While there are no set criteria for Chavurah membership, new Chavurot are generally based on a common interest, age group, or family status, such as single persons, childless couples, families with younger or older children, or empty nesters.

Chavurot are self-directed with the responsibility for planning activities resting with the Chavurah members who come together to socialize, to enjoy Jewish living within the Temple community, and to share common interests. Meetings can take place in

members’ homes, at a museum, a restaurant, a park, or at any other place of interest to the group.

Typical Chavurah activities include the celebration of Jewish holidays or life cycle events, dinners, theater, learning, or anything that the members wish to do as a group. The Chavurah can also provide comfort and support during times of sadness, illness, and loss. In short, Chavurah members can and will form lasting bonds and become an extended “family.”

I am one of the founding members of the Silver Spring Chavurah, which has been together for over 20 years, and I’ve been asked to explore new ways to expand the Temple Shalom Chavurah program. Assisted by Herb Jacobowitz, another long-time member of our Chavurah, we plan to identify any existing Chavurot in Temple Shalom and whether or not they may be seeking new members. We

then plan to survey the congregation to identify those members who are interested in either joining an existing Chavurah or forming a new one. Finally, we hope to establish a Chavurot Council to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas about Chavurah activities and issues.

Based on the information we gather, we will either match up new members with an existing group or help them to form new groups. We will actively assist newly formed Chavurot to help them get off to a good start. Further information will soon be sent out to everyone.

We look forward to having a rewarding and vibrant Chavurah program at Temple Shalom.

Rick Meyers
Chair
Chavurah Committee

Temple Shalom Mitzvah Corps

*Wishes the
Congregation a
Happy, Healthy New
Year!!*

We provide support for our Temple membership in times of need—calls, visits and meals when a congregant is sick or frail; trays and Shiva leaders where there is a death in the family; rides to doctor’s appointments and other tasks as needed.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to continue these worthwhile mitzvot. **No ongoing commitment is required, so you can volunteer as your schedule permits.**

Call or e-mail Wilma Braun at 301-460-5693 or wilmabr42@yahoo.com if you can volunteer for any of our projects.

“DON’T HOLD BACK FROM DOING GOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE DESERVING WHEN YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT”

Proverbs 3:27

Temple Shalom’s 18th Annual

MITZVAH DAY

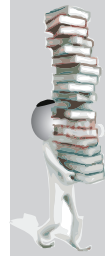
Sunday, November 6, 2011

Save the date and watch for details about activities and projects

Opportunities for everyone, young and old, working together to do good deeds, community service, and acts of Tikkun Olam

If you would like to be a Project Team Leader or help out on Mitzvah Day, please contact

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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, October 2, 2011

City of Thieves by David Benioff: During the siege of Leningrad, the central characters, a Jewish teenager and a Slavic Adonis are sent on an impossible mission: to locate one dozen eggs in a starving city. The odyssey takes them through tales both heart-warming and gruesome as they encounter Nazis, Resistance fighters, and Russians who will do anything for food.

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. *City of Thieves* is in the book club area, tagged for Temple Shalom. At checkout mention that you are part of the Temple Shalom book club and get a **20% discount.**

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