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November

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FRI

Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
 Congregational Pot Luck Dinner, 6:15 PM
 Erev Shabbat Service – Chai School Leads, 7:30 PM

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SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and B'not Mitzvah of
 Alana Goldstock and Rebecca Rothstein-Epp, 10 AM
Genesis 18:1-22:24
II Kings 4:1-37

10
FRI

Erev Shabbat Service – Veterans Day Shabbat,
 7:30 PM

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SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Genesis 23:1-25:18
I Kings 1:1-31

17
FRI

Erev Shabbat Service – Shir Shalom Choir and Post-
 Confirmation Shabbat w/Guest Speaker, 7:30 PM

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SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and B'nai Mitzvah of Jack
 Bevington and Ben Landesman, 10 AM
Genesis 25:19-28:9
I Samuel 20:18-42

24
FRI

Shabbat at Home

25
SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Genesis 28:10-32:3
Hosea 12:13-14:10

December

1
FRI

Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
 Congregational Potluck Dinner, 6:15 PM
 Erev Shabbat Service – 6th Grade Leads, 7:30 PM

2
SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Genesis 32:4-36:43
Obadiah 1:1-21

8
FRI

Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

9
SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Genesis 37:1-40:23
Amos 2:6-3:8

15
FRI

Erev Shabbat Services - Night of 1,000 Menorahs,
 7:30 PM

16
SAT

Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
 Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Luke Rubin,
 10 AM
Genesis 41:1-44:17
Numbers 7:30-35
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Cantor Lisa Levine

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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 to Peace

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SHABBAT CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 - 7:30 PM



December (cont.)

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FRI Erev Shabbat Torah Service, 7:30 PM

23
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-38

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FRI Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

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SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Genesis 47:28-50:26
I Kings 2:1-12

January

5
FRI Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
Congregational Pot Luck Dinner, 6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Service – Chai School Leads, 7:30 PM

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

12
FRI Erev Shabbat Service – A Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Choirs & Band, 7:30 PM

13
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Bederson, 10 AM

Exodus 6:2-9:35
Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

19
FRI Erev Shabbat Torah Service, 7:30 PM

20
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Exodus 10:1-13:16
Jeremiah 46:13-28

26
FRI Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

27
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Exodus 13:17-17:16
Judges 4:4-5:31

February

2
FRI Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
Congregational Pot Luck Dinner, 6:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Services – 5th Grade Leads, 7:30 PM

3
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Exodus 18:1-20:23
Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

9
FRI Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

10
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Exodus 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16
II Kings 12:1-17

16
FRI Erev Shabbat Services w/Guest Speaker, 7:30 PM

17
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Exodus 25:1-27:19
I Kings 5:26-6:13

23
FRI Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

24
SAT Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10 AM
Exodus 27:20-30:10
Deuteronomy 25:17-19
I Samuel 15:2-34

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WED Tot Purim, 5:30 PM
Pizza & Salad Dinner, 6 PM
Erev Purim Service w/Spiel, Megillah Reading, and Costume Parade, 6:30 PM



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**Message from
Rabbi John Franken**

Dear Friends,

Nearly five years ago, I authored the following Op-Ed piece for the *Baltimore Jewish Times*. To my lasting regret, the article is as timely today, following the Las Vegas massacre, as it was after Newtown. Among others, the latter attack claimed the son of my friends, Mark and Jackie Barden, and the grandson of my ninth grade history teacher. As the poet Zelda reminds us, each one of the victims has a name. *Zichronam livracha*, and with righteous anger let us act.

God of Guns

A month after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School, two haunting images are seared into my mind. The first is the smiling countenance of six-year-old Noah Pozner, the youngest of the 20 children to die in the shooting. Noah was hit 11 times and buried in a blue tallit that he will never wear as a bar mitzvah. The second is the famous image of another boy of about six who bears an uncanny resemblance to Noah: it is the boy of the Warsaw Ghetto, hands up and terrified, behind him standing a German with a machine gun pointed directly at him.

There is little, if anything, any of us could have done to protect the Warsaw Ghetto boy from his terrible fate. But what should haunt us is the question of whether we as a society could have protected Noah and all the other children cut down by the scourge of gun violence in these United States. Is it possible, in some indirect but proximate way, that none of us is guilty but all are responsible? Could it be that our country's willingness to put up with ever-lax gun laws is directly responsible for the serial tragedies that have stricken a Colorado movie theater, a Los Angeles JCC, a Virginia college campus, and a Connecticut elementary school? Could it be, however unwittingly, that we are sacrificing our children on the altar of the so-called right to bear arms?

More than 27 centuries ago, the ancient Israelites faced a scourge of idolatry. One particularly vile form of it took the form of sacrificing children to the Ammonite god Molech. Yet in time, owing to the censure Torah accorded the practice and to the resolute leadership of King Josiah, child sacrifice was driven out of the land. Effectively Israel smashed the idols of Molech-worshippers and stamped out their pillars.

Now it is time for us to rid ourselves of a form of idolatry peculiar to us moderns: the unremitting worship of guns and the exaltation of so-called gun rights. As a life-sanctifying people, it is time for us to name this pestilence and to exile weapons of mass destruction from our midst. A civilized society has no place for high-powered semi-assault weapons that can fire off 100 rounds a minute and extinguish the lives of people, one dozen at a time.

The time has come to treat gun-worship with the same disdain that our ancient forbears treated the worship of Molech and Baal. Our task is to erase it from our country, permitting only those weapons with legitimate self-defense or sporting purposes. Then and only then may we have the comfort of knowing that we'll have done whatever we could have to spare ourselves the agony of burying any more Noahs.

L'shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Franken".



On August 28, 2017, 54th anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, several Temple Shalom members, staff and clergy joined 300 Reform rabbis and thousands of others in the 1,000 Ministers March for Justice from the MLK Memorial to the Justice Department at 7th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Pictured here Rabbi Daniel Schwartz, Rabbi Emeritus Bruce E. Kahn, Rabbi John Franken, Executive Director Susan Goutos Zemsky, Rabbi Rachel Ackerman, and members Steve Wechsler, Phyllis Dietz and Marty Shargel.



**Message from
Cantor Lisa L. Levine**

Dear Friends,

In the blink of an eye, 10 years have passed since I began my tenure as the Cantor of Temple Shalom. Nearly one-third of my cantorial career has been spent here, where so many of you have shared your lives and your hearts with me and my family. My children have grown up and gone to college and then off on their own, I've lost many loved ones and been present as you bid farewell to yours. I've nurtured a generation of B'nai Mitzvah students and watched the members of my youth choirs grow into adulthood!

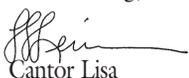
In January I will be ordained as a Rabbinic Pastor through Aleph Alliance for Jewish Renewal. My study over the past five years has enabled me to become a better cantor, teacher and chaplain. So many changes, transitions and blessings have nurtured me along this journey; there is no sufficient way to express my gratitude and thanks for all that this community has given to me over the years.

From the very beginning of my time at Temple Shalom, one special family has supported and underwritten many of the programs and equipment that we all enjoy (and, maybe, take a little bit for granted!), including our beautiful grand piano, two incredible sound systems, a video system for our social hall, monitors, microphones and much more. I'm very proud to announce the **Tretter Family Music Fund**, which will stand in perpetuity thanks to the generous support Carl Tretter and his family have given Temple Shalom over the past decade.

To celebrate and to mark these significant milestones, I will be joined by a group of extraordinary singers and musicians to present a very special concert, **10th Anniversary Celebration—Bridge To Peace**. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 PM** for what promises to be one of the most remarkable musical events ever at Temple Shalom! I'll have the opportunity to share some of the songs from my newest collection, inspired by my work in healing chaplaincy, as well as feature very special guests performing favorites from my music catalogue. We will also celebrate the Tretter Family Music Fund!

It would be impossible to thank everyone who has meant so much to me in the past decade at Temple Shalom in this column. I will have the opportunity to properly thank and recognize those individuals during my 10th Anniversary concert, and I look forward to seeing you there! If you cannot attend, please consider a donation to the Tretter Family Music Fund or a donation to the Aleph Alliance for Jewish Renewal in honor of my ordination, as a tribute to the many years we have shared together and our prayer for the next generation!

Yours in song,


Cantor Lisa



7th and 8th grade classes enjoyed a day at Cantor Lisa & Andy's garden!



Religious School children make caramel apples, gelt, and hamantaschen at Temple Shalom's 5th Annual Community Kickoff.



**Message from
Rabbi Rachel
Ackerman
Associate Rabbi**

Our world feels as though it has changed over the last several months. What seemed givens at this time last year, things that we should be able to take for granted, have become precious freedoms we must fight to protect. Prejudices that we hoped were waning in this country at the dawn of the 21st century have become things we need to stand up and protest against. Open expressions of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, and homophobia are palpable as we take them in from the constant news cycle, or worse, through personal experiences.

We have asked ourselves over and over, “What can I do to respond?” And we have acted on the answer to that question.

It can be exhausting fighting for what we shouldn’t have to fight for.

But we do. Because that’s who we are as a Jewish community.

Traditionally, Temple Shalom held *Mitzvah* Day on the first Sunday of November, when we engage in community betterment projects that can use our care and nurturing. It’s a wonderful day and an important event. But, you may have noticed that on November 5 this year, instead of *Mitzvah* Day, there is *Tikkun Olam* Day.

The change is not just a semantic one. The day will be fundamentally different this year, not because *Mitzvah* Day projects have dwindled in importance, but because our community can use a new set of tools that reflect changing times.

On *Tikkun Olam* Day, members from pre-k and up will learn and grow together and explore how we can become effective Jewish advocates. We are thrilled that Congressman Jamie Raskin will be joining us in the morning to deliver a keynote address, and that we will have opportunities to learn with members from Operation Understanding DC, District Community Playback, and many of our own congregants about how to recognize biases, take care of ourselves during challenging times, develop tools to talk with children about difficult current events, and learn practical advocacy skills.

While the schedule has not been finalized by the time this article has gone to print, here’s what you can expect to experience on November 5 from 9:30 AM - NOON (times and order of programs as well as presenters may change).

9:30 -10 AM: Light breakfast, orientation

10 -11 AM:

- Pre-k - 5th Grade: A program with District Community Playback (an improvisational, interactive theater company committed to shedding light on dissolving barriers to help us move from strangers to neighbors)
- 6th - 8th Grade: A program with Avi Edelman on recognizing your unconscious biases
- 8th Grade - Adult—Keynote and Q&A with Congressman Jamie Raskin and clergy on how to be a/n (Jewish) activist in today’s changing world

11 AM -12 NOON:

- Pre-k - 2nd Grade (two 30-minute programs)
 - ADL program—“The Name Jar” (a story about the importance of learning how to say one another’s names even if they sound unfamiliar to us and are difficult to say at first)
 - Music to Heal the World with Cantor Lisa
- 3rd - 5th Grade:
 - A program with Operation Understanding DC teens (a group of teens from Black and Jewish communities who come together to learn about each other’s histories and teach about dialogue and difference)
- 6th - 8th Grade (choice of one)
 - Program with Operation Understanding DC teens
 - How to write a Letter to the Editor with congregant and Washington *Post* journalist Todd Frankel
- 8th - 12th Grade
 - A program with Avi Edelman on recognizing your unconscious biases
- 10th Grade - Adult (choice of two half-hour programs)
 - “Self-Care During Difficult Times” with congregant and social worker May Benetar
 - “How to Talk with Your Children During Difficult Times” with congregant and psychologist Karen Miller
 - HIAS program with congregant and HIAS board member Karen Green
 - “Refugee Direct Assistance” with congregant Sherry Doggett

It’s not *Mitzvah* Day, and it is not aiming to replace *Mitzvah* Day, but rather to offer something different: A day to come together as a community and provide the tools to respond to the world around us in a time when there’s a lot of responding to do.

In advance I’d like to extend an enormous amount of gratitude to Linda Aldoory for chairing this day as well as Jeanne Goldberg, Sara Weiser, and Jenni Main for planning it.

We look forward to working toward repairing the world with you on Sunday, November 5.

L’hitraot (see you soon),

Rabbi Rachel Ackerman

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Israel Reflection

By Ray Schleien

This past summer I was given an opportunity to experience Israel in a new way. I joined my friends from Camp Harlam on the NFTY in Israel trip. After a week spent in Eastern Europe, where I discovered the history of Jews in Poland and Prague, I then traveled to Israel and spent the next four weeks learning the history of the Holy Land.

Once in Israel, my group and I spent four days camping and hiking throughout the Negev Desert. The most noticeable part of the desert, other than its beauty, is the weather. During our hikes, the balmy sun would heat up the desert to 112 degrees, while the frigid nights were at roughly 50 degrees. At night the stars were as clear as they could be. We were miles from any city or village, leaving the sky unpolluted by artificial light.

Waking up in the desert was tough, but it is always tough to wake up at four in the morning. Because of the desert heat, we started our hikes early to try and escape the hottest parts of the day. My favorite hike was the climb up Mount Shlomo. We were required to do minor rock climbing during the ascent, which scared many people, but was worth the challenge. We reached the top soon after the sunrise. Eating breakfast on the top of a mountain was one the highlights of my trip. We saw the borders of Egypt and Jordan along with the Red Sea. Following breakfast, my group made its way down the mountain and continued to hike for an additional four hours along the mountainside, fighting the heat. We were greeted at the bus with freshly cut watermelon, the best watermelon I have ever had. After a short drive, we reached the Red Sea and spent a couple hours relaxing at the beach.

Once we left the desert and joined back with the modern world, we dove into the extensive history of the land of Israel. A couple weeks later, we split up our group into four chavayot (electives). I chose to participate in the Gadna, a mini-training camp for the IDF. I experienced everything from kitchen duty to physical training to firing an M16. This experience brought me closer to my friends and gave me the opportunity to meet people from other countries such as England, Brazil, and Mexico.

My trip to Israel changed my outlook on the great country and its political situation. I was brought closer to my old friends, and made new ones as well. This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I am grateful to have been able to participate in.



TaSTY members and advisor enjoying their time at NFTY-MAR LEAD, a NFTY leadership conference, in Baltimore.

Dear Congregants,

Did you know that Temple Shalom has an organization called **Mitzvah Corps** that exists to help support members in times of need? If you are suffering from an illness, have experienced a loss, or are facing another challenge in your life, we might be able to help.

Are you interested in donating some time to help others? We are always looking for people who might be willing to provide meals, rides, or home visits to the ill, or who might be willing to help assemble gifts or notes for the recently bereaved or for special occasions in members' lives.

To request help or to get involved please email:

mitzvahcorps@templeshalom.net





**Message from
Rita Klein
President,
Temple Shalom**

As part of this year's High Holy Day appeal letter, I asked not only for your financial support, but also challenged you to think about and share your answers to three critical questions:

- What drew you to Temple Shalom in the first place?
- What keeps you coming back?
- And how do you intend to strengthen your connection to our Temple family this year?

Your answers are critical to shaping our work to grow and strengthen our community in the coming year and beyond. If you have not already done so, please return your High Holy Day appeal pledge card with your answers on the back (and, hopefully, a donation indicated on the front), or email your thoughts to whyiamhere@templeshalom.net.

It seems to me that if I am going to ask you these questions, you deserve to hear my answers as well.

Why I am a member has evolved significantly over time, as I am sure is true for many in our congregation. When my family first joined, the answer was simple: We needed a place where we would feel comfortable and where our daughter, Nicole, would get a strong Jewish education. Temple Shalom fit our requirements:

- Close to home? Check
- A rabbi that we liked? Check
- A congregation that embraced *tikkun olam* (repair of the world)? Check
- Sunday school that didn't start at the crack of dawn? Double check! (She was always enrolled in the late session!)

And so began our membership at Temple Shalom. For years we were the people who dropped off our kid at Sunday school, attended High Holy Day services, participated in Mitzvah Day and parent education, and not much else. (I bet that

sounds familiar to a number of our religious school families!)

The second phase began around the time that Nicole was preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. A friend convinced me to join the newly formed adult B'nai Mitzvah class. And so for the next two years my membership expanded to include Jewish learning—Hebrew, Judaic history, prayers, melodies, and the choreography of a service. And in that process something unexpected happened: I became part of a community as an individual, not just as a parent.

Then came phase three—involvement and immersion. In the nine years since my Bat Mitzvah, the Temple has become a home and the people here my family. When I lost my husband to cancer six years ago, many of my Temple friends surrounded me and helped carry me through the most difficult days. I needed a place to be needed outside of my home, which felt very empty and lonely. So I devoted countless volunteer hours ranging from serving on the Board and being Temple Treasurer to coordinating b'nai mitzvah and setting up for galas. Some jobs were more rewarding than others, but all helped weave me into the fabric of the Temple. And the more time I spent here, the more I realized what a special community we are.

I think the answer to how I am going to strengthen my connection to the Temple this year should be obvious since this is the President's column! So I will change the question slightly to: Why am I President? Honestly, I never thought I would be President here. I always swore I would not be. And I said no over and over when asked. And yet when the time came that the Temple needed someone to step up, I found myself changing my answer to yes. Once that decision was made, I was surprisingly at peace with it and in fact excited (although mixed with a lot of anxiety). It was the right decision for me,

and more importantly, I think it was a good decision for the Temple.

My fervent hope is that under my leadership and with the support of all members over these next two years, Temple Shalom will emerge renewed and refreshed, with a strong, sacred partnership among the lay leadership, the congregation, and the clergy.

When I support our Temple, I am not just supporting this congregation but the future of Judaism in the United States. I know that congregational life is not the only path to supporting Judaism, but it is an important one and for me the most logical. We need congregations like ours in today's world—warm, welcoming and inclusive places of worship that care about the surrounding community and not just those under their own roof. We need places of worship that educate our youth, instill within them an ethical and moral compass to guide their journey, and help them develop strong senses of Jewish identity and values. For me, supporting this Temple is more than keeping this one congregation alive and thriving—it is an investment in the future of Judaism itself. But to succeed, we need the support of each and every member this year and beyond.

As always I welcome your questions, comments, and insights as we move forward during difficult times in the world. I renew my invitation from Yom Kippur to meet here at the Temple or elsewhere. I want to have the opportunity to get to know you and to hear your thoughts on the future of our congregation. Please email me at President@templeshalom.net or call me at 301-910-1674. Or just stop me in the hallway!



Temple Shalom thanks all who have shown generosity to our community over the past year. We look forward to another year of community building and support from the entire congregation. As always, to discuss giving opportunities, please contact Mike Rubin, Chair of the Financial Future Committee, at donate@templeshalom.net or 301-933-3914, or Susan Goutos Zemsky, Executive Director, at szemsky@templeshalom.net, or 301-587-2273.

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Library Fund

Helene L. Crystal

To honor of the life of Robert Katz

Joan & Ellen Kalin

To Suzanne Eichhorn, with deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear husband.

To Jeffrey Steger, in honor of the life of your father, Wilbur Steger.

To Allison Druin, with all good wishes as you go forward in your career.

To Linda Gurevich, with my thanks for the excellent job you did as President of Temple Shalom. May you go from strength to strength.

Levinsohn-Feinberg Camp Fund

Harvey & Fran Berger

In memory of Grace Dietz

In memory of Helen Podolsky

Wishing a full recovery to our friend, Dianne Tencer.

Steven Schleien & Debbie Szyfer

In honor of Andy Mark for tutoring Max for his bar mitzvah

In honor of Scott Kravetz for being Max's madrich

Marty & Carolyn Shargel

In honor of the landmark birthday of Alan Lewis. Mazel Tov!

Oscar Felker Fund

Susan Medick

In honor of Rabbi Michael Feshbach

Fran & Harvey Berger

To honor Rabbi Michael Feshbach's 16 years of service to Temple Shalom. We wish him well at his new pulpit.

Prayer Book Fund

Temple Shalom Sisterhood

Phyllis & Tom Dietz & Allison Hicks

In memory of Helen Podolsky and Grace Dietz

Tikkun Olam (Refugee Response Team)

Phyllis P. Dietz

In appreciation to Rabbi Rachel Ackerman for her comfort at the time of my mother's decline and death.

In appreciation to Marty Shargel for his kindness and comfort in leading the shiva service for my mother.

Charles Fleet & Susan Roth

Clergy Mitzvah Funds

(clergy discretionary funds)

Rabbi Michael Feshbach Gift and Dinner

Linda Gurevich

In honor of Rabbi Michael Feshbach

Carol Jimenez

A gift for Rabbi Michael Feshbach

Sandi & Dave Kagen

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For the Rabbi's years at and service to the Temple

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A gift for Namutumba Synagogue

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In appreciation for the Shir Shalom Choir

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A gift for guiding Max's bar mitzvah

Rabbi Ackerman's Mitzvah Fund

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In appreciation of Rabbi Ackerman's support of the L' Taken teens

Peter Wolk

Rabbi Kahn's Mitzvah Fund

Nelli & Yevgeny Beynenson

In appreciation of Rabbi Kahn at the bris of our grandson, Jacob Aaron Beynenson.

Peter Wolk

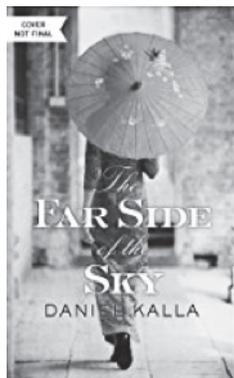
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Schedule for Book Club Discussions and Events

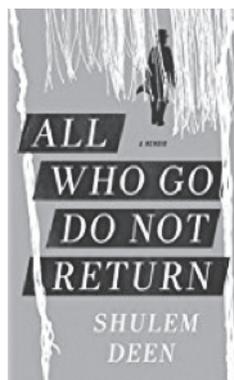
The Far Side of the Sky by Daniel Kalla



Historical fiction about a Viennese surgeon who escapes Austria soon after Kristellnacht and resettles with other Jewish refugees in war-time Shanghai. The book focuses upon the conflicts between the established Jewish community and the refugees, between the

Chinese natives and the Japanese invaders, between the German anti-semites and their Japanese allies, and within disparate elements of Chinese society. The challenges to survival in a war-time environment and an unlikely love story form the backdrop to this engrossing tale.

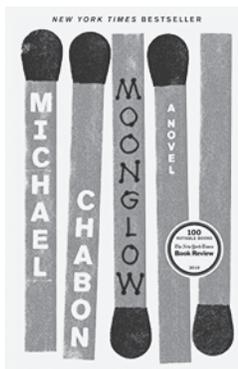
All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen



National Jewish Book Award Winner
The author is a devoted member of an isolated Hasid community who begins to explore the world beyond. When the community's leaders learn of his heretical interests, his place in his family, his happy

home, his faith, and the only world he has ever known are threatened. How will he (and the community) reconcile the norms of the community with the author's interests?

Moonglow by Michael Chabon



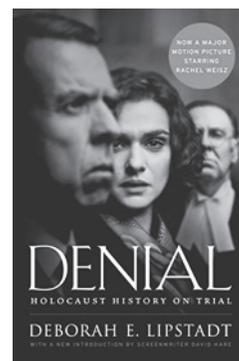
Washington Post, NPR, and Amazon Editors' Best Book of the Year Winner

A sweeping work that constructs a broad tapestry of Jewish life both here and abroad during the last century through a dying man's fragments of memory and hallucinations.

The novel takes us from the slums of prewar South Philadelphia to the invasion of Germany, from a Florida retirement village to the penal utopia of New York's Wallkill prison, from the heyday of the space program to the twilight of the "American Century." A lie that tells the truth, a work of fictional nonfiction, an autobiography wrapped in a novel disguised as a memoir, Moonglow is Chabon at his most moving and inventive.

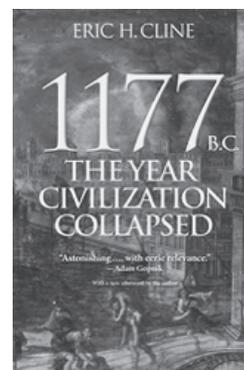
Denial by Deborah Lipstadt

When the author, an American university professor, challenges the work of a "Holocaust denier," she is sued for libel in the British courts. Combining high-profile courtroom drama with the author's efforts to debunk the



claims that the Holocaust is a myth, the story represents a challenge to the author and the historical record by the purveyors of "alternative facts." The story has been retold as a movie, which we will screen in conjunction with our discussion.

1177 BC—The Year Civilization Collapsed by Eric Cline



Widely praised history written by a Temple Shalom member.

Professor Cline tells the gripping story of the decline of Egypt at the end of the Bronze Age through invasion, revolt, earthquakes, drought, and the cutting of international trade

routes. Bringing to life the vibrant world of ancient Egypt and other contemporaneous civilizations, he draws a sweeping panorama of the empires and their dramatic collapse, which led to a dark age that lasted centuries. Subject to scheduling, we are hoping to arrange for Professor Cline to join our discussion.

Dates and Times to be Announced Questions: bookclub@templeshalom.net

Goings on with the Brotherhood

By Peter Wolk, Brotherhood Co-President

A job well done is its own reward. But actually getting an award for a job well done is pretty nice, too.

Congratulations to the Temple Shalom Brotherhood upon winning the 2017 Men of Reform Judaism Outstanding Programming Award. It was conferred in recognition of the increased content, range, and participation in Brotherhood events last year, culminating in the first-ever, off-site, wonderfully successful Brotherhood meeting at the Twin Farms Distillery, arranged and led by Randall Luttenberg (pictured at right with Brotherhood Co-President Peter Wolk and the award).

Continuing our efforts this year, we thank Chairman Matt Andelman, Myles Levin, Walter Miller, Jim Goldstein, and the Sisterhood for their work to make our annual bagels and ice cream Kick-Off event at the Temple, a great success. Once again, we had a packed house (parking lot) where everyone could enjoy seeing old friends, new arrivals, and begin new friendships with new members.

Please watch for upcoming social/community service events and meetings this Fall and Winter. Be sure to join us for brunch on October 29, when U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin speak on contemporary political issues. Thanks to Maurice Axelrad for arranging this and to Peter Howard for moderating.

This will be followed by our sixth annual



Latke Fry on December 10, when the Brotherhood teaches Sunday School students how to make latkes, just in time for Chanukah.

The Brotherhood meets the first Wednesday of each month, beginning with an informal dinner at 6:30 PM. Please join us and participate in our efforts to support the Temple, and to create educational programs for our community.

Thank you and *L'Shanah Tovah!*

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RENAISSANCE GROUP

The Renaissance Group has four varied events scheduled for the remainder of the current calendar year:

The first event will take place on **October 22** when we go to the Walters Museum in Baltimore for a guided tour.

On **November 12**, we will tour the newly completed Visitor Center at the Capitol Building.

We will attend a performance of "The Pajama Game" at the Arena Stage on **December 10**.

On **December 23** we will host our annual Renaissance/Brotherhood Chinese Dinner and Movie night at the temple.

All of these events are open to all Temple Shalom members. Please be on the lookout for our announcements and follow up with the appropriate coordinating individual as listed on the announcement.

Questions? Please contact Lynn Kanowith at lkanowith@verizon.net.

Circle of Leadership 2017



Sherry Doggett

Sherry Doggett

Sherry and husband David have been members of Temple Shalom for over two years. They usually attend the Thursday noon study class, Saturday morning services and Torah study. Once they

joined, Sherry was very excited about the multiple volunteer opportunities available to members. She first signed up to learn more about the then newly created program Sukkat Shalom – A Safe Place for Conversations About Israel. The program was recruiting volunteers to serve as facilitators. Given that she had facilitator training in her healthcare career, Sherry jumped at the chance to volunteer. She later volunteered to coordinate the Sukkat Shalom group activities. Sherry and David continue to grow the program and are now looking at next steps. Later, she and David were asked to join the Renaissance Steering Committee. She then volunteered to serve as a member of the Temple Futures Committee, and most recently served on the Interim Rabbi Search Committee. Sherry also enjoys volunteering at the Temple office, assisting wherever needed. Now retired, it is a great joy to Sherry to serve. More importantly, she and David have made so many new friends and are grateful for their Temple Shalom “family.”



Karen Green

Karen Green

My husband, Bob, and I joined Temple Shalom 11 years ago. Our son Will celebrated his bar mitzvah in 2009. Afterwards I enjoyed assisting other families by serving as a b'nai mitzvah coordinator for six years.

When Rabbi Feshbach called on us to support Syrian refugees, he reached out to me, knowing of my passion for the issue. Through my involvement with HIAS, CEO Mark Hetfield addressed the congregation and the Temple committing to “welcome the stranger,” as the Torah instructs (37 times!). Working closely with Lutheran Social Services, the Temple sponsored a Syrian family of six. Our congregation responded with compassion, donations, funds and untold volunteer hours.

I have found my spiritual home at Temple Shalom with these wonderful people and in this meaningful work. In the refugee family, I have found friends for life. I am pleased (and surprised) to be honored for activities which have brought so much to me. Thank you.



Betsy Kingery

Betsy Kingery

Betsy's family joined Temple Shalom in 1987. All four of their children participated in the Religious School through confirmation and post confirmation.

Betsy started out volunteering as a room parent and helping on the Purim Carnival. From there she taught (with Julie Knoll) Religious Ed in kindergarten and first grade. She chaired the Purim Carnival for many, joined and eventually co-chaired the Religious Education Committee. Betsy has served on the Tikkun Olam, Rabbinic Search and By Laws committees and chaired Membership, Mitzvah Corps and co-chaired the Shalom L'Olam Capital and Endowment Campaign with Steve Eisen, as well as chaired several other major fund raisers.

One of Betsy's treasured activities was as a madricha, a guide for B'nai Mitzvah students. Currently she is active in the Refugee Response Team, choir and unofficially as a Temple grounds gardener.

Betsy served on the Board and Executive committees and served as President from 2008 – 2010. From the outset, she has been an active member, believing that contributing time, energy and financially to the Temple was a way to participate in social justice, study, ritual, and prayer and to support a treasured community.



Vivian Kramer

Vivian Kramer

Vivian's family joined Temple Shalom 35 years ago. Her girls went through the Religious Education program including B'not Mitzvah, Confirmation and Post-Con, and Vivian and her

girls enjoyed a temple trip to Israel with Rabbi Kahn about 20 years ago. Vivian recently converted to Judaism with Rabbi Feshbach and

Rabbi Ackerman leading her through the process.

Judy Silverman and Vivian have shared the Librarian's job since 1988, with Vivian volunteering until around 2001, when she became a member of the staff. She has loved welcoming classes, our teachers and adult readers into the library for many Sunday mornings & evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Being a keeper of the books for the People of the Book has been a wonderful, fulfilling learning process, and Judy and Vivian are very happy to have contributed to building the collection of over 6,000 books that constitute our temple library. Come in & check out a book!



Heidi Lovett

Heidi Lovett

A native of Sharon, Massachusetts, Heidi joined Temple Shalom in 2013 along with her husband, Randall Luttenberg, and their sons, Isaac and David. A conversation Heidi had

with Rabbi Feshbach about Israel's 2014 Gaza conflict was the germ that helped create the Sukkat Shalom initiative – a safe place for all types of conversations about Israel – at Temple Shalom. Heidi worked with a team of Temple members to develop the program and she is one of the volunteer facilitators. Together they are exploring ways for the program to expand and evolve. Heidi also began volunteering with the Refugee Response Team in 2016 to help a Syrian family of six settle in Maryland. She assisted the family with managing their family budget, and after sampling the wonderful pastries that the family's mother served to Response Team members, Heidi helped her navigate Maryland's Cottage Industry laws so that she could sell her traditional ma'mool cookies and other delicious treats. These have been enjoyed at many Temple events, outreach programs, and private affairs (one taste and you'll know why - ask Heidi for details). Heidi has become an active member of the Temple Shalom Sisterhood and has been appointed Social Chair. She served on the 2015-2016 Interim Rabbi Search Committee and is currently serving on the Settled Rabbi Search Committee.

The Circle of Giving 2017



Sara Nathan

Sara is proud to be part of a Jewish congregation working with a Christian social service agency to welcome a Muslim family to this country. After Rabbi Feshbach's 2015 Yom Kippur appeal to

assist refugees, she became actively involved with Temple Shalom's Refugee Response Team. In partnership with Lutheran Social Services, the team helped a Syrian family of six settle in Maryland by furnishing their apartment, stocking the kitchen, and introducing them to their new community. The Refugee Response Team also worked with HIAS to encourage other Maryland synagogues to sponsor refugees. The Syrian family's story and the children's drawings were published in the book "Our Journey from Syria to America." Available on Amazon, the proceeds benefit the family, LSS, HIAS and Temple Shalom.

Jessy Smith



Shortly after joining Temple Shalom in 2015, Jessy became actively engaged in volunteering efforts that rallied around her natural talents of design, marketing and event planning. As a formally trained graphic designer, her first endeavor

was to work with the Communications Committee to help create an online presence that mirrored the vibrancy of the temple community with the same feeling of warmth, acceptance and togetherness. As her family transitioned over to the religious school, she joined the Religious Education Committee and Youth Group Committee. In doing so, she identified an opportunity to rekindle the younger youth group to help engage the families with elementary school kids in a social setting and kick started TaSTYKids for all Temple 2-5th graders. This year this program has been very well received, averaging about 50 attendees per event. Events have included a Hanukkah party, Movie and Pizza Glow party (with separate parent wine-and-cheese event) and Chocolate Seder. She has also volunteered the past two years to organize the Mitzvah Day lunch-making initiative, which provides about 100 meals to shelters in the area through Interfaith Works. She and husband Troy, who has also helped with all of these events, are always looking for ways to more actively engage their four children in the Jewish community.

Kavanah ("Direction of the Heart")

\$12,000+

- Marc and Anne Feinberg
- Mike and Linda Gurevich
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- Robin and Jay Varon

Mitzvah ("Moral Deed")

\$9,000 – \$11,999

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- Kenneth and Sheila Berman
- Marc Machlin and Nancy Stoner
- Stephen Meyer and Erica Summers
- Michael and Leslie Rubin
- Eliot Waxman and Jenni Main

Tzedakah ("Righteousness")

\$6,000 – \$8,999

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- Eric Finzi
- Norman and Joan Gurevich
- Stephen and Linda Katz
- Ken and Audrey Kramer
- Howard Savage and Kathleen Hill
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- Rhoda Schulzinger and Rochelle Granat
- Andy Schwartz and Lisa Krim
- Jerry Silverman and Joan Meier
- Richard Weitzner and Vickie Gaul
- Peter Wolk and Beth Janoff
- And 2 families who wish to remain anonymous

Tikkun Olam Committee

Temple Shalom is committed to the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, "repairing the world" and views social action as a core tenet for its community. Over the years Temple Shalom's Tikkun Olam Committee has been involved in activities such as collecting and delivering meals for So Others Might Eat, food collection for Manna on Yom Kippur, staffing meals at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, environmental activism, refugee advocacy, LGBT rights and interfaith community building. Over the past year, the Refugee Response Team, led by Karen Green and Sara Nathan, partnered with Lutheran Social Services to support a newly arrived family of six from Syria.

Sara Nathan and Betsy Kingery are the new Tikkun Olam Committee co-chairs. Thanks to outgoing chairperson Linda Aldoory, we have a very solid foundation to stand on. We believe that repairing the world can take many forms and invite all of you to join us in whatever ways are possible and sustainable for you. This year we are exploring collaborating again with Lutheran Social Services to sponsor another refugee family, and we will continue advocacy programs for the rights of immigrants and

LGBT communities. The Direct Assistance program will be collecting essential items for new immigrants, as it has done this past year. Our programming focus will be on ways to increase inclusiveness and tolerance in our own Temple Shalom community and in the wider world.

Rabbi Tarfon teaches: Do not be arrogant; do not think that you alone can finish the job. Trust in your children and generations yet unborn to take up the task. Know that you are part of the living chain of people who have dreamed, worked for a better world and carried on this mission for four thousand years in an unbroken covenant.

Repair of the world is a daunting obligation. Our goal is to offer pathways small and large to the Temple Shalom community to continue this work.

For more information contact:
tikkunolam@templeshalom.net

Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah November • December 2017 January 2018

Alana Goldstock

November 4, 2017



Alana Goldstock

Alana Goldstock goes to Green Acres School in Rockville Maryland. She has been going to Green Acres for nine years and is in the seventh grade. Her favorite subjects are science, language arts, and physical education. One of the activities that she does outside of school is soccer. She lives mom Tami, dad Ted and brother Dylan. Also, she would like to thank Mr. Kravetz and Andy Mark for helping her with her Bat Mitzvah.

Rebecca Rothstein-Epp

November 4, 2017



Rebecca Rothstein-Epp

Rebecca Rothstein-Epp is a 7th grader at Westland Middle School. She lives in Bethesda, with her mom, dad, and younger brother. She enjoys rock climbing, rollerblading, and swimming, and is always enthusiastic about learning new things. Her favorite subjects are science, creative writing, and art. She thanks her teachers for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.

Jack Bevington

November 18, 2017



Jack Bevington

Jack Bevington is a 7th grader at Takoma Park Middle School. If he had his way, he'd be out on a boat fishing every day. Since he doesn't, he enjoys baseball and soccer, and playing just about any sport in the street with his friends. Jack's Bar Mitzvah project is to raise awareness about SADS - Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes, which among children are more common than you'd think, but can be treated if they're detected. He'd like more people to know CPR and how to use an AED. So far, he has raised about \$1,500 for

the SADS Foundation. If you'd like to support this Foundation, visit his page at <https://www.crowdrise.com/2nd-annual-international-conference-take-steps-to-stop-sads/fundraiser/micabevington>.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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 Andrew Zach & Gabriella Ra'anana of Washington, DC

We welcome you all!

MAZAL TOV

Double congratulations to **Bill & Betsy Kingery** on the marriage of daughter Corina Kingery to Chris Manders on August 26, 2017, and the wedding of son Nathan Kingery and Maia Gallagher-Siudzinski on October 8, 2017.

To **Jack & Karen Lowe**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2017.

To executive director **Susan Zemsky** on being appointed by the National Association of Temple Administrators to represent them on the Reform Action Center's Commission on Social Action.

To **Reb/Cantor Lisa Levine** for her ordination as a Rabbinic Pastor through Alpha Alliance for Jewish Renewal.

Congratulations!

CONDOLENCES

To the **Dietz family**—Tom, Phyllis, and their daughter, **Allison Hicks**. Tom's mother, Grace Dietz, passed away on May 28, 2017, followed a few days later by the death of Phyllis's mother, Helen Podolsky, on June 6.

To the **Temple Shalom Community** on the death of long-time member, **Morton Katz**, on July 18, 2017.

To the family of **Ruth Reiter**, who passed away on August 25, 2017. Ruth and her husband, **Jerome ז'ל**, were founding members of Temple Shalom. They will be missed by all.

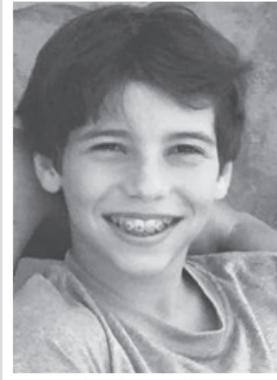
To the family of **Stephen Katz**, whose brother, Robert, died on August 28, 2017.

Our deepest sympathies.

B'nai Mitzvah • Mazal Tov • Condolences

Benjamin Landesman

November 18, 2017



Benjamin Landesman

Benjamin Landesman is a 7th grader at Sligo Middle School. He participates in several sports, including soccer, basketball and swim team. He plays guitar and knows everything there is about Greek mythology. Last summer, he joined a Mitzvah Corp program to help in community gardens and with housing. Ben would like to thank Andy Mark, Scott Kravetz, Rabbi Rachel and Cantor Levine. Our Temple family has been a strength and a support, for not only Ben but also for his parents, Linda and John, and sister Abigail.

Luke Rubin

December 16, 2017



Luke Rubin

Luke Rubin is a 7th grader at Tilden Middle School. Luke really enjoys art, computer programming, playing Dungeons & Dragons and computer games, and reading fantasy fiction. He lives in Kensington with his mom Leslie, dad Mike, 15-year-old brother Alex, and 2-year-old pup Sadie. During the past two summers, Luke has had a lot of fun learning about Java programming at the Six Point Sci-Tech Academy outside of Boston. Luke sends big hugs to Andrea Mark and Scott Kravetz for all of their help in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.

Aviva Bederson

January 13, 2018



Aviva Bederson

Aviva Bederson is in 7th grade at Barrie Prep. Aviva enjoys playing sports like ultimate frisbee, football, basketball and weight training/lifting. She likes history of the U.S.A. because it's quite interesting to her. Aviva likes reading comic books and sometimes novels. Aviva also really likes spending time with her sister, Dana, and her dog, Athena.



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