



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10:00am
WTS Mah Jongg

Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Sunday, Dec. 15
9:00am WTS Chanukah Shop
9:30am ToSTY Chanukah Party
11:30am Renaissance Brunch

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:30pm
Adult Jewish Growth Movie
Night

Friday, Dec. 27, 7:00 pm
Shabbat Chanukah Service

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7:00pm
WTS Book Club (off-site)

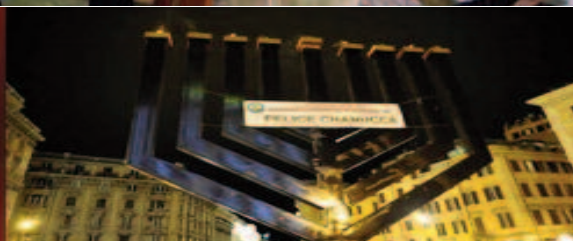
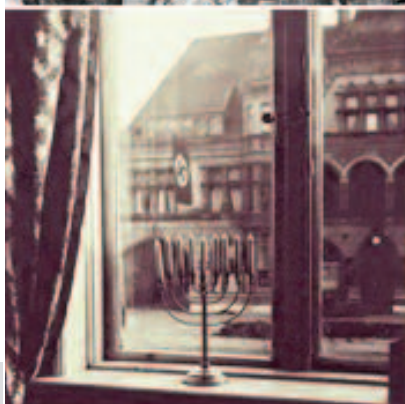
Sunday, Jan. 12, 9:30am
Brotherhood Breakfast Program

MLK Weekend:

Friday, Jan. 17, 7:45pm
Interfaith Shabbat Service

Sunday, Jan. 19, 10:00am
Interfaith Service at New Light
Baptist Church

Channukah Across the World and Across time



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School News

Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge, Acting Director of Education

Temple Shalom Religious School is a vibrant experience this year, filled with the joys of learning and the sounds of Jewish music. In October, we worked with Jewish educator/artist, Jennifer Levine, to create this beautiful mural for our Religious School Hallway:



This mural is reflective of the prayers Ahavat Olam and Ahavah Rabba – two prayers that are recited before the Shema. As Jews, we believe firmly in God's eternal and great love for the people Israel. The former is recited during the evening service and the latter during the morning service. Both prayers are not only proclamations of God's abundant and everlasting love for Israel, but also reminds us of our loving bond between God and the Jewish people. Take a moment to look over the mural and ask your child where their part is in it.

We are fortunate to offer informal educational experiences that allow us to learn while experiencing the benefits of exploring outside the classroom. In January, our 6th & 7th graders, along with their parents, will journey to Philadelphia, to the National Museum of American Jewish History, to explore and learn about our ancestors becoming American and Jewish Immigration since the Civil War. We will then venture to the Reading Terminal Market for a late lunch of international culinary choices.

In February, I will take our Confirmation class to Washington, DC for their Social Justice program at the Religious Action Center L'Taken program.

In March, our Post-Confirmation students and I will journey to Baltimore for a weekend of study, social justice and fun!

Our students are truly blessed that we can help them learn and develop their own strong Jewish identities because of your support.



THE RABBI WRITES

Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge

On Sunday, December 22nd at nightfall, we will celebrate the Festival of Lights, or Chanukah. The eight-day Jewish celebration, known as Hanukkah or Chanukah, commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C.E. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where, according to legend, Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. It also celebrates a miracle that happened during this time, where just a day's supply of oil allowed the menorah in the rededicated Temple in Jerusalem to remain lit for eight days.

For many of us, this Chanukah will be a particularly charged time of reflection. The festival of lights is often celebrated by contemporary American families as a child-centric seasonal holiday. In modern times, it's often been framed in popular media as Judaism's answer to Christmas. But in the wake of rising anti-Semitism since last year's shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh (and the shooting in Poway as well), the holiday's message and meaning are taking on a more defiant turn.

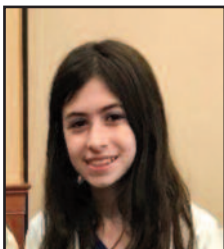
In an America where anti-Semitic incidents are at an all time high, according to all authorities, Chanukah has become a more loaded holiday. A time of year that has become synonymous with family and now is becoming a time to reflect on what it means to be Jewish. Chanukah's meaning as a holiday about Jewish survival in a diverse religious landscape is more vital in 2019 America than ever.

As many have shared, Chanukah this year is as much about resilience and identity as about presents and miracle stories. Chanukah began as a relatively minor holiday in the Jewish tradition. Chanukah only became a major holiday in the 19th and 20th centuries, primarily among American Jews, many of whom actively sought to find within the Jewish tradition an analogue to more popular "mainstream" holidays like Christmas. In part because it's primarily celebrated at home, rather than in a synagogue, it's become more associated with spending time with family, or with selecting presents for children, than with its original historical significance. Now, many of us are sharing that Chanukah's original message - a celebration of Jewish resilience and Jewish identity in a troubled time - is all the more important.

Always remember that the Chanukah story is simply about a minority group that was different than the majority in the dominant culture. And the dominant majority culture said, 'We'd like you to fit in better or go away.' And the Jews said, 'No, that's not how we roll.'" In other words, Chanukah is about both Jewish survival and Jewish individuality: a celebration of Jews' refusal to surrender their identity and values.

Come join us with your chanukiah (Chanukah Menorah) and candles on Friday, December 27 at 7:00pm so we can together fight back against the darkness, both literally and metaphorically. Let's come together and bring some light into the darkness and bring some love and some joy into otherwise bleak times.

Rejoice with Us as We Celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of . . .



Alyssa Faer

daughter of Mitch and Lori

Bat Mitzvah Date: December 21, 2019

Bat Mitzvah Project:

I helped kindergarteners and first graders with their art projects at a local art center.

Favorite Jewish holiday: Chanukah

Favorite Jewish food: chocolate gelt

I am proud to be Jewish because...of our Jewish traditions and the closeness of family and community.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Slome, President

As we find ourselves entrenched in winter, I want to take the chance to update you on the state of our congregation and the progress we're making on some goals. We are happy to say that our enrollment in school is up due to the success of our marketing program. Since July, we've have added 8 new families (and are working with a few more) to our Temple Shalom community. Your help here can go a long way!

Ways & Means has set a new fundraiser in May as a "Kentucky Derby Day" filled with good food and fun for adults and children (this will be W&M's major fundraiser).

Our working relationship with the Y Pre-School is going very well. It's fantastic to see little people in our hallways and playground again.

Our new Membership Engagement Committee is up and running. We're focusing on increasing new membership as well as retaining existing members. As I've expressed previously, this effort needs to be temple-wide. New thoughts, ideas and concepts to help grow our congregation are welcome. Current discussions involve advertising, social media, research and simplifying our dues structure. Please reach out to Dana Battaglia (cadabat@me.com) or myself

(908.208.5806 (TSpres1920@gmail.com) with your thoughts.

Rabbi, Cantor and I will be attending the RURJ Biennial in December in Chicago (brrrrr) with great anticipation and hopes of bringing back many good ideas. Together we can and will make a difference.

Social Action Committee

Rachel L. Macaulay, Chairperson

Depending on the data source, food insecurity affects anywhere from 10–14% of households in New Jersey. The USDA estimated that nearly 866,000 people - almost one-third of them children - were food insecure in our state in 2017, and more than 118,000 of them lived in Monmouth and Middlesex counties. The Social Action committee (and the greater Temple Shalom community at large) attempt to help decrease these numbers through programs like the High Holidays Food Drive, Backpack Buddies and our Gan Tikvah garden.

It is the garden - our Garden of Hope - that I'd like to address here. The garden was begun about eight years ago in partnership with Temple Beth Ahm, and over the years has relied on help from members of both temples, along with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and others in the community. Fresh vegetables and herbs are grown from May through October, and we donate them to the Matawan Methodist Church's food pantry. Those who rely on the pantry are thrilled to receive Jersey-fresh produce, and the cucumbers, tomatoes, okra, kale, collard greens, basil and more provide healthy alternatives to the typical food pantry fare.

Unfortunately, the garden has had some issues in the last year or two, and the result has been a decrease in crop yield. As we address soil and pest problems, it's dawned on us that the biggest culprit is likely the shade from the trees between the garden and Church Street. As the trees have grown, the garden simply doesn't get the necessary amount of daily sunlight that healthy, strong plants need to grow. We're currently exploring alternative locations for a potential second garden and the possibility of having the trees trimmed. In the meantime, I invite you to share with us any other suggestions you may have to ensure that this vital community endeavor continues.

Feel free to email me or attend our monthly meeting at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

BOARD REPORT

LEO STAMM, TEMPLE SECRETARY

At recent Board of Trustees meetings the following are a few of the agenda points discussed:

- Parking Lot Repair - The repair of the parking lot was completed prior to the High Holidays. The repairs eliminated the potholes/sinkholes. The Board considered bids from three contractors before approving contractor M.J. Murphy to do the work.
- Security – We have learned that Federal and State grant funding applications for Security were denied for this year. This was not totally unexpected, as the Temple received funding last year (and other applicants did not). The Board is now considering implementing a monthly Security special assessment. The overall cost would be based on when we would want a Security Guard present at the Temple. If the Board ultimately approves a special assessment, this would require further congregational approval at a special meeting.
- Steve Slome has discussed the need to fill a few Committee Chair roles for 2019-2020. The open positions are Facilities, the Board of Education and Membership Engagement. If you have an interest in filling one of these roles (or doing it jointly with another person), please contact Steve. Please note that the time commitment (with the support of the PAC and the Board of Trustees) is not as cumbersome as you may think. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meyer Slobotsky and Jessica Sammut, Co-chairs

The Education Committee needs YOU! We are actively looking for parents of students in the Religious school to join us! The purpose of our committee is to discuss policies and procedures in place, curriculum for each grade, school trips and other hands-on activities. Periodically, we take a step back and look at what's working and where we may need to make changes. Over the years, the committee has consisted of parents, educators, administrators and others willing to lend a voice or helping hand.

We are now looking to YOU, as the ones who have children in our school, so we can learn from YOU! The feedback and input you can offer is crucial to all our children having the best religious school experience. If you're interested in attending a meeting, can help with a specific area (fundraising, bagel/pizza snacks, social media/marketing, etc) or would be willing to contribute to the committee in another way, we would love to hear from you!

And if you've been on the committee before, but we haven't seen you in a while we'd love to have you back! All are welcome! Please reach out to either Meyer Slobotsky at meyrob@optonline.net or Jessica Sammut at momofgbtwins@gmail.com with any questions and to let us know how YOU can help.

Thank you in advance for your help, suggestions, and concerns!

BROTHERHOOD

Steve Wattenberg, President



On behalf of Brotherhood I would like to extend a "WARM" and heartfelt wish to you and yours for a wonderful New Year 2020. It is also my wish that you would check out Brotherhood and see if your participation enhances your life, as it has ours. We've eliminated our dues to make everyone a Brotherhood member, but we still need your involvement.

Please send me an email (Swattenberg27@gmail.com) and let me know if you would enjoy events like minor league hockey, minor league baseball, an Escape Room, getting spiritual with a Whiskey Tasting or just letting the ball roll at Asbury Park's Pinball Museum. Don't like these ideas? Please send me suggestions!

Brotherhood is one of the most important universal concepts. As an integral part of our Temple community, Brotherhood of Temple Shalom aims to give its members the opportunity to experience the concept of Brotherhood through financial support of the Temple, volunteer work,

charitable giving, programs, events and fundraisers.

Some of our members have been involved with our Brotherhood for years and it has enriched our lives and our connection to our Temple. We see old friends and meet new ones, and we don't have to impress anyone with our job titles or business success (but at the same time we get to schmooze and network).

Whether participation is cultural, social or volunteer in nature, Brotherhood members receive significant value for investing their time. They increase awareness on issues affecting the Temple, the Jewish community and Israel. They have the means to pass on to children, friends and neighbors the ideas and values of which they identify. They derive fulfillment supporting Temple members and schools by enriching the education and experiences of worship, ritual and tradition, while having fun with a group of similarly dedicated men.

WOMEN OF TEMPLE SHALOM

Karen Rosenberg, Director



What a wonderful Fall for WTS! At our Membership Brunch on Sunday November 10th, we recognized the indomitable Ruth Queen with the Woman of Valor Award. Thank you, Ruth, for showing through deeds what it means to be a Woman of Valor! I want to send out a special thanks to Event Chair, Kendal Karten and to our immediate past President Duryan Clark, for making this event so memorable for all who attended.

Mahjong has become so popular with many new players that we added in more dates! Our seasoned players have been wonderful teachers to all the beginners! Book Club, which meets every other month, will gather next on Tuesday January 7th.

There have been deaths, illnesses, and strife affecting many of our WTS sisters over the past few months. Our dedication to TIKKUN OLAM becomes even more important. Moving past or at least looking beyond our own personal struggles and perform loving deeds is paramount. And, maybe even more important, being thankful for the kindness and goodness that we are fortunate to share with one another.

We have several programs running right now and I encourage you to participate where you can. Contact me at WTS@templeshalomNJ.org for more information:

- Miracle of Oil Drive – Donate a new bottle of cooking oil for our local food pantries. You can leave your contributions in the box by the coatroom.
- Chocolate Gelt Orders - \$15 per box (24 mesh bags per box). Checks are payable to "Women of Temple Shalom" and can be left in the temple office.
- Chanukah Shop – Sunday December 15th from 9am-12pm. Please note that Chanukah Shop will only be on ONE DAY this year. Buy your dreidels, candles, gelt, games, gift wrap and more!

Finally, thank you for all the loving support and friendship. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and joyous New Year. Cheers to 2020.

Renaissance Committee

Judy and Sam Shapanka & Debbie and Evan Ross, Co-chairs

As co-leaders of the Temple Shalom Renaissance Group, we would like to wish our fellow congregants and their loved ones a happy and healthy 2020. We also hope that our snowbird members are enjoying warm weather and look forward to them joining us for our spring time activities.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, December 15th - Look out for details for an exciting off-site program that is still in the development stages.

Saturday, January 18th - Annual Dinner and a Movie Evening in the Social Hall. We plan on a great meal and an enjoyable movie feature to chase away the winter blahs.

Future events:

Saturday, February 29th - Game Night in the Social Hall (featuring snacks and desserts!)

Sunday, March 29th - "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" at the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan.

Sunday, May 17th - Tour of historical synagogues on New York's Lower East Side, led by a professional docent.

Shalom Chaverim

Renaissance brings empty nesters together to enjoy good food, camaraderie, listen to engaging speakers and visit places of interest. Annual dues are only \$18 a person, payable to Temple Shalom.

For more information about Renaissance, please contact:

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Evan Ross	908.601.1655	Templeshalom.Renaissance@gmail.com

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH

Ed Miller Chairperson

Speakers:

December 20, 2019

Melissa Surdez, Head of Human Resources-Enterprise Technology
Johnson & Johnson

"Living with a Chronic Disease: Not a Death Sentence Anymore"

January 24, 2020

Terrance Coffee, DOE Coordinator

"The Journey: Educate, Don't Incarcerate"

A traditional work program that assists the homeless/formerly incarcerated reestablish their lives - a powerful presentation

February 28, 2020

"Jews and the Confederacy"

Guest Speaker, Rabbi Eric Wisnia

Services:

March 20, 2020

HIAS Refugee Shabbat

Recommended Winter Reading:

"Dear White America: Letter to a Minority"

by Tim Wise

"Letters from an Astrophysicist"

by Neil De Grasse Tyson

"How to Fight Anti-Semitism"

by Bari Weiss

Upcoming Movie:

December 17, 2019

"Gentleman's Agreement"

Starring Gregory Peck

2 Monday

8:00pm Brotherhood Board Meeting

3 Tuesday

10:00am WTS Mah Jongg

7:30pm PAC Meeting

4 Wednesday

7:30pm Social Action Meeting

6 Friday

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Service

8 Sunday

12:30pm Brotherhood Football

10 Tuesday

8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting

11 Wednesday

7:30pm Membership Meeting

13 Friday

7:45pm Shabbat Service

14 Saturday

TEMPLE CLOSED

15 Sunday

9:00am WTS Chanukah Shop

9:30am ToSTY Chanukah Party

11:30am Renaissance Brunch (off-site)

17 Tuesday

7:30pm Movie Night

18 Wednesday

7:30pm Education Meeting

7:30pm Ways & Means Meeting

19 Thursday

8:00pm WTS Meeting

20 Friday

7:45pm Shabbat Service

21 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Faer

23 Monday

8:00pm Brotherhood Exec. Meeting

27 Friday

7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat Service

28 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Service

SHABBAT BLESSINGS

Candlelighting
Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai
Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech
ha-o-lam, a-she-
ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav
v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner shel
Shabbat.

Wine/Grape Juice
Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, bo-rei p'ree ha-ga-fen.
Challah
Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzi leh-chem min
ha-a-retz.

Shabbat Services are
every Friday at 7:45pm
(except the first Friday of
the month at 6:30pm); and
Saturday at 10:30am with
Torah Study at 9:15am
unless otherwise noted.

January 2020 Tevet/Shevat 5780

3 Friday

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
(No Dinner)

4 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Service

6 Monday

8:00pm Brotherhood Meeting

7 Tuesday

7:00pm WTS Book Club (off-site)
7:30pm PAC Meeting

8 Wednesday

7:30pm Social Action Meeting
7:30pm Membership Meeting

10 Friday

7:45pm Shabbat Service

11 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Service

12 Sunday

9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast Program

14 Tuesday

8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting

15 Wednesday

7:30pm Education Meeting
7:30pm Ways & Means Meeting

16 Thursday

7:30pm WTS Meeting

17 Friday

7:45pm MLK Shabbat Service

18 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Service
5:00pm Renaissance Movie/Dinner

19 Sunday

10:00am Interfaith Service at
New Light Baptist Church

20 Monday

7:30pm Brotherhood Exec. Meeting

23 Thursday

7:30pm Caring Meeting

24 Friday

7:45pm Shabbat Service

25 Saturday

9:15am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Service

28 Tuesday

8:00pm Worship Meeting

31 Friday

7:45pm Shabbat Service

TORAH PORTIONS

Dec. 7: Vayeitzei Genesis 28:10-32:3; Haftarah Hosea 12:13-14:10

Dec. 14: Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36-43; Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12

Dec. 21: Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23; Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8

Dec. 28: Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17; Haftarah Zechariah 4:1-7 (and I Samuel 20:18, 42 or Isaiah 66:1,23)

Jan. 4: Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27; Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15-28

Jan. 11: Va-y'chi Genesis 47:28-50:26; Haftarah 1 Kings 2:1-12

Jan. 18: Sh'mot Exodus 1:1-6:1; Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Jan. 25: Va-eira Exodus 6:2-9:35; Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Blessings

You're invited to receive a blessing for your birthday or anniversary. On the third Friday evening of each month, we honor those whose Birthday or Anniversary falls during that month with the She'hecheyanu blessing.

December Birthdays		19	Robyn Novick	25	Martin & Helene Schlank	16	Kim Sharpe
1	Alicia Katz	19	Jay Scheinman	26	Mitchel & Adrienne Friedman	19	Hy Rosenberg
1	Myrna Kluger	23	Alberto Barugel			21	Terry Brown
1	Howard Scheines	24	Barry Miller	January Birthdays		24	Ronald Shapiro
1	Rhoda Stamler	25	Bernice Yasnowski	2	Donald Levy	25	Roslyn Eichenbaum
5	Nancy Scheines	27	Allison Sullivan	3	Sharon Steinhorn	25	Amy Kerner
6	Fred Eichenbaum	28	Robert Brakman	4	Arlene Weiss	26	Vicki Broder
6	Leah Falk	30	Marc Cohen	4	Ilene Weitsen	26	Larry Silverstein
6	Riva Janes	31	Samuel Mandragona	5	Jay Weiss	27	Linda Holowitz
10	Scott Goldstein	December Anniversaries		6	Jennifer Katz	27	Jeffrey Silbert
10	Evelyn Lipetz	5	Jack & Diane Szafran	6	Judy Shapanka	28	Susan Kaplan
11	Jonathan Bach	13	Jeffrey & Gloria Zimmerman	6	Lana Wattenberg	28	Robin Slobotsky
11	Sheila Phillips			7	Andrew Fryefield	30	Lawrence Stein
11	Sheila Rubin	16	Roy & Ann Hiller	9	Joe Peters	31	Gaya Brodnitz
12	Elissa Lande	20	Gerald & Marilyn Lubin	11	Patricia Brakman	January Anniversaries	
12	Gloria Zimmerman	20	Miles & Mindy Wagman	11	Warren Hare	6	Todd & Stacey Shiner
13	Adam Schoenfeld	21	Stephen & Elaine Levine	11	Jack Szafran	17	Bryan & Danielle Rukin
13	Gregg Sonnenfeld	22	Stewart & Renee Kaplow	12	Myles Brakman	25	Frank & Minna Ramson
15	Edward Miller	23	Donald & Karyn Simon	12	David Kaston	27	Allen & Faye Brod
16	Stephanie Weissman	24	Arthur & Ronnie Chapman	14	Sherry Danzig		
17	Melissa Glick	25	Kenneth & Anita Bear	15	Seth Loonan		
17	Karen Rosenberg			16	Penny Gold		
18	Paulette Eichenholtz						
18	Adrienne Friedman						

NEW MEMBERS

Evan & Desiree Ostrovsky, Blair & Aria, Holmdel
 Kenneth & Anita Bear, Holmdel
 Kyle & Esther Smet, Rachel, Melanie & Owen, Morganville
 Ashley & Doron Semaza, Keansburg
 Joel & Jamie Silberman, Max & Lily, Holmdel
 Matthew & Heather Cucolo, Valentina, Holmdel

CONGRATULATIONS

Deborah & Evan Ross, on the marriage of their son Ben to Taylor Hall-Masiello
 Deborah & Evan Ross, on the marriage of their daughter Emily to Dave DiVirgilio
 Deborah Worthington & Gary Enoch, on the marriage of their son
 Josh to Heather Freireich
 Marina & Todd Goldstein, on the bar mitzvah of their son Alex
 Helene & Martin Schlank, on the marriage of their daughter Melissa to Daniel Haring

CONDOLENCES

Paula Goldstein on the passing of her father Melvin Orenstein
 Cheryl Hare on the passing of her father Joseph Balsamo
 Louise & Amy Alterman, on the passing of their mother Joan Alterman
 Elaine Almerini, on the passing of her husband Harold
 Kendal Karten on the passing of her cousin Robert Boardman
 Judith Gold, on the passing of her husband Sanford
 David Kaston, on the passing of his mother Phoebe
 Terry Brown, on the passing of her mother Bella Tannebaum
 Sal Esposito, on the passing of his mother Carol

ToSTY

Jean and Wayne Christie, Co-chairs

On Friday November 15th, 52 teens from the NFTY-GER (Greater Empire Region) arrived at Temple Shalom for Fall Kallah: a weekend of religious, educational and social action programming. Over the course of the next two days, the teens led Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services, learned about Urban Mitzvah Corps and the history of NFTY. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were formed. The teens in attendance came from as far as Rockland County, Essex County and as near as Marlboro and Manalapan, as well as many places in between.

Fall Kallah marked the first time in three years that NFTY-GER has held a home hosted event. Families from Temple Shalom and Temple Rodeph Torah opened their homes to the participants for the weekend, not only housing them but also providing breakfast and dinner on Saturday and transportation between the host homes and Temple Shalom throughout the weekend.

Friday night started out with dinner and was followed by Friday Night Shabbat service and a special Oneg. Then it was off to the host homes.

The teens returned to Temple Shalom Saturday morning for Saturday morning Torah Service and information sessions on Urban Mitzvah Corp and NFTY. After lunch, the participants engaged in social action projects. Some stayed at Temple Shalom and helped pack bags for Backpack Buddies and make food for Elijah's Promise, a soup kitchen in New Brunswick. A second group went to the Sunrise Assisted Living of Lincroft and the Atrium Senior Living in Matawan, where they socialized and played games with the residents. A third group went to Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program in Freehold where they learned about local efforts to assist Monmouth County residents. After dinner with their host families, the teens returned to Temple Shalom for Havdalah and a night of big fun: roller skating at the Woodbridge Community Center!

Fall Kallah wrapped up Sunday morning with breakfast and goodbyes at Temple Shalom.

Overall, it was a great weekend for everyone involved. For most of the Temple Shalom participants it was their first NFTY event. As one teen said, "if this wasn't being held at Temple Shalom, I would not have gone, but I'm really glad I did come and I will definitely attend more NFTY events."

A special thanks to the Host families from Temple Shalom: the Malingers, the Sammut's, the Katzes, the Glicks, the Slomes, the Steinhorns, the Battaglias and the Wassermans. Additionally, thanks to all of the Youth Advisory Committee members who helped with meals: Rhea and David Kaston, Lisa, Brian and Ian Reingold, Samantha Maling, Jenn Katz, Melissa Glick, and Jessica and Brian Sammut. We also could not have made it through the weekend without our outstanding janitorial staff.

Temple Shalom depends on your generosity to keep it financially healthy. There are many vehicles through which you can express your generosity.

Contact the Temple office at 732.566.2621 to make a donation to the following funds:

Stained Glass Window A special gift to honor a Simcha or remember loved ones. Donation: \$5,000

Tree of Life Honor special family occasions with an engraved leaf on the tree bearing the name of the person honored. Donation: \$175

Pews Recognize a Simcha or memorial with a plate affixed to a pew. Donation: \$300 for a double seat; \$450 for a triple seat

Friday Night Oneg Sponsorship Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, engagement, marriage, Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Minimum donation: \$75

Memorial (Yahrzeit) Plaque The traditional way to memorialize those who have passed away. Names read from the pulpit on their yahrzeit each year.

Donation: \$225 members; \$325 non-members

Tree for Israel Certificates A gift with special significance; helps the restoration of Israel's forests.

Donation: \$18 per tree

There is a minimum \$10 donation for the following funds:

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund - Rabbi's discretion.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund - Cantor's discretion.

Israeli Scholarship Fund helps Confirmation class members pay for URJ-sponsored trip to Israel.

Library Fund for new books and support for the library.

Mitzvah Fund to support various areas of need in Temple.

Prayer Book Fund maintains prayer books. Book plates may be purchased for \$25.

Religious School Enhancement Fund for special programs to enhance religious school education.

The Golden Book Fund (WTS) for community projects, nursing home visits, gifts, etc. Contact Samantha Malingier at samjab@optonline.net.

The Growing Fund (WTS) to celebrate and honor occasions and accomplishments of children and support Tot Shabbat and Temple Tots programs. Contact Samantha Malingier at samjab@optonline.net.

Mitzvah Corps Fund to assist the children participating in the NFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps.

Alan J Malingier Rock Shabbat Fund supports Rock Shabbat and other special music programs.

Alfred Sackerman Memorial Garden Fund supports maintenance and beautification of the garden at the Temple's main entrance

Burton J. Jacowitz Social Justice Fund provides one merit-based award annually to a Confirmation student who attends the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Larry Sadja Memorial Fund to provide funds for the beautification of the sanctuary and the building.

Lear-Winograd College Connection Fund helps to keep in contact with higher education students living away from home.

Lee Gura Music and Choir Fund for support needed by Cantor and Choir.

Michael Henry Memorial Children's Fund assists financially needy children in pursuit of Jewish experiences

Natalie Rubin Family Caring Fund helps fund activities and support groups needed by Temple families through the Caring Community.

Ronald Arnold Youth Fund supports Temple Youth programs.

Saul Sahner Library/Education Endowment to provide financial support for the library as well as to encourage and support research and scholarship.

Scholar-in-Residence Fund to assist in securing appropriate scholars to participate in the annual Scholar-in-Residence program.

Shalom Cares to provide Shabbat meals and/or other items to bereaved families and to those who are coping with serious illness. Sponsored by the Kimmish family.

Shalom Rocks Concert Fund provides inspiring and energizing Jewish music that brings our community together in song.

The Technology Fund to assist in maintaining a viable computer network and training for efficient Temple operations.

The William and Harriet Kossin Memorial Backpack Buddies Fund to support local school children to end hunger, one backpack at a time.

Wallace H. Steinberg Family Education Fund to provide funds for Family Education programs.

Funds Spotlight

Leo Stamm, Chairperson

Alan J Malingier Rock Shabbat Fund

This fund was established earlier this year by Dennis & Phyllis Malingier, in loving memory of their brother Alan J Malingier.

The purpose of The Alan J Malingier Rock Shabbat Fund is for support of Rock Shabbat services and other special music programs here at Temple Shalom. A committee was formed to pursue popular Jewish talent to come to the Temple to musically enhance selected Friday night services. The first of the 2019/2020 services was on November 1st with Noah Aronson. Watch for announcements related to upcoming Friday night services with Elana Arian on March 27, 2020 and Joe Buchanan on May 15, 2020.

Please be generous with your contributions to this and all other Temple funds

Worship Committee

Allan Rubenstein, Co-chairperson

The festival of Chanukah, which begins every year on the 25th of Kislev, is known as the "Festival of Lights". But there is more to this festival than just latkes and menorahs. It represents 'Dedication', the Hebrew word that defines the festival, in the successful restoration of ritual purity to Judaism's holiest site. In commemorating the Maccabean victory over Greek-Syrian oppression, Chanukah also celebrates risk-taking and courage; the classic triumph of the underdog over the more powerful. It is a reminder that ordinary people can defy the odds and reclaim what is rightfully theirs.

There is also a lesson to be learned for today in that a minority people will always strive for political self-determination and autonomy. Chanukah can often fall during the same season as Christmas. By celebrating Chanukah, we share with our non-Jewish neighbors our mutual love of family and at the same time maintain our unique cultural and religious identity as Jews.

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Dana Battaglia, Interim Chairperson

Our goal is to explore and implement ways to increase our membership size, while we sustain and support our current membership. The conversation includes: dues structure, advertising, communication and research.

We are always searching for more involvement from our congregation, so we may better service the Temple. It can be quite rewarding to work with a group of people engaged with the goal of supporting this great community. When people work together for a common task, the results are plentiful. Please consider being a part of the goal. The conversation is really the most important part of the involvement.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm, at the Temple.

Also, please be aware that IN REPLACEMENT of the 'Gift of Membership' program we are now offering a first year membership rate of \$360 to all new members. This rate does not include school tuition. If you know of people in your circle that are looking to be engaged in a Temple community and all that comes with that experience, please spread the word.

We hope to see some of you come out and join the conversation for this important movement!

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Eileen Hanahan	In memory of Neil Resnick
The Rippel Family	In memory of beloved mother Betty Rosenthal
Goldstein Family	Thank you Rabbi for your help and support
Bruce Rubenstein and Barbara Kluger	In honor of the marriage of Josh & Heather Enoch
Carole Silvergold.	Sheila & Jeff Phillips in memory of your sister & sister-in-law
WILLIAM & HARRIET KOSSIN BACKPACK BUDDIES FUND:	
Shelli and Steve Altman	Roberta Portilla in memory of your brother Neil Resnick
The Gold Family	in memory of Dr. Sanford Gold
	In memory of Joseph Balsamo, father of Margaret
	In memory of Marvin Speisen
Evelyn Lipitz	In memory of Eva Friendlander
Paula Morgan	In memory of Tillie Brody
Leah Falk	In memory of Sally Gertler
Tante Paula and Uncle Johnny	In memory of Barbara Kostrin
Ellen Crupi	In memory of my mother, Lynne Bloch
MITZVAH FUND:	
Marlene and John Maciaszek	Judy Cohen In loving memory of your brother David
Mildred Lautman	In memory of Esther Berson
Marilyn and Michael Seletsky	In memory of Andrew D'Amore
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Helene Monat	In memory of Al Goldberg, loved always
	In memory of Mel Spungin, loved always
RONALD ARNOLD YOUTH FUND:	
Martin Schlank	In memory of my father Sam Schlank
SAUL SAHNER LIBRARY FUND:	
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TREES FOR ISRAEL:	
Shelli and Steve Altman	Terry and Joel Brown in memory of Bella Tanenbaum
	Stuart & Amy Perlmetter in memory of Adele Begelma

Do You Know...Ashley Semaza?

By Lori Beth Solomon

Each issue of the Shalom will spotlight different members of our Temple community.



Family:

My husband's name is Doron. We got married last August on our birthdays which we share. We also first met on our birthdays. We live in the Bayshore area. We do not have children yet but are hoping soon to be blessed with some. I was born and raised in Wisconsin which is very different from New Jersey. I have family spread across the United States.

Occupation:

I am a Business Office Assistant Manager for an assisted living facility as well as Real Estate Agent for Long & Foster. I love both my careers.

Why did you decide to join Temple Shalom?

My husband and I recently joined Temple Shalom. I liked the feel of the temple and Rabbi Malingers was very welcoming. Last December, I converted to Judaism with the guidance and instruction of Rabbi Malingers. He helped me to understand what was expected of me and what I needed to know to convert.

What temple committees or projects have you been involved with?

Since becoming a member, I am involved with WTS and membership committee. I also like to participate in Torah studies led by Rabbi Malingers.

Tell us something others might not know about you.

I love to cook and usually make the food from scratch. I tend to cook for a small army since I came from a large immediate and extended family.

What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Chanukah. I like that it often coincides with Christmas which is the holiday that my family celebrates. I also like that if you choose to give gifts there are eight nights of gifts which symbolizes the eight nights the oil lasted in the menorah. In my family it seems like there are many more gifts expected for our Christmas celebration than just the eight of Chanukah.

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