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A Reform Congregation

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FROM THE RABBI

People often ask me, as a rabbi, various questions about Judaism. People often ask me what Judaism believes about God. They ask me if Judaism believes in life after death and, if so, what Judaism says about life after death. And they ask me what Judaism says about how God allowed the Holocaust to happen.

And when I try to answer these various questions, I really can only tell people what I think. I can't tell them what Judaism says because various Jewish thinkers have different answers to each of these questions. Orthodox Judaism may have certain answers, but even in the Orthodox movement, there are variations in the thinking of different authorities. And in both the Conservative and Reform movements, there are no uniform answers.

I'm reminded of a very important Jewish thinker of the Twentieth Century, Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement. Rabbi Kaplan always wore a kippah. He only ate kosher food. He observed Shabbat and the various Jewish holidays in accordance with traditional Jewish practice. Somebody not aware of Rabbi Kaplan's philosophy would have thought he was a practicing Orthodox Jew.

But Rabbi Kaplan was a religious naturalist. He didn't believe in a personal God. He believed in God as a philosophical construct - as the sum of all forces in the universe which elevate humanity. He didn't believe in life after death. He didn't believe in the various miracles described in the Bible and he believed that Jewish rituals are folkways, not laws given by God.

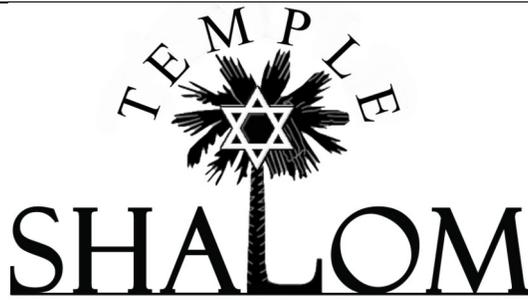
And yet Rabbi Kaplan was a practicing, observant Jew. He lived an authentically Jewish life by attendance at religious services, by engaging in Jewish study, by observing Shabbat and Jewish holidays and Jewish rituals and by being a compassionate and charitable person.

Too many of us just give lip service to our Jewish heritage. We're cardiac Jews. We feel we have a Jewish heart. We're offended by anti-Semitism and we're strong supporters of the State of Israel and we may even be generous contributors to the synagogue. But there is very little Jewish content in our lives. In Judaism, it's not what you think that counts, it's what you do. To act authentically Jewish, you have to do Jewish things.

One of the cardinal principles of Judaism is respect for parents. The Fifth Commandment instructs us to "Honor your father and your mother." And the Jewish way - the Jewish way - of remembering a parent or other loved one who has passed away is to commemorate the departed loved one's Yahrzeit date. Now Yahrzeit in English means "year's time." It's the anniversary of the loved one's death - a date which you submitted to the temple when you filled out your membership application. Honoring the Yahrzeit of a departed loved one is a time-honored practice observed by all branches of Judaism - by Orthodox, by Conservative and by Reform. It is a time-honored practice for a Jew to attend synagogue services on the Shabbat preceding the anniversary of the loved one's death - the loved one's Yahrzeit date. And at that Shabbat service, the name of the departed loved one is on the temple's Yahrzeit list and is read aloud by me along with the name of the temple member who is related to that loved one.

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SHABBAT SERVICES

We meet at 4023 Belle Terre Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC. Parking is located in front and in back of the building.

Our **Friday evening** services begin at 7:30pm. There is an Oneg after services. On **Saturday mornings** services begin at 10:30 am. A small Kiddush is celebrated after services.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:



As I write this article for this month I think about when we moved to Myrtle Beach and then in the Spring of 2005 when I first dreamed of a Reform Congregation in Myrtle Beach . I look back over the thirteen years that we have been together and all we have accomplished as a young congregation . I could not be prouder. It has been my privilege to serve as the president for as many years as I have. I hope my terms of office as president of Temple Shalom has been as good for our Temple as it has been for me.

As my time as President is drawing to a close it makes me think of **Deuteronomy**. Adonai spoke to Moses and told him the end was coming , and he wanted to be sure that the Israelites understood all that had happened under Moses' leadership. Adonai told Moses to set forth what they must do and remember as they crossed into the promised land of milk and honey.

I write this because we must have dedicated men and women to step up and take leadership roles. Temple Shalom will always remain strong and be able to continue the work we started together. I will always be a part of the Board of Temple Shalom and I will be available to all that need my input in the coming years. I write this as life is changing and I must be available to take charge of Ze'ev and myself. I so want to do the right thing and be sure we have enough time to have all positions in place before the end of my current term of office.

I look forward to talking to each of you to listen to your ideas and input and even help implement them.

My love and respect to all of you. I wish you a happy health and prosperous new year.

Lily Ann Revitch

President Temple Shalom

FROM THE RABBI (from page one)

And, in keeping with the Jewish tradition, the temple member whose loved one's name is read recites the Kaddish prayer at that service. This is a time honored practice which has been observed by Jews throughout the world for many years. Jews who rarely attend services will make it a point to be at the Shabbat services preceding the Yahrzeit date of a deceased loved one.

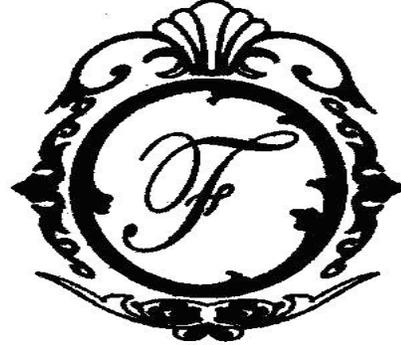
Now we don't pull these Yahrzeit names out of a hat. The names of these departed loved ones are provided by the person joining the temple when he/she fills out his/her membership application. The Yahrzeit names for the month appear in the temple bulletin along with the relationship of the departed loved one to the temple member. The temple also sends you a reminder of the Yahrzeit date and the Shabbat services when your departed loved one's name will be announced, so you know when you should attend services to recite the Kaddish prayer in his/her memory. And you can come to either the Friday evening or Saturday morning service.

At every Shabbat service, I read the names on the Yahrzeit list for the coming week along with the name of the temple member who is related to that departed loved one and who should be at services to hear the name read and to recite the Kaddish prayer. But if you're not present at services to hear the name of your departed loved one read aloud - a name which you submitted on your membership application - then my reading the name is really an embarrassment to you. Because those present at the service will wonder why you - the person who submitted the name of the departed loved one to the temple - aren't present for the reading of your departed loved one's name on the Yahrzeit list. Now I don't wish to embarrass any member of this temple. So if you don't want to follow this time-honored Jewish practice of attending services for your loved one's Yahrzeit - or if you're ill or will be out of town and would like me to read the name of your departed loved one when you will be in town - just let me know in advance and I'll omit your departed loved one's name when I read the Yahrzeit list for the week.

But you have to let me know.

Rabbi Weissman

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**ONEG
NEWS**



Dave and I want to wish our Temple family a very happy and healthy 2018! Oneg dates available: March 2, 16 and 30, April 6 and 27.

Many other dates are also open for your choosing. If you have any questions about what to bring or the ritual for lighting the Shabbat candles, please just ask me. And remember that cleaning up after the Oneg is the responsibility of the provider for the evening. There are always people around willing to help but it is that person's job to make sure it's done and the garbage is removed.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

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Tree of Life

Felice & Sam Breidner in Honor of their Grandchildren
 Sam Breidner in Honor of Felice's 75th Birthday
 Linda Post for Bobs 76th Birthday

High Holiday Contribution

Marc & Rebecca Kaplan

Birthday

Joan Paxton	January 5
Laurie Ward	January 7
Wallace Silverman	January 13
Mary Lehman	January 19
Linda Post	January 20
Flo Pflaster	January 23
Shirley Nathan	January 27

Yahrzeits January

Lillian Wine Fogel	Aunt	of	Beth	Crow	1
Etta Lukas	Mother	of	Cary	Lukas	2
Marilyn Moore	Friend	of	Janet	Cohen	2
Neal Bramlett	brother-in-law	of	Beth	Crow	3
George Falk	Father	of	Arthur	Falk	4
Victoria Samler	Sister	of	Jessica	Forman	4
Ethel A. Firestone	Mother	of	Steve	Firestone	6
Iris Pieniek	Wife	of	Ari	Pieniek	8
Jacob Friedman	Father	of	Geraldine	Silverman	11
William Goldberg	Father	of	Ina	Falk	15
Lena Warshafsky	grandmother	of	Linda	Post	16
Selma Simon	Mother	of	Samuel	Breidner	18
Esther Komito Schlanger	Grandmother	of	Dorothy	McCawley	20
Irving Stoller	Father	of	David	Stoller	25
Wolf Bereslawsky	gtgrandfather	of	Beth	Crow	30

HOW DO I HELP TEMPLE SHALOM TO GROW ?

Let me tell you some of the ways:

1. Support synagogue events.
2. Sponsor an Oneg
3. Join the Chai Club
4. Amazon Smile
5. Link Temple Shalom to your Kroger Card
6. Join Sisterhood
7. Join Brotherhood
8. Donations
 - Yahrzeit
 - Memorial Plaque
 - Purchase a Prayer Book
 - Mitzvahs
9. Purchase a cemetery plot

If you would like to participate in one of the above and need some help please contact LilyAnn Revitch or Linda Post.

From the editor's desk

**Deadline for February Bulletin is
January 23, 2018**

Submission is via e-mail to :
djp3747@atmc.net

January 2018

14 TEVET – 15 SHEVAT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 14 TEVET	2 15 TEVET	3 16 TEVET	4 17 TEVET	5  Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Jessica For- man sister's Yahrzeit 18 TEVET	6 Morning Service 10:30AM 19 TEVET
7 10:30 AM Sisterhood New Year Brunch 20 TEVET	8 21 TEVET	9 22 TEVET	10 23 TEVET	11 24 TEVET	12  Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Hope & Mike Sachwald 25 TEVET	13 Morning Service 10:30 A.M. 26 TEVET
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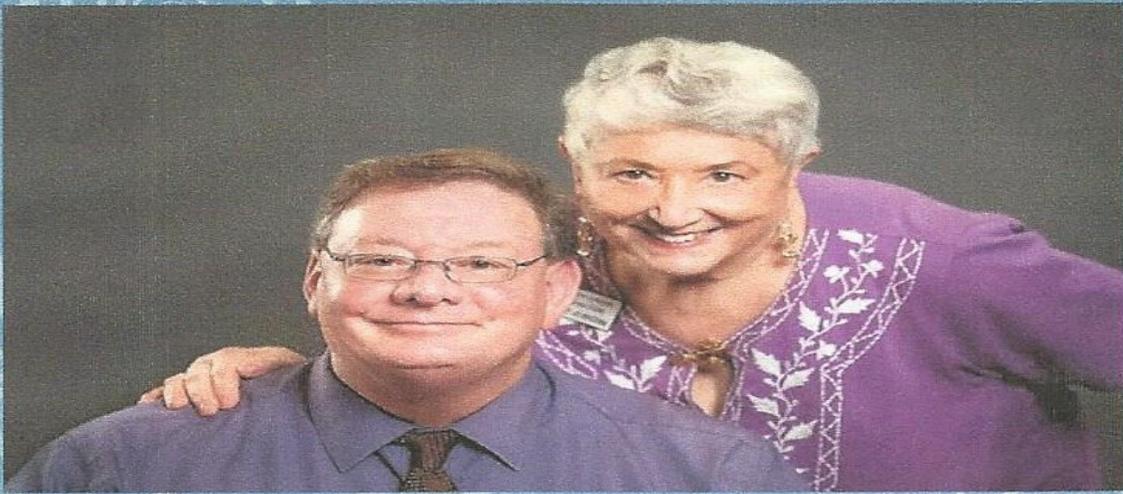
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2017 Chanukah Party



TEMPLE SHALOM PANTRY

Donations accepted year round of paper towels, small bottles of water (cases please), toilet paper, and napkins. We use these items regularly and we are running low. Please just leave your donation on the kitchen counter and we will put it in our stash. Thanks. Cookie

LIBRARY

We have quite a few books for your reading pleasure in our library in the conference room. Please feel free to take books and enjoy!

MAH JONGG

We have a drop-in game going every Monday, 1-4 PM. Nice players, good games, just bring your card and \$4.00. We all make a \$1.00 donation to the Temple Tzedakah jar. Coffee is always on but bring your own snacks. See you there!

Sisterhood News

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2018!

On December 14, 2017 Sisterhood held its Chanukah/Holiday Luncheon at Valentino's Surfside. The company was splendid and the food delicious. Everyone who attended had a great time! A big thank you goes to Meryl Chiarello for arranging this event! We also collected \$150.00 in donations to benefit Project Lighthouse, a facility designed to provide help and support to teens in crisis. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy organization!

On December 17, 2017 we celebrated Hanukkah at our annual Hanukkah Happening event. We had an amazing turnout and a great smorgasbord of holiday food and treats for everyone. I would like to thank all those who donated food and raffle prizes to make it so successful and all the vendors for their generous donations. Special thanks to the Rabbi for his wonderful introduction and Jewish jokes to start the festivities, Dorothy McCawley and Joseph Miranda for their lively holiday music, Lily Ann Revitch for help and donating her kitchen to cook the latkes, Gabe Brenner, Tom & Tony Chiarello and Mike Ward for helping to set up, break down and sell raffles, and Michelle Foels for being a fabulous emcee to keep the fun flowing. I would like to thank Cookie Brenner for co-chairing this event with me as well as Meryl Chiarello, Lynn Sostrin, Michelle Foels & Shelley Foels for all their hard work behind the scenes to make it a monumental success! Let's do it again next year!

Please join Sisterhood on **Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 10:30 am**, for **Sisterhood's Sunday morning brunch and soap making program!** Let's wipe the slate clean and have some fun to start off 2018. There is no better way to wipe the slate clean than with your own homemade soap. The cost of \$20.00 per person will cover a scrumptious meal of bagels and lox and other tasty treats and our own homemade soap creations at the Temple with our fellow Sisters. All women of Temple Shalom and your friends are welcome. Attendees can bring homemade desserts if they wish. **RSVP is required. Your check of \$20.00 made out to Temple Shalom Sisterhood, is your reservation. See the flyer in this bulletin for more info.** If you have not already signed up for this event, please mail in your check now. Thank you, Irene Klein, for coordinating this program.

Sisterhood has several events planned for the end of January and in February, after football and Super Bowl, so more people can participate. Please look for more information to follow in January. Several other events have also been planned for the rest of the year, so please join us for all the fun and entertainment!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Ann Lempert, Bobbie Guseman, Lynn Sostrin and anyone else who is not feeling well or having some difficulty in their lives. Hugs and kisses to you from your Sisters in Sisterhood.

IMPORTANT: Our next meeting is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 at 7:15 pm. We will be asking for volunteers for the Sisterhood Nominations Committee. Sisterhood is the backbone of Temple Shalom and our current Board has worked tirelessly to provide fun and meaningful programs for the entire congregation to enjoy. I know that we all want our successes to continue well into the future. Please consider serving on the Nominations Committee and/or running for a position on the Board. I will be continuing on the Board as Past President to help and support the next one. Hope to see you all there.

Have a Healthy and happy New Year. Hope to see you all in 2018!

Laurie Ward, Sisterhood President

Town Hall breakfast

Temple Shalom's Board invites our congregants to a Town Hall breakfast at the temple on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Breakfast starts at 10:30 AM.



The purpose of the event is to discuss future leadership, what needs to be taken care of at the temple, upcoming board and officer elections and roles, etc.

It is free but limited to members and their spouses/significant others.

Please **SAVE the DATE** **February 11, 2018**
Starts at 10:30 AM

Board meeting highlights – December 13, 2017

Ze'ev and Lily Ann Revitch made a donation of \$39,000 to the temple to be used to pay down 2 years of the existing loan on the building. This was gratefully accepted by the board. This donation increases the paid part of the original \$255,000 loan to \$93,173.50 leaving eight years and five months on the remaining balance to be paid

Building – the roof was finished before Yom Kippur. We had some heating issues which were probably due to an electrical glitch. The thermostat is set on 72 year round and it is locked. Please contact Gabe immediately if you notice the building temperature has changed dramatically. The Hanukkah Happening sign is up and future signs can be put up for 30 days. Gabe will cement the posts into the ground

A congregation **Town Hall breakfast will be held on February 11.**

Many of our board and officers have led the temple for many years. We need to start building new leadership, ideas, and general help around the building and now is the time for old and new members to get even more involved in the temple. Elections are in June and there are board and officer positions open. The building needs a committee to work on the grounds, etc. etc. Each officer and chair person will present information regarding their responsibilities. Come for breakfast!!!

The board voted to donate \$300 from the Tzedakah jar to a temple in Puerto Rico that was decimated in the hurricane.