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A Reform Congregation

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FROM THE RABBI

(This article is adapted from a sermon I gave at Shabbat services on Friday evening, April 27th.)



As we get older, many of us become more interested in the topic: What happens to me after I die? Do I just cease to exist? Or do I continue to live on in some form?

The world we live in is a physical world. We can speak because we have a mouth and tongue. We can see because we have eyes. We can hear because we have ears. We can physically feel things because we have a body whose various parts can come in contact with other physical things.

But once we die, we no longer live in this physical world. If someone is buried in the ground, he no longer has any of these physical senses. He can't speak, he can't hear, he can't see and he can't touch. And eventually the body decomposes. And all that's left are skeleton fragments

Today, an increasing number of people are cremated when they die. For these people, all that's left is a heap of ashes which can fit into an urn.

So if there's life after death, what is it that survives.

I read obituaries in the newspaper. And many of these obituaries say that the person who has died has joined his previously deceased loved ones in heaven. And all our deceased loved ones are looking down upon us.

And sometimes people will say that their departed loved ones are doing the same thing in heaven that they did while they were alive on earth. So if someone told a lot of jokes in his earthly existence, he's telling jokes in heaven. Or if someone liked to play poker on earth, he's playing poker in heaven.

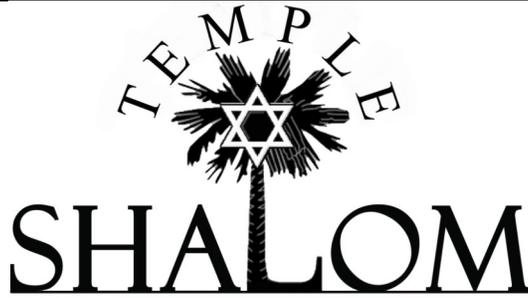
But where is heaven? And if people who have passed away no longer have a physical existence, how can they be doing these things in heaven? So what is it about people who pass away that survives?

In Orthodox and Conservative Jewish prayer books, God is referred to as (physically) "resurrecting the dead" (m'chayeih hameitim in Hebrew). The Reform Jewish prayer book is more cautious and refers to God as "giving life to all" (m'chyeih hakol in Hebrew), but, for those who prefer, provides an optional reference to God as "resurrecting the dead."

I find it difficult to believe in an actual physical resurrection for human beings after death. And, on a persona level, one thing that has never been clarified is which of my physical bodies will be resurrected. Will it be my thirty year old body? My sixty year old body? My eighty-two year old body? I guess you can surmise which body I would prefer..

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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:



Dear members.

This is the last bulletin for the fiscal year 2017-2018 The years seem to go by so quickly. We will start our thirteenth year this July 1st. As I have said many times before it takes many people to make a congregation run smoothly. Our Rabbi and your President are the ones that are seen the most, but so many others work on behalf of our Temple. Our Vice President Cookie Brenner, our treasurer Michelle Foels, our new Secretary Mary Lehman. Our Board of Directors, and our unsung heroes: the WebMaster David Pflaster, House Chair Gabe Brenner, Sisterhood President Laurie Ward, Irene Klein who has chaired our many Mah Jongg Marathons, and all her helpers, Linda Post co-chairs Shabbat dinners & Passover Seders. My thanks to Mary Weissman who is always willing to help set up our onegs. Flo Pflaster makes sure that the Onegs are covered by our many members. Burt Kramer takes care of the Prayer books, Dave Stoller always willing to pitch in. You are the true forces that keeps our Temple running. Mazel Tov to Charles Lukas on his Bar Mitzvah this June, We have watched him grow into the fine young man he is. It will be our privilege to see him called to the Torah on June 9, 2018. As I approach the last year of my Presidential duties I pray that our congregation remains strong and each one of you will do your part to insure that our congregation continues to be vibrant, and that our doors our always open to all that want to enter. May the blessing of Adonai always be with us. May this new season 2018-2019 Be the best of all years for each of us and our congregation

Lily Ann Revitch
President.

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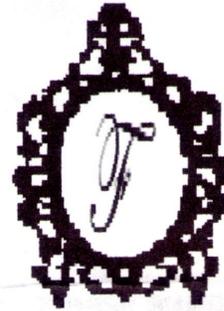
Mah Jongg Marathon June 19th 9:30 AM

Congregational Meeting June 24th 10:30 AM

Summer Bulletin will Combine July/August

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We all pray that those who are mentioned on the Mi Sheberach list each Shabbat regain their health and continue to join us. However, Beginning immediately, persons whose names are on the list will be mentioned each Shabbat for a period of 30 days. If you want to extend that mention beyond the 30 days, please contact Rabbi Weissman each month as appropriate. As always, at Shabbat services you can add a name to the Mi Sheberach list.

ONEG NEWS

Now that we are back from our fantastic trip to Japan and across the Bering Sea-we can enjoy our summer at home-until we leave again!
Oneg dates are filling up but there is lots of availability still left. All the Fridays in August are waiting for someone. Also available are some dates in Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. So if you have a special occasion to celebrate, a yahrtzeit to commemorate, or just haven't done one in a while, let me know. If you aren't sure exactly what to do, I'll help walk you through the process, which is really quite simple.



Thanks and enjoy your summer!

Flo Pflaster

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(Rabbi David Weissman 's Article Continued From Page 1)

You'll often hear it said that the soul survives. But what is a soul? I would say that a soul refers to consciousness. What distinguishes living creatures from inanimate objects is consciousness – an awareness of our own existence and an awareness of the existence of entities beyond our own existence. But if our sense of consciousness survives our physical existence, then this sense of consciousness survives without any of the senses which our physical existence – our bodies provide – without such things as the ability to talk, the ability to hear, the ability to see and the ability to touch.

Our physical bodies have various organs, each with a different function. One of these organs is the brain. And scientists tell us that different parts of the brain perform different functions. But the brain and the mind aren't synonymous. The mind is an intangible thing. The mind is the part of a human being that provides consciousness – a sense of self-awareness and the ability to reason, understand, to ability to perceive, the ability to experience emotion, the ability to love, the ability to have compassion, the ability to have a sense of obligation, the ability to have a sense of loyalty, the ability to have a sense of honor. These are all the things that make up someone's personality. And the mind is the storehouse of a person's memories.

And so if anything survives when a person passes away, it's this sense of consciousness which we can call the soul or the mind.

I dream a lot. When I'm sleeping, my eyes are closed so I can't see, I don't talk, I don't hear and I don't have the ability to touch. And , yet in my dreams, I see, talk, hear and touch. So perhaps this is what life is like after death.

In the year 2000, a Conservative rabbi by the name of Elie Kaplan Spitz wrote a book entitled "Does the Soul Survive?" I originally read the book shortly after it was first published, but as the topic of the book became more relevant to me as I got older, I recently decided to reread it.

Basically, Rabbi Spitz gives two main arguments for believing in life after death:

The first argument is the well-documented experiences of people who had near death experiences or people who were declared clinically- dead, but were then revived. All of these people recounted similar experiences of being drawn into a powerful light, of experiencing a flashback of the lives they had lived, and of being greeted by departed loved ones during the period when they were unconscious.

The second argument involves documented reports by respected scientists that people placed under hypnosis have been able to remember places and events from passed lives they have lived which they had no way of knowing about other than by having lived in a prior existence. Under hypnosis, some of these people were even able to speak a foreign language they had never been exposed to in their present lives. These hypnotic sessions were conducted by highly-trained, highly-respected professionals, not by some phony carnival charlatans. The conclusion is that when people die, their souls are eventually reincarnated into other physical bodies. And a belief in the reincarnation of the soul is a belief which appears in many Jewish mystical writings.

We often say that we live on in the good deeds we performed while we were alive in this world. We live on in the positive impact we've had on the lives of those who survive us. And I've often said that in delivering a eulogy at a funeral.

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But I think it would be much more comforting to say that we live on as distinct entities unto ourselves – that our consciousness, our souls, our minds, survive our physical existence. I think it's much more comforting to live on as ourselves than to live on in the minds of those who survive us.

In the Talmud, Rabbi Yochanan said: Every prophet prophesied only for the days of the Messiah; but as for the World to Come (the world beyond the grave), no eye has seen what God has prepared for us.

Can I say that there is 100% proof of life beyond the grave? The answer is "NO." But Rabbi Spitz's conclusions are not based on the tenets of any particular religious persuasion. They are based on empirical evidence. If you want to explore this topic further, I recommend that you read the book. You can buy it at amazon.com.

In a rabbinic work known as the Tosefta, which is about two thousand years old, there is an ecumenical statement that "there is a place in the world to come for the righteous of all nations." I think what this means is that not only do our good deeds live on in the minds of those who survive us, but they also accrue to our benefit in our own existence beyond death.

Rabbi David Weissman

SISTERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please support our ongoing fundraisers - **Rada Knives and Tribute Cards**. **Rada Knives** are great for personal use as well as making great gifts, especially Mother's Day gifts. Please contact Wendy Margulies at [843-399-3106](tel:843-399-3106) for additional information and ordering.

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Thank you in advance for participating in these charitable endeavors!

Sisterhood News

by Laurie Ward, President

This will be my last bulletin article as your President of Sisterhood of Temple Shalom. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your President these past two years.

Sisterhood sponsored a Queen's Tea on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 2:00 pm at the French Twist Tea Room. High Tea was served and there were some raffles and door prizes. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to Wendy Margulies for planning this special event for us.

Many thanks are due to the outgoing Sisterhood Board members who served so ably over the past two years. During that time we held many successful fundraisers, programs and social events – Attractions Books, Challah and Honey Cake Sales, New Year's Cards, Rada Knives, Tribute Cards, Break the Fast, Chanukah Happening, Sisterhood Shabbat, Winter/Chanukah Luncheon, Queen's Tea and Havdalah Café and Movie socials. In addition to our fundraisers and events, we also supported several community organizations with donations of food, clothing, toiletries and school supplies in addition to our monetary donations to these organizations which include Help 4 Kids, New Directions for Families, Myrtle Beach Haven, Seahaven Shelter for Teens, Hope House, Hurricane Relief and various food pantries. Our membership is stable and we are proud of our contributions to Temple Shalom and the community.

At our May 6th general membership Brunch meeting, we elected a new Board that will ably carry on Sisterhood's tradition of service, community building, fellowship and fun. Mazel Tov to Wendy Margulies and her new Board. I know she will be a fantastic leader.

Wendy Margulies	Vice President
Lynn Sostrin	Secretary
Sheila Honer	Treasurer
Laurie Ward	Past President
Meryl Chiarello	Member-at-Large
Mickie Feiden	Member-at-Large
Bobbie Guseman	Member-at-Large
Irene Klein	Member-at-Large

Our final event of the year was our paid up membership Closing Luncheon which took place on May 31, 2018 at 12:30 pm at Damon's in Myrtle Beach. We thanked our current Board for their service and installed our new Board at that time. This month will be a transition period from our previous Board to our new one.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to work with and lead such a great group of women. As I leave two years of having the honor of being your Sisterhood President, may we continue to recognize the value that each of us brings individually to create a strong and vibrant community, and appreciate, in turn, all that our community does to enrich our lives.

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Felice Breidner

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Marc Kaplan

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The Board of Directors has agreed to this proposed slate. Any Temple Shalom member in good standing who wishes to run for one of the offices or Board positions may be nominated at the meeting with the consent of the nominee. Please contact Lily Ann if you have any questions. Ballots will be sent out in June.

The following terms expire June 30, 2019

President – Lily Ann Revitch –

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Board of Directors

Natalie Kramer

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Temple Shalom

Annual Congregation Meeting

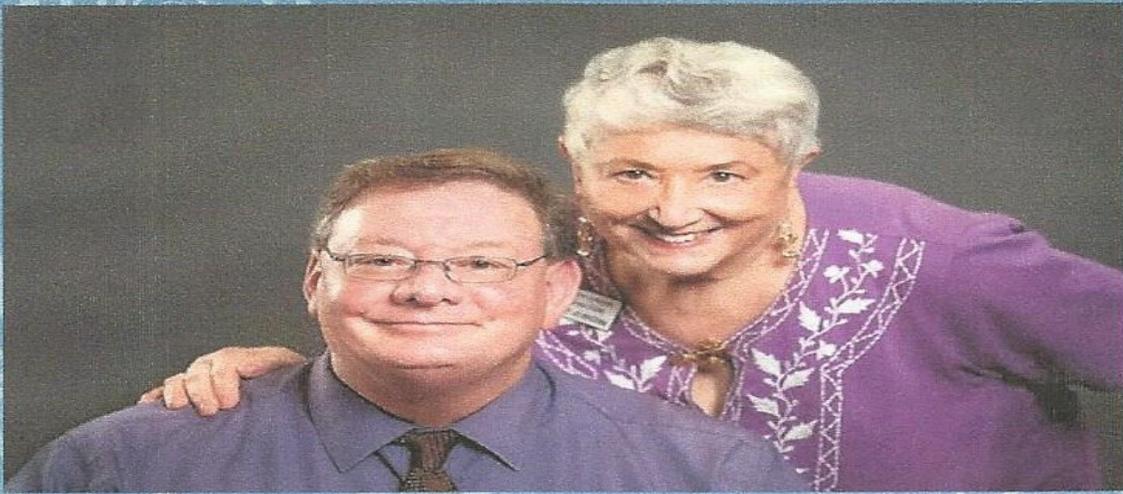
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Brunch

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Birthday

Rabbi David Weissman	June 5
James Klein	June 11
Suzanne Liebson	June 14
Nora Rosenberg	June 17
Dorothy McCawley	June 18

Anniversary

Sam & Felice Breidner	June 3
Cookie & Gabe Brenner	June 11
Mary Ann & Sandy Lempert	June 20
Norbert & Sue Flatow	June 23

Yahrzeits June

Helen Huberman	Mother	of	Sheila	Komito	1
Louis Shuman	Father	of	Alvin	Shuman	1
Joseph Finkelstein	Father	Of	Honey	Chiiocco	4
Helen Topaz	Mother	of	Lynn	Sostrin	5
Henry Crow Jr.	Brother	of	Ron	Crow	7
Ruth Allen	Sister	of	David	Weissman	7
Louis Mayer	Brother	of	Max	Mayer	7
Jacob Brenner	Father	of	Gabe	Brenner	12
Henry Wellisch	Father	of	Natalie	Kramer	12
William Jacobs	Father	of	Robert	Jacobs	15
Leo Wine	Father	of	Beth	Crow	15
Howard Corcoran	Father	of	Mary	Lehman	15
Harriet Cohen	Sister	of	Sandy	Lempert	16
Mary Kaplan	Mother	of	Marc	Kaplan	17
Jack Marks	Father in Law	of	Susan	Marks	17
Sali Flatow	Father	of	Norbert	Flatow	18
Rena Hough	Mother	of	Jay	Hough	18
Benjamin Lempert	Father	of	Sandy	Lempert	18
Esther Samler	Mother	of	Jessica	Forman	20
Bessie R. Bereslawsky	Gt. Grand-mother	of	Beth	Crow	20
Claire Wine	Step-mother	of	Beth	Crow	22
David Friedman	Brother	of	Gerald-ine	Silverman	26
Anna Ciesla	Mother	of	Maryann	Lempert	28
Gladys Schechter	Mother	of	Elaine	Luscombe	29

From the editor's desk

**Deadline for July/August Bulletin is
June 23, 2018**Submission is via e-mail to :
djp3747@atmc.net

June 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2				 Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Felice/ Sam Breidner anniversary 18 Sivan	Morning Service 10:30AM 19 Sivan
3 20 Sivan	4 21 Sivan	5 22 Sivan	6 23 Sivan	7 24 Sivan	8  Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Beth Crow 26 Sivan	9 Morning Service 10:30 A.M. Bar Mitzvah of Charles Lukas 26 Sivan
10 27 Sivan	11 28 Sivan	12 29 Sivan	13 30 Sivan	14 1 Tammuz	15  Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Sue/ Norbert Flatow yahrzeit Norbert's father 2 Tammuz	16 Morning Service: 10:30AM 3 Tammuz
17 4 Tammuz	18 5 Tammuz	19 Mah jongg Marathon Doors open 9:30 am 6 Tammuz	20 7 Tammuz	21 8 Tammuzyar	22  Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Maryann/ Sandy Lempert 50th anniversary 9 Tammuz	23 Morning Service: 10:30AM 10 Tammuz
24 10:30 annual Congregational meeting 11 Tammuz	25 12 Tammuz	26 13 Tammuz	27 14 Tammuz	28 15 Tammuz	29 Service: 7:30 PM Oneg: Hope/ Mike Sachwald 16 Tammuz	30 Morning Service: 10:30AM 17 Tammuz

Attention Members

Our annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday June 24, 2018 at 10:30am at the Temple .We must have a quorum to conduct the business of the Temple that is at hand . Please make every effort to attend.

We will serve a Bagel Breakfast before the meeting

Each member in good standing shall have a vote (good standing means Dues for the year 2017-2018 are paid in full or other arrangements have been made). Each member (person) has one vote .

Temple Shalom Proposed Slate for July 2018-June 2020

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The following officers and board members terms expire June 30 2018

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Maryann Lempert is leaving the board voluntarily due to health issues.

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Past Vice president Linda Post
Natalie Kramer
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We will call for nominations from the floor,
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Contact Laurie Ward or Sheila Honer with any questions:

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