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A Reform Congregation

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A Letter from Your President



Writing that heading, I was thinking President of what and who is that? Oh, right; that's me! I volunteered to be President of Temple Shalom. Sandy Cohen, of blessed memory, is laughing at me right now. She would ask what I knew about the happenings at the Temple. I would tell her that I didn't know what was happening, other than at services. Sandy would respond with "you don't know and you don't care." She was partially correct. I was working 60 or more hours a week, driving over 100 miles per week, while serving as the Speech/Language Therapist for 5-9 schools. I was thrilled when I could get home in time to attend Friday night services.

I am now finally, after 47 years, fully retired. I have enjoyed a year of doing some tutoring, lots of virtual classes, painting, drawing, dancing, and making jewelry. When Cookie asked for a volunteer to take over as President of Temple Shalom, I let it go in one ear and out the other. As her asking became a weekly part of announcements, I started thinking that maybe I should volunteer. I have had many leadership roles in my years with the two school systems. I was on the Village Board and then the Columbia Board of Directors in Maryland. After services one Friday, I told Mike that I was going to volunteer. When LilyAnn called to ask if I would run for President, I told her that I would. Boy, was she surprised!

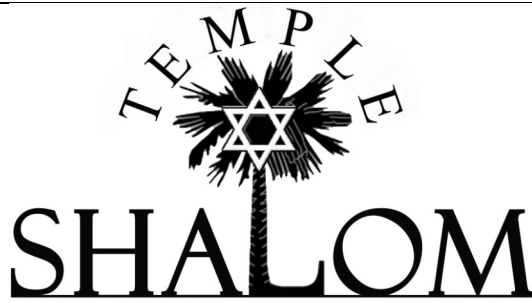
So, now, it is my turn to ask all of you to please volunteer. We need Committee chairs and committee members. We have lots of ideas for new activities and resuming favorite activities; *but*, they can only happen if everyone pitches in. If you help out with a small task or a large job, it will contribute to the whole and be appreciated. I have drafted my husband, of 40 years, to head the Ritual Committee. Although Mike is looking forward to leading services again, he needs other members to volunteer as well. You can volunteer to lead the English readings, the Hebrew readings and chants, and/or do the sermon. You can do the service by yourself or as part of a duo or trio. Please contact Mike Sachwald (msachwald@gmail.com or 843-457-6672) or Hope Sachwald (msachwald@aol.com or 843-457-2037) and volunteer to lead a service.

A special thank you to Laurie, Cookie, Michelle, and Mickie for sharing their knowledge and time for a smooth transition. Thank you to Rabbi Gordy for coordinating with me and answering my sheet of questions. Thanks to Dave for waiting for me to finish writing this not long before deadline. I am looking forward to serving the congregation!

Hope

Friday night services will continue to be live streamed 7:30 PM at www.facebook.com/templeshalommyrtlebeach until further notice.

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SHABBAT SERVICES

We meet at 4023 Belle Terre Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Our **Friday evening** services begin at 7:30pm.

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JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER FOR TEMPLE SHALOM

On Sunday, June 27th, a little known Jewish holiday passed. It's called *Shiv'ah asar b'Tammuz* – the 17th day of the month of *Tammuz*. It's a minor fast day (meaning only from sunrise to sundown) that

commemorates the breach of the walls around Jerusalem during the Roman conquest. But it also begins a three week mourning period leading up to *Tisha B'av* – the 9th day of *Av*, which is like our Jewish bad luck day. I don't want to focus on bad luck or negative things, especially in my first newsletter. But I do think some of the traditions of this period can teach us lessons we can use today.

According to tradition, the first Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE due to the sin of idolatry that had spread across our people in the land of Canaan. One of my teachers, Rabbi Yosef Leibowitz, taught me an interesting twist on the *v'ahvata* prayer following the *Sh'ma*. Instead of reading it as a command for us to love God with "all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our might/ resources", he turns it around and makes it a lesson. "That which you love with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might", Rabbi Leibowitz says, "THAT is your god". If that's true, what is your "God"??

The second Temple, according to rabbinic tradition, was destroyed in 70 CE by the Romans for our sin of *sinat chinam* – wanton, baseless, unbridled hatred. Perhaps we can surmise that this is a worse sin, since it led to almost 2000 years of exile, whereas the idolatry only led to about 60 years of exile.

In our culture today, there are many things that we seem to love "with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our might" that could be seen as idolatry. For some, that's wealth. For others, it's fame. For still others, perhaps it's work itself, or body building, or social media, or whatever it might be that keeps us from building our holy community together. As for baseless hatred, there are unfortunately too many examples of that in our everyday lives in the 21st century. All one has to do is watch or read the news, and we can't avoid hearing about it.

So what do we do about it? That, my friends, I'll discuss in future columns. I look forward to continue meeting you and getting to know you during my first *Shabbat* in Myrtle Beach the weekend of July 23. *Lehitra'ot* – I hope to see you then!!

Rabbi Gordy

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS OF TEMPLE SHALOM!**

**Temple Shalom Officers and Board of Directors
July 2021 – June 2022**

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**President – Hope Sachwald
Vice President – Linda Disselkamp
Secretary – Flo Pflaster
Treasurer – Michelle Foels
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Laurie Ward**

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING YEAR WORKING TOGETHER
FOR
OUR TEMPLE SHALOM FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rabbi Gordon (Rabbi Gordy) Fuller will be leading Shabbat and High Holiday Services on the dates designated below:

July 23	December 4/Chanukah
August 14	January 14
September 6-7/Rosh Hashanah	February 19
September 15-16/Yom Kippur	March 11 or 16
September 20/Sukkot	April 9
September 28/Simchat Torah	May 13
October 22	June 1 or 2/Shavu'ot & Annual
November 19	Congregational Meeting

We need to recruit members to help lead services when Rabbi Gordy is not with us.

You can volunteer to lead the English readings, the Hebrew readings and chants, and/or do the sermon. We will hold training sessions and we have CDs from which you can learn. We are family, so leading those we care about in a service is a mitzvah.

Please contact Mike Sachwald (msachwald@gmail.com or 843-457-6672) or Hope Sachwald (msachwald@aol.com or 843-457-2037) and volunteer to lead a service NOW!

TEMPLE SHALOM HAS RE-OPENED FOR SHABBAT SERVICES EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7:30 PM!

Personal Space: Seats will be distanced apart in groups of one to four. **PLEASE DO NOT MOVE ANY CHAIRS.** While face masks and maintaining a distance of six feet apart at all times are no longer required, please be respectful of those who are not yet comfortable with close proximity and physical contact. Service leaders will stand behind plexiglass so they will sing and chant and read as always. Please be cautious about singing in the audience.

Sanitizing: Wipes and sanitizer will be located at each door and bathroom for your convenience and safety. You are asked and encouraged to bring your own as well.

Live Stream: A tripod will be set up facing the bimah. Michelle Foels will be recording and live streaming services for us. Live streaming may be temporary.

Onegs: For now, the kitchen will be closed. Please bring your own water from home and take your bottle home with you. No onegs will be held during this time. The service leader will perform the Kiddush from the bimah (individual Kiddush cups will be provided to service leaders).

Health and Safety: DO NOT ATTEND SERVICES IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL FOR ANY REASON, COVID RELATED OR NOT! Please know that Temple Shalom is firmly committed to protecting the health and safety of our members.

Saturday morning, July 24th, Rabbi Gordy will lead a study of the Haphtarach portion beginning at 10 AM with services beginning at approximately 10:45 AM. This will be our first Saturday morning learning and service with Rabbi Gordy. Please plan to attend.

Reflections of a Past President

by Laurie Ward

It is hard to believe that my term as co-president of Temple Shalom is coming to an end. I'd like to share some reflections of my term as co-President with you at this time.

Ensuring Temple Shalom's success weighed heavily in my thoughts and was the source of quite a few sleepless nights these past few years. Temple Shalom, like many synagogues, is not immune to the downturn in full paying membership with congregants wrestling with choices of how and where to spend their disposable income. Our Exec. Board, Board of Directors and general membership, most of whom remained with us during this difficult period, have done an exemplary job of keeping Temple Shalom fiscally sound and spiritually relevant these past few years, especially while we were forced to close during the pandemic.

However, the way in which our lay leadership responded to our congregational family, after Rabbi Weissman's retirement and during the pandemic, is an example of what I have found to be most rewarding. For me, knowing the impact Temple Shalom has had in our members' lives, AND the spiritual connections that have been made through our unique community, is what makes me so proud. Additionally, I cannot help but reflect on how blessed and fortunate I have been to work with a dedicated team of phenomenal people: my co-President, Cookie Brenner, our Exec Board & Board of Directors, all of our lay leaders, Rabbi Emeritus and many active members who collectively represent Team Temple Shalom. The collective energy of the team has allowed our synagogue to thrive, function, and embrace "Living Judaism."

When I began my term two years ago as your co-President, enhanced communication and collaborative decision making were important goals. Our Board of Directors and lay leaders made a conscious decision to create a vibrant community where people felt connected. We have had unique and inspiring worship opportunities (particularly those on Facebook and Zoom), inspiring programs including our visiting Southern Rabbi, Friday night Shabbat dinners and services, our Saturday morning services, Sisterhood and Brotherhood themed Shabbat services, Mah Jongg Marathons or Havdalah and movie night get-togethers - these are just a sampling of our diverse and inclusive community programming over the past two years.

One of the unplanned challenges that Cookie and I encountered 2 years ago, was having to undertake a rabbinic search for a new part-time Rabbi, after Rabbi Weissman surprisingly announced his retirement to Florida. But even though it was unexpected, we feel that if we accomplished nothing else while we were President, our involvement in leading the search that led us to finding Rabbi Gordy will have made our term a success. We are ecstatic that he is now part of our congregation, and we are confident that as you have a chance to get to know him, you will come to feel the same.

Reflections of a Past President (cont'd from page 5)

There are so many people to thank, but I would be remiss if I didn't start with my co-President, Cookie Brenner. Cookie has been a wealth of advice, encouragement, and wisdom as well as inspiration and personal support. We have become the closest of friends as well as co-workers. Each of us has strengths that the other doesn't, and together, we worked as a team to get the job done! It would not have been possible for me to have done this alone. Thank you Cookie for everything!

Without a doubt I am also thankful to have served with the finest temple board any president could dream of. Our current Board has spent a great deal of time planning, chairing committees, and ultimately making difficult policy decisions to ensure Temple Shalom remained spiritually vibrant and fiscally accountable, particularly through the pandemic. We have remained the caring family and community we have been for the last fifteen years.

I am also very grateful to our members, who have attended services and programs and have supported Temple Shalom financially as well as spiritually. Many of our congregants have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of our programs and fundraising events. Our membership is comprised of a diverse family of committed Jews wishing to celebrate their faith their way and without judgment. This world could learn by example at how Temple Shalom's diversity has become our strength. It is you, our congregational family, who have helped transform Temple Shalom into a kind and socially responsible community.

We shall soon be passing the gavel to Hope Sachwald and Linda Disselkamp, the heirs to the throne. They both have had the opportunity to be part of the day to day operations of Temple Shalom and have always been supportive of Cookie and I and Temple Shalom. We will continue to advise and support them and their new Board of Directors as much as possible. We wish them every success!

It has been a privilege to be your co-President these past two years. I know I will look back at this time with much affection and a sense of accomplishment because of so many wonderful memories and relationships I have developed at Temple Shalom.

Being part of Temple Shalom's family has left me with a deep sense of warmth and compassion from a community that truly cares!
Thank you very much!!

High Holidays Schedule

Rabbi Gordy will be leading us in these High Holiday Services. Specific times for these services will be announced in the August newsletter

September 6-7/Rosh Hashanah

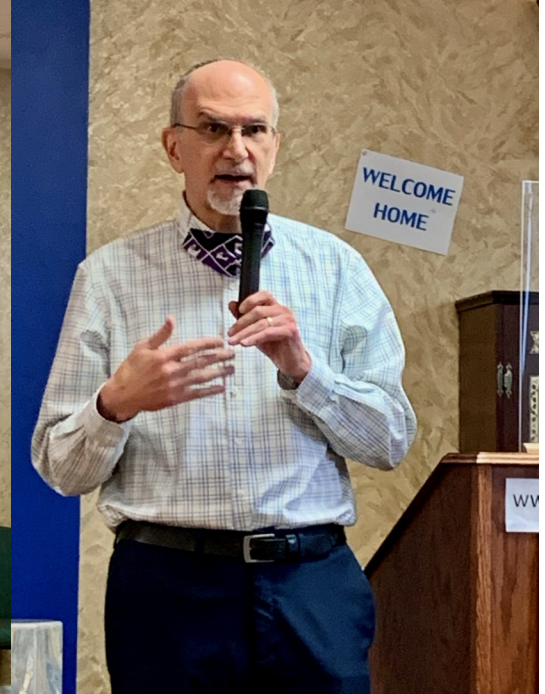
September 15-16/Yom Kippur; September 16 Break the Fast

September 20/Sukkot

September 28/Simchat Torah

Additionally, services for Selichot will be on Saturday, August 28

Annual Congregational Meeting and meeting with our new rabbi
Rabbi Gordon Fuller



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Birthdays

Beth Boettigheimer July 2
 Marc Kaplan July 6
 Bob Seiden July 8
 Lily Ann Revitch July 23
 Shelly Foels July 23
 Sheila Komito July 31
 Geraldine Silverman July 31

Anniversaries

Lily Ann & Ze'ev Revitch July 5
 Joan & Walt Paxton July 6
 Janet & Bill Cohen July 7

Yahrzeits July

Marjory Gans	Sister	Of	Jane	Gans	5
Baruch Revitch	Father	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	7
Eddie Schenker	Grandfather	of	Beth	Crow	10
Jerry Kaplan	Father	of	Marc	Kaplan	11
Rebecca Pollack	Grandmother	of	Lily Ann	Revitch	12
Sylvia Wellisch	Mother	of	Natalie	Kramer	16
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Temple Shalom Congregants,

Please look in your Email for information about this
 years Book of Remembrance.
 It would be very helpful if you respond immediately
 since Yom Kippur is very early.

Thank you,

Sheila Honer

From the editor's desk

**Deadline for August Bulletin is
 July 23, 2021**

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18 9 AV	19 10 AV	20 11 AV	21 12 AV	22 13 AV	23 Service: 7:30PM Rabbi Gordy leading the service 14 AV	24 10 AM Haphtarah study 10:30AM Service with Rabbi Gordy 6:30 PM HAVDALAH CAFÉ AND MOVIE NIGHT 15 AV
25 16 AV	26 17 AV	27 18 AV	28 19 AV	29 20 AV	30 Service: 7:30 PM 21 AV	31 22 AV

Sisterhood News – July 2021

It's been a long 15 months. Although I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work on myself and my health in a meaningful way, I am now ready to move back into a busy cycle of Jewish life in our community.

I want to thank everyone in the Sisterhood who helped me run things in the background, especially my Vice President Bobbie Guseman, and our Past President Laurie Ward. Thank you for always taking my calls. I want to thank my board members Cookie Brenner, Sheila Honer, Lily Ann Revitch, Linda Disselkamp, Jessica Foreman, and Joan Paxton for their commitment to Sisterhood and the synagogue.

The act of fund raising while isolating and social distancing along with a closed building, wasn't easy. We instituted curb side pick-up and other workarounds that made it a bit easier. And in the end, I'm extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish. Because of our members commitment to the community and to Temple Shalom, I am happy to be able to donate a check for \$1,208.75. Thank you to everyone that helped, bought, and showed up at the curb to make it possible.

I'm so excited for what will come next. I feel like July is my true induction into being Sisterhood president, because we are finally ready to plan and schedule all sorts of wonderful fundraising events! Please continue reading to see what is in store for July into August.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club book is Mrs. Everything by #1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner. Join us for the discussion to be held at TEMPLE SHALOM July 15th at 11:00 AM. The Kindle list price for the book is \$8.99, and the paperback is \$7.49 on Amazon.com. Remember to log in to Amazon.com/smile and designate Temple Shalom as your charity!

HAVDALAH CAFÉ AND MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at Temple Shalom on July 24th at 6:30 PM for refreshments and a movie, followed by a Havdalah Service with Rabbi Gordy to mark the end of Shabbat! See flyer for more details.

SISTERHOOD GENERAL MEETING

Our next General meeting will be Sunday, August 8th, an in-person meeting at Temple Shalom at 11:00 AM. We will be having brunch as well! I will be taking reservations in advance so that we know how much food to purchase. Watch for a flyer coming soon with more details!

ATTRACTIONS BOOKS

It's time for our ATTRACTIONS BOOK fundraiser! Books will be available either the end of July or beginning of August. TELL YOUR FRIENDS THEY ARE COMING!

FINAL NOTES

Our Corresponding Secretary, Joan Paxton will be sending out cards to all Sisterhood members in the event of a birthday. In the event of an illness or death of any immediate family members, please let Joan or any board member know, and a Tribute Card will be sent. For more information, questions, or requests, please email Joan at joanpxmd3318@aol.com.

PLEASE NOTE: For all Temple Shalom Business and correspondence, please use this email address: miriamfeiden@gmail.com. I want to be sure I see your email in a timely manner.



TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Please read with us:

MRS. EVERYTHING

By #1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner

Then join us for the discussion to be held at

TEMPLE SHALOM

July 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM

The Kindle list price for the book is \$8.99, and the paperback is \$7.49 on Amazon.com. Remember to log in to Amazon.com/smile and designate Temple Shalom as your charity!

For more information contact: Irene Klein jiks@aol.com or Bobbie Guseman gusebar5@hotmail.com

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TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD PRESENTS
HAVDALAH CAFÉ & MOVIE NIGHT!
Saturday, July 24th at 7:30 PM. for
Abe & Phil's Last Poker Game

When Dr. Abe Mandelbaum moves into Cliffside Manor with his deteriorating wife Molly, he forms an improbable relationship with gambler and womanizer, Phil Nicoletti. While Abe feels moving into the home is the end of the road, he soon realizes that his life is finding a whole new beginning. Abe and Phil's friendship is challenged when a mysterious nurse claims that her biological father resides in the home. Without children of their own, both Abe and Phil jump at the chance to convince Angela, and themselves, that they are her father.

Join us for refreshments and a movie, followed by a Havdalah Service with Rabbi Gordy to mark the end of Shabbat! We will provide water and individually wrapped snacks. You may bring your own alcoholic or other beverages.

\$8.00 Members / \$12.00 Non-Members

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