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A Message from the President



A few weeks ago, we read Parashat Pinchas. Abby Sosland writes: "The most common word in Parashat Pinchas points to one of its central themes: family. The Hebrew word for family, mishpacha, appears in this Torah portion over 90 times...Whatever the structure of the family, communal celebrations are open to all members of the wider community of Israel. It's a powerful ending to a portion that began with a black-and-white picture of who does and doesn't belong but concludes with a more nuanced understanding of the reality of family life."

Sixteen years ago, in July, Mike and I moved to Myrtle Beach. We had no family or friends here. We had met Lily Ann and Ze'ev Revitch at another synagogue back in December while we were here looking at houses. We had dinner with them, celebrating the purchase of our soon to be built home. Lily Ann talked about starting a Reform Temple, and we were interested.

At the beginning of August, we found the Temple, meeting in a retirement home. I was upset and lonely when we entered that building that night. I had found family by the time we exited. Some of our wonderful original family members are only with us in our hearts now, but many remain. Over the years, we have added more members to our Temple family, each member adding something to our structure and celebrations.

I had the opportunity to speak to someone via the Temple phone, who will be relocating to the Myrtle Beach area shortly. I assured her that if she comes to the Temple, she will find family as I did sixteen years ago.

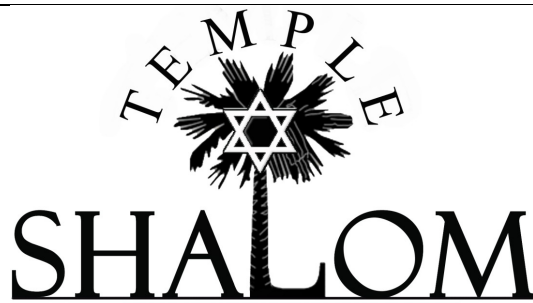
To our members: I am so happy to be your mishpacha.

To those visiting our website: Come join us and find your extended family in Myrtle Beach.

Hope Sachwald,
President Temple Shalom

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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.

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

SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI



The seven week period is marked by the seven *Shabbatot* (7 Sabbaths) of comfort. Each one has a *haftarah* (a portion from the prophets traditionally read on *Shabbat* mornings) from the book of Isaiah that brings words of comfort.

Those of you who studied with me on my weekend in Myrtle Beach in July know that the first one is called *Shabbat Nachamu* – the sabbath of comfort. But what are these seven weeks of comfort for?

Certainly the most obvious reason is to comfort us after remembering all the calamities that occurred on *Tish'ah B'av*, the saddest day in our long history. In addition to the destruction of both temples, this list includes the day the spies brought the evil report about the Promised Land to Moses, the day the Bar Kochba revolt was finally quashed, and the day the Jews of England were expelled in 1290, and the Jews of Spain in 1492. In more modern times, it's believed to be the date that World War I began, and the date that Jews were first deported en masse from the Warsaw ghetto to the death camps. Whether or not all of these actually occurred historically on the Ninth of Av, I think it's good for us to remember them, and in many ways, it's easier (and healthier?) to be mournful about them on just one day of the year.

In addition to being comforted for all of those events, the seven weeks are meant to be a time of introspection to get us ready for the high holiday season. As we recall from the ancient rabbis, the reason for the destruction of the first Temple was idolatry, and that of the second Temple was baseless hatred. Their lesson is clear – our behavior and poor choices are part of the causes for the bad things that have happened to us. If this is true for us as an entire Jewish people, how much the more so is it true for us as individuals?

Our tradition calls this period of introspection a *cheshebon hanefesh* – a taking account of our souls.

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SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI (cont'd)

We are expected every year to take a good long look at ourselves in the mirror, and a good long look at how we've behaved in the past so that we can do *tikkunim* – fixings (like in *tikkun olam* – fixing the world). This is the true purpose of the Seven Weeks of Comfort. They are to give us the time to do the introspections we need to do to get ourselves where we want to be in our behaviors and in our lives. The word comfort comes from 2 Latin roots – com, meaning together, and forte, meaning strength. By going through these introspections together, during the same period of time, and then ultimately in the *Vidui* – the Confessional Prayers we do together on *Yom Kippur*, we can help one another become better people. We should support one another during these weeks, and remember to be forgiving of others, even if they don't have the strength to ask us for the forgiveness. As our tradition teaches, we can pray straight to God to ask forgiveness for the sins we've committed in our ritual lives and behavior, but we are required first to go to those whom we have sinned against and ask for their forgiveness directly before we can ask God to forgive sins we commit against other people. On Saturday, Aug. 8, *Rosh Chodesh* (the new month of) *Elul* begins. Our tradition has us adding a Psalm, #27, to each of the daily services. This added Psalm is to help us in our introspection, and in our preparations for the high holiday season. In fact, this Psalm gets added to the service beyond the beginning of *Elul* and the high holidays – all the way to *Hoshana Rabbah*, the day right before *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*, which close the week long holiday of *Sukkot* (Booths).

We have lots of traditions and rituals to help us get ready for the high holidays. I wish you strength and humility as we go through these seven weeks of comfort together, and hope that this process will bring you peace.

Rabbi Gordy

To all my Temple Shalom family,

I am so very grateful for all your prayers, good thoughts, well wishes, cards and visits. It was the most unexpected diagnoses I could have received. After nearly three months in hospital and rehab I am well on the way to recovery. It was the quick thinking of the Doctor at CMC and the skillful hands of my Doctor at MUSC in Charleston, SC. that I can once again hope to celebrate a few more birthdays. Again my HEARTfelt thanks to all.

LILY ANN REVITCH

ONEG NEWS

Onegs are about to restart. Yes, life is almost back to normal!

Our first Oneg will be August 6 and the Sachwald's will start us off! On August 27, the Sisterhood will sponsor the Oneg. Sept 10 and 17th and October 15th are already taken. The rest of the calendar is available and we need you!

I recently sent out an email to all members describing the new guidelines and procedures. If you need to have them again, let me know. Your temple family would love to have you volunteer to do an oneg, so please let me know a date-either soon, or into the future. If it's to celebrate a special occasion or remember a *yahrtzeit*, let me know that and I'll include it in the newsletter calendar.

Flo Pflaster

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What's Happening at Temple Shalom

We Are Breaking Bread Again

Starting on August 6th, Onegs will resume following Friday night services! Food will be allowed at the temple, within safety guidelines developed by the Board. In the case of an event with food, all items will be served by volunteers. **Anyone preparing, serving, or helping in the kitchen, will be required to wear disposable food service gloves and masks. Servers must be fully vaccinated.** Food should be individually portioned whenever possible. Each table group is responsible for cleaning up the leftovers, trash and garbage from their table. A volunteer from each table should wipe the table down. If there is anything that is on the floor around the table that can easily be picked up, please do so. These new health and safety rules have been instituted for everyone's protection.

HELP NEEDED

Because we are a small (but mighty) congregation, we need volunteers to keep Temple Shalom running smoothly. Our board members are already multi-tasking and we have positions that must be filled. **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.

Temple Shalom Committee Descriptions

Burial and Cemetery (standing committee) Chair and 1 committee member needed

Responsible for assisting members with funeral arrangements. Oversee the maintenance and sale of cemetery plots owned by Temple Shalom.

Membership (standing committee) Chair and 1 committee member needed

Welcomes visitors to all activities. Maintains contact with potential members, answering questions and assisting them with membership.

Assembles and presents to all new members a welcome package consisting of a welcome letter from the President, a copy of the Constitution, and anything else deemed appropriate. Maintain member directory.

Ritual (Religious Practices-standing committee) 1 committee member needed

Oversee all religious needs for services and holidays in conjunction with the Rabbi. The committee may impose reasonable rules and regulations for religious observances and lifecycle events after consultation with the Rabbi.

Kitchen 2 people to co-chair and committee members needed

Attention: The Temple Shalom Brotherhood is looking to restart activities in support of our Temple. All men connected with Temple Shalom to meet for a lunchtime meeting at T Bones Restaurant Myrtle Beach, on Tuesday, August 17th at 12:30 PM.

The address is: 1169 Seaboard St, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

That is off of 21st Ave N. It is diagonally across from the Hollywood Wax Museum on Route 17.

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General Fund

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Anniversaries

Irene & Jim Klein August 17
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 Larry & Helene Stoll August 30

Yahrzeits August

Alvin Shuman	Husband	of	Barbara	Shuman	2
Dr. Herbert L Simon	Uncle	of	Linda	Post	5
Steven Stoll	Brother	of	Larry	Stoll	6
Rosetta Weiner	Mother	of	Sheila	Honer	7
Martin Meisner					9
Roger Mayer	Brother	of	Max	Mayer	10
Ronald Busch	Father	of	Linda	Disselkamp	13
Irving Danzig	Father	of	Beth	Boettigheimer	13
Yehudit Revitch	Wife	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	15
Millie Rachlen	Mother	of	Janet	Cohen	16
Bluma Revitch	Grand-mother	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	19
Irving Honer	Father	of	Philip	Honer	24
Ian Steven Weiner	Brother	of	Sheila	Honer	26
Shirley Shuman	Mother in law	of	Barbara	Shuman	26
Mollie Stern	Mother	of	Helene	Stoll	26
Rose Sostrin	Mother in law	of	Lynn	Sostrin	26
Ruth Schwartz	Sister	of	Gabe	Brenner	29

Rabbi Gordy performed a wedding ceremony on Sunday, July 25th. Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, the newlyweds and the most recent addition to our Temple family.



From the editor's desk





**Deadline for September Bulletin is
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Submission is via e-mail to :
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8 11:00 AM Sisterhood meeting and Brunch 30 AV	9 1 ELUL	10 10 AM Rabbi Gordy's GPS for Prayer Services and High Holidays 2 ELUL	11 3:30 PM Board of Directors Mtg 3 ELUL	12 4 ELUL	13  Service: 7:30PM with Rabbi Gordy 5 ELUL	14 10:30AM Service with Rabbi Gordy 6 ELUL
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