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SHALOM

A Reform Congregation

A Message from the President

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Growing up in Baltimore, my family belonged to a very large Reform congregation. When I was young, I went to the children's service for the holidays. There were no assigned seats and all attendees were equal. As a teenager, I attended the teen services. No assigned seats and equality for all. This was not true in the main sanctuary, where seats were assigned based on your monetary contributions to the synagogue. For the High Holy Days, the temple opened the space between the sanctuary and the auditorium creating one long room and a social stratification system based on wealth. Being a Temple member did not guarantee you a seat, that was extra. At the entrance door to services, there were men in suits stopping people to pressure them to give a donation. For those middle class families, with both parents working to make ends meet, attending these services was demeaning not uplifting.

Temple Shalom has never charged for seats for the High Holy Days. There are no assigned seats and each member and guest are welcomed equally. There will be no men (or women) in suits pressuring you to donate money before letting you in the door of the sanctuary. The only person who knows what your monetary contributions are to Temple Shalom, and how you pay them, is the Treasurer, unless you want your donations listed in the Newsletter.

Does this mean that Temple Shalom does not need money to keep functioning? Do our dues cover everything needed to run a synagogue? Of course not. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and continues to contribute to Temple Shalom through monetary donations and the Chai club. As in the past, donation forms will be placed in our prayer books for members and guests to take with them and complete in private. We will also have new donation boxes at each door for members and guests to stuff.

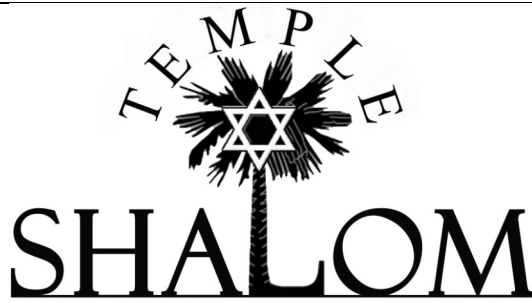
In my childhood Temple, you were an outsider if you weren't one of those at the top of the social stratification system. We went to religious school and services, but our middle-class parents were not really members of the Temple family.

Every member of Temple Shalom is a member of our family. Being part of a family provides support and love. Being part of a family also brings with it responsibility for contributing to both monetary needs and chores. Temple Shalom is **US**. If we can't donate large sums of money, we can: put something in the donation box; contribute to an activity or special purchase; sign up at Kroger's and Amazon; participate by attending services, leading a service, or taking a part in a service; check with the kitchen chair and contribute paper products, water, kosher wine, and/or cleaning products; sponsor an Oneg alone or with a friend; clean up after eating and after using the bathroom (wiping up around the sink after washing hands and making sure the paper towel gets into the trash can) to reduce the number of times that we need to hire a cleaning person; and support Temple and Sisterhood fund raising activities. When help is requested, please say yes. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to keep Temple Shalom viable over the past 16 years, both past and present members.

Last, but not least, L'Shana Tova. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a healthy, sweet and happy year. Before my books are sealed, I would like to ask you to forgive me for anything I may have done or said to offend you (and given that my Southern friends have commented on my tongue being aggressive, I am sure that I have). Please forgive me for any of my actions or words that have hurt however unintentionally.

Hope Sachwald, President

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



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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. Saturday at 10:30 AM Members who cannot attend Friday night or scheduled Saturday services can view services via Zoom. Contact Hope Sachwald via email for details.

SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI WHAT NEW YEAR ARE YOU CELEBRATING?



Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, will be celebrated at Temple Shalom on Monday evening, Sept. 6, and Tuesday, Sept. 7 this year. The Hebrew date is the first of *Tishrei*, 5782. But it's not the only new year we celebrate in the Jewish calendar! Did you know that we have three other new years??

The *Torah* prescribes the “first day of the seventh month...” [Leviticus, 23:24] as the time for the Jewish new year, which actually celebrates the birthday of the world, i.e. creation. While we know scientifically that the earth was “born” much more than 5,782 years ago, we follow that count in our tradition. This is the only new year of the four that is mentioned in the *Torah*. It goes on to say that it should be a day of sounding loud blasts on the *shofar* (ram's horn). In Numbers, 29:1 and following, we get a repetition of this law for the new year, and some additional ones regarding sacrifices for this sacred occasion. That's all we find in the *Torah* about *Rosh Hashanah*; everything else comes to us from rabbinic tradition.

There are three other new years in the Jewish calendar. In the first month, which is *Nisan*, we observe the **new year for kings**. This was the official day on which a monarch's reign began, allowing them to count the number of years any king served in that capacity. This was likely chosen because Passover, which occurs each year on the 14th of *Nisan*, is the holiday which celebrates our freedom, and hence, the real beginning of us as the Israelites and the Jewish people.

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Tu Bishvat, which gets its name from being the 15th day of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*, is much more familiar to us. It is also called the **new year for trees**. This minor holiday occurs a month before the holiday of *Purim*, except in a leap year when it precedes *Purim* by two months. This coming year will be a leap year, which means we will have two months called *Adar* – the first one is *Adar aleph* and the second is *Adar Bet*. So *Purim* will occur two months after *Tu Bishvat* this year.

Lastly, we have the **new year for animals**, which is on the first day of the Hebrew month of *Elul*. Why do we need a new year for animals? If you pay attention to the commandments around sacrifices, you will notice that many of them specify the age of the animal to be brought for offering. In order to be able to discern an animal's age, the rabbis in the *Mishnah* fixed this date [*Mishnah Rosh Hashanah* 1:1] as the separation. All animals born before that date were "yearlings" (animals one year old or less). Additional years of age were counted each time an animal passed the first of *Elul*.

One last important note about **this new year** is that it is marked as a *shemita* year – a sabbatical year. As its name implies, this happens every seven years and is an important piece of Jewish social justice. Many of the rules about how to observe a sabbatical year revolve around making sure that there is equality and equity in the wealth of Jewish societies. Servants are to be set free in sabbatical years, and loans are to be forgiven. It is also a sabbatical for the land, as no crops are to be planted or harvested, though it is permissible to gather fruits that would naturally grow every year, but they must be open to all, both human and animal. This is also an urgent reminder of our responsibility and methodology to insure that our fragile planet is not abused by giving it time to rest as well.

Wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy, and peaceful new year!

ONEG NEWS

In person onegs are back and despite the new rules, members are happy to be enjoying our time together. Available dates to provide an oneg are Sept 24 and Oct 8 and every date starting with November 5. So please let me know which date you'd like to provide the Oneg and I'll update you again with the current "rules".



Flo Pflaster

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What's Happening at Temple Shalom

The Temple Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 11th. Thanks to all who attended either in person or virtually. The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 24th at 10:30 A.M. This will be a combined TS Board and Sisterhood Board meeting with Rabbi Gordy attending in person. If you are not on the Board, and would like to share your thoughts and ideas, feel free to participate in the congregant speak out portion of the meeting or share your ideas with any Board member.

High Holiday Services

Selichot Saturday, August 28 at 7:30 P.M.

Rosh Hashanah, September 6 at 7:00 P.M. and September 7 at 10:30 A.M. Tashlich at the Revitch home at 2:00 P.M.

Yom Kippur, September 15 at 7:00 P.M. and September 16 at 10:30 A.M.; Afternoon services at 4:30 P.M. (Yizkor at approximately 5:00); Break the Fast at 7:00 P.M.

Sukkot, September 20 at 7:30 P.M. and September 21 at 10:30 A.M.

While the Sukkot Services are on September 20th and 21st Sukkot is a week-long holiday. Temple Shalom has a new, larger Sukkah. Contact President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org if you would like to schedule a time to get together with your family and friends to bring a picnic meal to eat in the Sukkah. We need volunteers to help put up the Sukkah. If you are able to help, please contact

President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org.

Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret, September 27 at 7:30 P.M. and September 28 at 10:30 A.M. This service will include Yizkor.

Health and Safety Guidelines

Due to the large numbers of COVID-19 cases in Horry County, the Temple Shalom Board of Directors will comply with current CDC guidelines. ALL persons must wear masks appropriately while in the building until further notice. This means masks are covering your nose and mouth. Masks are available at the doors.

For Onegs or other events with food, if you are fully vaccinated and comfortable with removing your mask to eat, feel free to do so when sitting at the tables. In the case of Onegs, if you are not comfortable removing your mask, take some of the individually wrapped treats to eat in the car or at home. If you are not fully vaccinated, please do not remove your mask, and take your treats home.

In the case of any 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. The kitchen is closed to anyone who is not a server.

Each table group is responsible for cleaning up the leftovers 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.

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.

Security

A new law allowing permitted handgun owners to openly carry in public began on 08/15/2021 in South Carolina. The TS Board voted to **NOT ALLOW** firearms inside the Temple. Signs and stickers are posted on both the front and back doors. They read: "No open carry allowed in the facility" and "No firearms or weapons allowed."

The Board also voted to hire security for the High Holiday Services as in the past.

HELP NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to chair or serve on a committee. Our chairperson spots have been filled; however, we continue to need committee members to help.

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 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.

Burial and Cemetery (standing committee) 1 committee member needed

Responsible for assisting members with funeral arrangements.

Oversee the maintenance and sale of cemetery plots owned by Temple Shalom

Kitchen 2 committee members needed

Committee chair and members are responsible for cleanliness and organization of kitchen and supply closet, stocking of supplies, use of pantry equipment, and general management of kitchen and pantry. The committee is responsible for assuring that the trash is removed from the building.

Services

We also need volunteers to 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. 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.

Shelley Foels will be leading Shabbat morning services on September 4th and October 2nd. Rabbi Gordy will be leading Shabbat morning services on October 23rd. These services are in addition to our regular Friday night services.

Onegs

Please contact Flo Plaster (dfp324@atmc.net) to sign up to provide an Oneg. Thank you to everyone who have already sponsored and/or volunteered to sponsor an Oneg.

Activities

Temple Shalom's Mah Jong Tournament has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th. For more information, contact LilyAnn Revitch (larevitch@sc.rr.com) or Irene Klein (jiks@aol.com).

A group of Temple Shalom members are planning to get together to play Canasta and Rummikub. This group is free for members of Temple Shalom to enjoy weekly. If you are interested, please complete the survey on dates and times and return to Bobbie Guseman at (gusebar5@hotmail.com).

Chanukah

Temple Shalom will be lighting the Chanukah candles at Market Common on December 4th at 5:00. Rabbi Gordy will be leading us in songs.

Mail

If you were sending payments to Temple Shalom through your bank (either automatically or manually), please change the mailing address to: Temple Shalom Attn.: Treasurer 4023 Belle Terre Blvd Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 The PO Box is no longer in use. If you have sent mail to the post office box, it may not have been received yet. We received mail from April on August 11th. It had been delivered to the wrong address.

Thank you for continuing to be a member of our Temple Shalom family.

Hope Sachwald, President



SISTERHOOD NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Break The Fast – September 16th

**Sisterhood General Meeting – October 10th Program:
Women's Self Defense**

Sisterhood Shabbat Chayei Sarah - October 29th

Channukah Happening – December 5th

**More information is available in the monthly edition of
SISTERHOOD NEWS!**

Sheila Honer would like to remind members that
Attraction Books are available for \$20.00 per book.

Get yours while they last.

Donations

General Fund

In loving memory of

Irving Danzig	Fafther of Beth Boettigheimer	Beth Boettigheimer
Rose Sostrin	Mother-in-law of Lynn Sostrin	Lynn Sostrin
Steven Stoll	Brother of Larry Stoll	Larry & Helene Stoll
Mollie Stern	Mother of Helene Stoll	Larry & Helene Stoll
Rosetta Weiner	Mother of Sheila Honer	Sheila Honer
Herbert Simon	Uncle of Linda Post	Linda & Bob Post
Jay Post	Father of Bob Post	Linda & Bob Post
Bluma Revitch	Grdmother of Ze'ev Revitch	Ze'ev & Lily Ann Revitch
Yehudit Revitch	Wife of Ze'ev Revitch	Ze'ev & Lily Ann Revitch
Ian Steven Weiner	Brother of Sheila Honer	Sheila Honer
Irving Honer	Father-in-law of Sheila Honer	Sheila Honer
Ruth Schwartz	Sister of Gabe Brenner	Gabe & Cookie Brenner

In Memory of Ze'ev Revitch:

Foels Family Bobbie & Mike Guseman Irene & Jim Klein
 David & Flo Pflaster Jeff & Maureen Canil Felice Breidner
 Stephen Post Linda & Bob Post Lily Ann Revitch
 Sheila & Phil Honer Temple Shalom Sisterhood

Chai Club

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 Dave & Flo Pflaster Sheila Honer Diahann Saddler
 Irene Klein Felice Breidner Stephen Post
 Bob & Linda Post

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Natalie Kramer Lily Ann Revitch

Tree of Life Leaf:

David & Flo Pflaster

Sukkah Donation:

Laurie Ward Sheila Honer

High Holiday Security:

Sheila Honer

Yahrzeits September

Irene Kramer	Mother in law	of	Natalie	Kramer	4
Hanna Tegan Falk	Granddaughter	of	Art&Ina	Falk	12
Aaron Pesses	Father	of	Irene	Klein	13
Irving Danzig	Father	of	Beth	Boettigheimer	
Shirley Pesses	Mother	of	Irene	Klein	17
Jacob Finkelstein	Father in Law	of	Steve	Firestone	18
Carrie Selig	Wife	of	Bob	Selig	20
Maurice Benn	Grandfather	of	Michelle	Foels	20
Stanley Marks	Wife	O f	Susan	Marks	21
Oleta Crow	Mother in law	of	Beth	Crow	26
Erwin Stoll	Brother	of	Larry	Stoll	28

Birthdays

Mchael Sachwald September 11
 Stephen St. Clair, PH.D. September 12
 Cary Lukas September 21

Anniversaries

Michelle & Greg Foels September 6
 Ina & Art Falk September 10

Thank you to
**Temple Shalom's
 Brotherhood**

for a donation of
 Covid related
 supplies including
 masks, cleaning
 products and
 disposable gloves

Welcome New Members

Vikki McGuirk
 Stephen Post





From the editor's desk

**Deadline for October Bulletin is
 September 23, 2021**

Submission is via e-mail to :
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September 2021

24 ELUL - 24 TISHREI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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