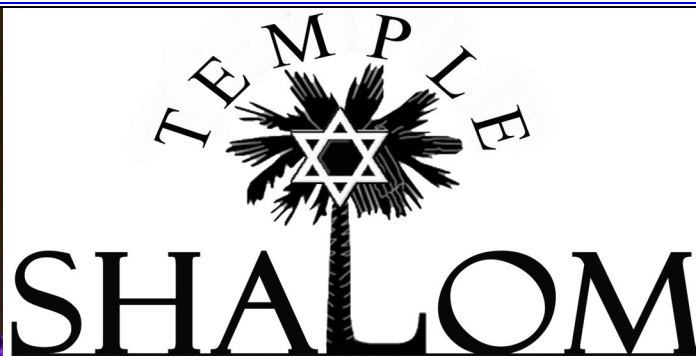




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A Message from the President



As most of you know, my dad, Phillip Miller, is celebrating his 102nd birthday in November. He is and always has been my hero. Although he never finished high school, having to go to work at an early age, he has always actively pursued learning. My sister liked to remind her children, when they were younger, that Grandpa learned to use a computer way before they did (their first computer was his old one). At a time when many men thought their daughters didn't need to attend college, he made sure that my sister and I had the opportunity to earn our Master's degrees. After Mike and I were engaged, he asked me who I would call if I needed help. Without thinking, I said, "My dad." You see, Dad would respond immediately if family or friends needed help. One of his greatest pleasures, when my niece and nephews were in school, was being the carpool Grandpa and spending time with them before and after school. My dad is an empathetic, practical, common-sense kind of guy. I thought I would share a few of the life lessons that we learned from him.

Be honest and fair. He would walk back to a store if he discovered that a clerk had given him even a nickel too much change. Clerks and waitresses/waiters have always been surprised when my sister and I point out an error in our favor on a bill. Dad would tell us that it cost us nothing, but the error could cost them their jobs.

Be kind. Dad was performing random acts of kindness before it was a thing. He was making a sales call at a house where the owner had a beautiful Grandfather's clock. When he admired it, she explained that it was broken. He looked at it, and told her if she got him tools, he could fix it. He fixed her clock for no reward other than the satisfaction of doing a good deed. His children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren try to continue the practice of helping others just because.

Use empathy. See the situation from someone else's perspective. When we were on vacation, we always got lost in the poor part of town. I figured out, when I was about 10, that we were lost with a purpose. Dad wanted us to find our empathetic genes. Unfortunately, I am still terrible at this. A few years ago, I had a tough IEP case. Dad worked with me for two weeks on understanding and accepting the parents' viewpoint.

Be responsible for yourself. As a teenager, I had no curfew. My dad is a Marshall Dillon/Love and Logic kind of guy. If I was old enough to go out with friends, then I was old enough to know when to come home. If I wasn't responsible enough to come home at a reasonable hour, then I wasn't old enough to go out. I never broke his trust in me.

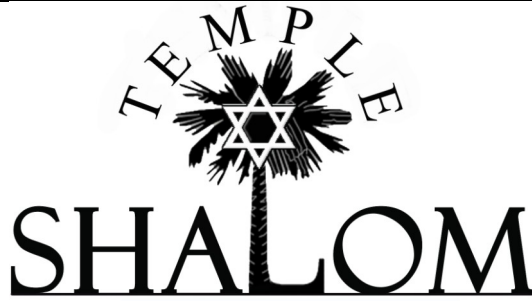
Make a plan. If you want to pursue something, don't think about why you can't do it, make a plan for how you can. When I wanted to rearrange my bedroom furniture, Dad showed me how to draw to scale and make a model so I could move the furniture around before he had to physically move it. That was the beginning of our "make a plan" strategy. When I wanted to spend a summer studying in London, Dad helped me make a plan to earn the money, over two years, so that I could go. When I wanted to drive from Maryland to the mountains of North Carolina to attend a dulcimer workshop, he worked with me to come up with a plan to do it safely. My colleagues used to comment on my organization skills. It all goes back to "make a plan."

Embrace change. Research new things and then experience them. The changes in the world since 1919 are mind blowing. From computers to cell phones to Zooming every day with me, he has embraced the changing times.

Finally, Move on. It is okay to think about hard times and sad memories, but no need to dwell on them. After reminiscing for a few minutes, he will say, "Enough of that – change the subject; move on!"

Hope Miller Sachwald.

President



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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** President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org.



SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI

Dear Temple Shalom family,

Our Jewish calendar is quite an unusual one. We know, of course, that our American/Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar that has 365 days in a year. Every four years, that has to be corrected with a leap year when we add an extra day (February 29). Many people mistakenly think our Jewish calendar is a lunar one. The Muslim calendar is a strict lunar calendar of 12 months consisting of 28 days each, making their year only 336 days long. This is why their holidays move up one month earlier each year.

Our modified lunar calendar evolved as a compromise between the farmers, who wanted a solar calendar, so that their growing seasons were consistent, and the priests, who wanted to follow a more traditional religious calendar that is guided by the appearance of new moons (*rosh chodesh*). These modifications in the compromise help keep our Jewish holidays in their appointed seasons, e.g. Passover always needs to be in spring, Sukkot in the fall, Chanukah in winter, etc.

A Jewish month actually has 29 ½ days. This actualizes into some months having 29 days and others having 30 days. When a month only has 29 days, there is only one day of *rosh chodesh*, which would be on the first of that month. When a month has 30 days, the 30th day is the first day of *rosh chodesh*, and the first day of the new month is the second day of *rosh chodesh*.

Though *rosh chodesh* is not a full holiday, there are some observances that coincide with one. They include adding a reading of the *torah*, adding the *Hallel* prayers to the daily service, and adding a special paragraph to the *Amidah* and the *birkat hamazon* (blessings after meals). Some traditions teach that *rosh chodesh* was a gift to women because they supposedly didn't participate in the sin of the golden calf. There are many types of *rosh chodesh* groups that have sprung up to help support women's spirituality.

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If you multiply our 29.5 days times 12 months, you get 354, which is the number of days in a Jewish year. Since that is 11 days short of a full solar year, we end up having a full month added to our Jewish calendar in our leap years. This happens in a recurring pattern seven times in nineteen years, which is every 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years of a cycle (*machzor*). The added month is called Adar Bet (the second month of Adar).

In addition to our current year of 5782 being a *shemita* year (a sabbatical year of release) it is also a leap year. That is why our holidays will continue to be on the early side (such as Chanukah beginning on Sunday evening of Thanksgiving weekend) UNTIL the holiday of Purim,. Purim always falls in the month of Adar, but in leap years, it is celebrated in Adar Bet. Hence, this year Purim will be celebrated a bit later, in mid March, and each of the following holidays will also be on the later side (e.g. Passover in the third week of April and this coming Rosh Hashanah at the end of September).

Whatever holidays you observe and whenever you observe them, we hope you will join us at Temple Shalom in celebrating them together, helping to make our community a holy gathering place comfortable for all.

Lehitra'ot – see you soon,

Rabbi Gordy

**ONEG
NEWS**

We've had a a great response to provide onegs!! **ALL of 2022 is still open.**

At present, all you need to do is bring a challah, cut into small chunks. Pour wine and a cup or two of grape juice which is provided by the Temple.

If you would like, you can light the candles at the start of the service. If you're not comfortable with this, ask Mike or Hope to guide you on how it's done-or you can ask someone else to do it. No problem either way!

If you choose a date that is for a special reason, let me know.

Future board meeting decisions may alter the way we do Onegs and I'll keep you updated as we continue to work our way out of this pandemic. Stay well,



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Please join Temple Shalom's game group at 2:00 on the following dates: Wednesday, November 3rd, Thursday, November 18th, Wednesday, December 1st and Thursday, December 9th. The group has been playing Rummikub. Beginners are welcome. Contact Bobbi Guseman if you have any questions.

Rabbi Gordy will be lighting the Chanukah candles and leading us in songs at Market Common on Saturday, December 4th. Please join us at 4:45 for this community event.

Flo Pflaster has volunteered to be the Food Bank chairperson. There is a box near the kitchen entrance labeled "food donations" to collect your non-perishable goods. They will be distributed to an organization that provides food to the hungry. As winter approaches, these food donations become even more important.

Temple Shalom of Myrtle Beach



SISTERHOOD NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Channukah Happening – December 5th

**Sisterhood End Of Year Luncheon - December 16th,
At TBonz Restaurant – 12:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Sisterhood General Meeting – January 10, 2022 Program: To
Be Announced**

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

Donations

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In loving memory of

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High Holidays

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Birthdays

Robert Jacobs November 5
 Hank Disselkamp November 7
 Bonnie Showstack November 8
 Max Meyer November 21

Anniversaries

Jay & Elaine Hough November 17
 Sheila & Phil Honer November 28

Yahrzeits November

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| Bea Robbins | Cousin | of | Beth | Crow | 25 |
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Welcome back Marlene Paul








From the editor's desk

**Deadline for December Bulletin is
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| 21 17 KISLEV | 22 18 KISLEV | 23 19 KISLEV | 24 20 KISLEV | 25 21 KISLEV | 26  No Service: 22 KISLEV | 27 23 KISLEV |
| 28 First Night Chanukah  24 KISLEV | 29  25 KISLEV | 30  26 KISLEV | | | | |