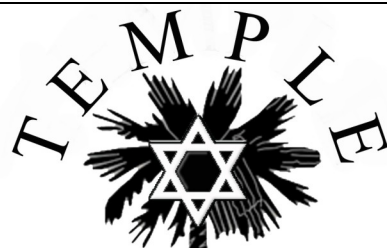




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A Message from the President

Lexi, our Springer Spaniel, and I were out walking one Saturday afternoon. The sun was shining. There was a slight breeze blowing our hair. Leaves were rustling. Birds were singing and flying around us. G-d was around us. A perfect time for speaking to G-d. I thought: Why bother going to synagogue to pray when I can pray in nature or anywhere and anytime, I want? Why pay money to

belong to a synagogue?

During Book Club, we talked about how important it is to be a part of a Jewish community, especially when you are living in an area where you are the minority. Many of us grew up in Jewish neighborhoods. We were the majority not the minority. We didn't have to explain why we didn't go to school on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – our teachers and non-Jewish friends knew and understood. My friends, Jewish and non-Jewish, knew when it was a holiday for matzoh ball soup or latkes or chocolate wine sponge cake (and they invited themselves to join us because my mom was a wonderful cook). Outside of our Temple Shalom community, I have come in contact with very few people in this area who know about and understand our holidays and rituals.

Rituals have always been very important to me. Judaism is all about religious practices and rituals within a community of other Jews. Last year, my week revolved around joining Cookie, Michelle and Shelley for virtual services. Reciting the familiar prayers and reading our Temple family's greetings were the "normal" for my week. I can't thank them enough for giving me a sense of peace and belonging during COVID lockdown. Growing up, my family linked life cycle events with Jewish rituals: my grandmother's birthday was Pesach, my mom found out she was pregnant at Cousin Marty's Bar Mitzvah (it wasn't the chopped liver, it was morning sickness), my parents' anniversary was Lag B'omer.

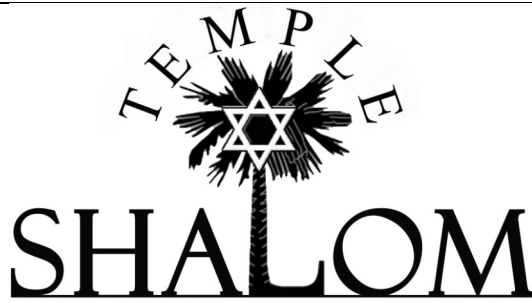
I grew up as part of a synagogue. I attended religious school for 13 years and then taught there for 3 more years. When my parents had to work and couldn't drive us to our Temple, I walked to the Orthodox Shul, that was a few blocks away, on Saturday mornings. There have been periods of time, as an adult, when I didn't belong to a synagogue and/or attend services regularly. There was always something missing for me during those times—there was a feeling of being disconnected.

These days, I am feeling very connected and grateful for it. That is why I should attend and belong to Temple Shalom. Being connected to people who share Jewish religious and cultural experiences is important to me. Being part of a minyan so others can say Kaddish when they need to is important to me. As we have been saying in the announcements, "it is necessary that whenever possible you attend services in person, so that we have a minyan. Without a minyan, certain parts of the service, including Kaddish, cannot traditionally be performed." I know that many of you feel as I do because we have had a minyan for all but one service in the last few months. You have told me that you came to services on a certain evening or morning to ensure that there was a minyan. Thank you to all of our Temple Shalom family for supporting this community through belonging, attending services, volunteering, and making donations.

Wishing you a Chanukah that is filled with happy memories of the past and with making new memories in the present.

Hope Sachwald,
President

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



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SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI

Dear Temple Shalom family,

As you read this, we will be in the middle of celebrating our holiday of *Chanukah*. It lasts 8 days beginning on the 25th of *Kislev* each year, which can occur anytime between the end of November and the end of December in our Gregorian or American calendars. This year, it's on the earlier side, though next year, when the Jewish leap year effects kick in just before *Purim*, it will be on the later side.

According to Talmudic legend, the holiday lasts eight days because of the miracle of the oil in the Temple. What was this miracle? During the Hasmonean revolt against the Syrian-Greek empire for outlawing Jewish practices and defiling the Holy Temple in Jerusalem with pagan rituals (including pig slaughter) and decorations, the Syrian-Greeks also destroyed all of the pure olive oil that had the high priest's seal on it. Once the revolt, led by the Maccabean family and their followers, was successful, the Temple was cleansed and the seven-branched candelabra, called the *Menorah*, was repaired and rekindled with a small vial of sealed oil that was discovered during the repairs. A debate ensued as to whether the oil should be lit right away, running the risk of having it go out again before new oil could be purified, or wait a week until the new purified oil was almost ready, so that once rekindled, the *Menorah* (which was also the *Ner Tamid* – everlasting light) could burn continuously as prescribed by law. Those who said light it right away won, and the “miracle” was that it still lasted the full eight days until the new oil was ready.

The truth is that this is likely a myth. *Chanukah* is a post-biblical holiday. The only place to find sources about it are in the books of the Maccabees. Anyone who reads those books will find many shocking examples of violence between the Hasmonean rebels and their more assimilated

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fellow Jews. This was certainly not a time of “light” for our people historically. The most likely explanation is that the majority of the Jews at the time had become so assimilated that they forgot (or chose not) to observe the holiday of *Sukkot*. As you know, *Sukkot* is also a weeklong holiday, followed by *Shemini Atzeret*, the Eighth Day of Assembly. It was an extremely important holiday celebrating water, as well as other things, in a land that is mostly desert. Once the Temple was cleansed and rededicated, they likely decided it was better to observe *Sukkot & Shemini Atzeret* late rather than not at all. Still, it’s no coincidence that so many religious and cultural celebrations around this darkest time of the year, the winter solstice, share themes of light (Diwali, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and many more). One of the rules (*halachot*) of *Chanukah* is “*l’farsem et hanes* – to publicize the miracle visibly”. We do this by lighting our candles in a front window, showing our light and our story to others. We do this when we take our turn lighting the public *Chanukiyah* at the Market Commons Square. Perhaps the best lesson we can take from *Chanukah* is the importance of standing up for our identity and against assimilation, but not at the expense of other peoples, cultures, and religions. It is only through this kind of unity and pluralism that we can fulfill the prophetic dream of *Chanukah*, “Not by might and not by power but by My spirit alone says *Yah*, our God.” 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

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. Masks and gloves are still required while serving.

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,



Flo Pflaster

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Suggested viewing Happy Chanukah

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?](https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3V3Z7WkxHOISHcYEuoNBUu74TLxoxnTDq6lApjhVYel0kRJGayf8SbqvY&v=jiskf_lZXv8&feature=youtu.be)

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What's Happening at Temple Shalom – December 2021

Happy Hanukkah! We are looking forward to Rabbi Gordy joining us for Hanukkah services and activities:

Shabbat evening services -- Friday, December 3rd at 7:30 P.M. Bring your menorahs and candles if you would like to light candles as a group before we light the Shabbat candles. Zoom members – I will move the camera so you will be able to participate.

Shabbat morning services -- Saturday, December 4th at 10:30 A.M

Saturday evening – Menorah lighting at Market Common at 4:45 on December 4th. We will be led by Rabbi Gordy in singing Hanukkah songs. (see below for details)

Hanukkah Happening – Sunday, December 5th at 1:00. For more information, contact Templeshalomfeiden@gmail.com

Please help us advertise Temple Shalom by putting the following announcement on your Facebook page, in your community newsletter, posting on Next Door, pinning to your community bulletin board, and/or anywhere else that you can advertise for free:

“Temple Shalom Myrtle Beach will celebrate the 7th night of Chanukah by lighting the public menorah at Valor Park in Market Common. We will be led in prayer and songs by Rabbi Gordy Fuller. We are gathering as a community at 4:45 on December 4th. Please meet us at Market Common, 1120 Farrow Parkway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, to join in the festivities. If you have any questions, check out our website--<http://www.templeshalommyrtlebeach.org/>; email- President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org; or contact us by phone--(843) 903-6634. Hope to see you there! “

Activities

Temple Shalom's game group will meet at 1:00 on Wednesday, December 1st and at 2:00 on Thursday, December 9th. We have been playing Rummikub, but feel free to suggest other games. Beginners are welcome. Contact Hope Sachwald if you have any questions

Rabbi Gordy's learning sessions will begin, again, in January. He will be addressing the most popular topics per your votes: History of Judaism in America, History of Reform Judaism, and Ancient Jewish history. Specific dates and times coming soon.

Rabbi Gordy has donated 17 copies of Coping with Adversity: Judaism's Response to Illness and Other Life Struggles, a book that he co-authored with Joel Roffman. As he talked about at the board meeting, he thought the book would be a good read prior to the January Sisterhood meeting. The cost of the book is \$15 with all proceeds going to Temple Shalom. Contact President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org if you would like to purchase a copy for yourself or as a gift.

Hope Sachwald, President

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Menachem Hemerov	Grandfather	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	4
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Tobey Honer	Mother	of	Phil	Honer	9
Arlene Goldberger	Sister	of	Sheila	Komito	10
Josephine Reid	Sister in law	of	Beth	Crow	15
Ella Reich					17
Bertha Goldstein	Mother	of	Bard	Goldstein	18
Nathan Janney	Grandfather	of	Michelle	Foels	21

Food Bank Collection

I am overwhelmed at the response for giving food to the hungry! Each week I retrieve so much non-perishable food from generous Temple members to distribute to an organization that helps the home bound in need! It's a mitzvah to give and I'm so proud to be a member of this family. Please continue to leave your donations in the boxes near the kitchen door and I'll retrieve the food each week.

Thank you all so much!.

Flo

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Robert Janney, brother of Michelle Foels and uncle of Shelley Foels. He passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021,

From the editor's desk

**Deadline for November Bulletin is
December 23, 2021**

Submission is via e-mail to :
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SISTERHOOD NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Channukah Happening – December 5th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Sisterhood Holiday Luncheon At TBonz Restaurant
December 16th, 12:00 – 2:00 PM**












**Sisterhood Book Club—January 6, 2022, 2:00 PM
Last Summer at the Golden Hotel by Elyssa Friedland**

**Sisterhood General Meeting - January 9, 2022, 11:00 AM -
Program - Losing A Loved One: Practical Advice**

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

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27 KISLEV - 27 TEVET

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  27 KISLEV	2  28 KISLEV	3  Service: 7:30PM Led by Rabbi Gordy Oneg: Felice Breidner  29 KISLEV	4 Service 10:30 Led by Rabbi Gordy 4:45pm Menorah lighting at Market Commons  30 KISLEV
5 1 PM Chanukah Happening  1 TEVET	6  2 TEVET	7 3 TEVET	8 4 TEVET	9 5 TEVET	10  Service: 7:30PM Led by Flo Pflaster with Shelley Foels Oneg: Michelle & Shelley Foels 6 TEVET	11 7 TEVET
12 8 TEVET	13 9 TEVET	14 10 TEVET	15 11 TEVET	16 12—2PM Sisterhood Luncheon at T-Bones Steakhouse 12 TEVET	17  Service: 7:30PM Service led by Shelley Foels Oneg: -Linda and Bob Post for Bob's birthday 13 TEVET	18 10:30 Service Led by Shelley Foels 14 TEVET
19 15 TEVET	20 16 TEVET	21 17 TEVET	22 18 TEVET	23 19 TEVET	24  No Service 20 TEVET	25 21 TEVET
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DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS TO TEMPLE SHALOM

Dedication donations to Temple Shalom can be made in several ways.

1. **DEDICATE A HIGH HOLIDAY OR MISHKAN T'FILAH PRAYER BOOK** in honor of, or in memory of, a person or event. The cost is \$50.00 and a Dedication placard will be placed in the front of the prayer book.
2. **MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUES** (for or by members only) can be ordered by filling out this form and enclosing payment of at least \$100.00 of the \$200.00 total cost per plaque. Memorial board plaques are ordered and take at least six weeks to be completed. The remainder of your payment is due within a year from the order, but appreciated as soon as possible.
3. **TREE OF LIFE PLAQUES (LEAF)** (for members only) commemorate a happy life occasion and are the memory board of Temple Shalom. Each small plaque (leaf) is \$50.00 and large plaque (leaf) is \$75.00. It takes approximately one week to process and engrave. Commemorate special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, grandchildren events, and any other life events we all love to celebrate.
4. **HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION** is a great way to make an annual donation to Temple Shalom.
5. **CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE SHALOM** is a unique way to support Temple Shalom with a donation of \$18 per month per individual. The club is open to everyone. This can be set up on a monthly pay basis or \$216.00 per year. There are no club meetings or responsibilities.
6. **YAHRTZEIT** is a wonderful way to remember loved ones who have gone before us. Congregation members receive notices prior to Yahrzeit observances.
7. **IN MEMORY/HONOR OF** is a tribute on behalf of someone who is special in your life.
8. **GENERAL DONATION** is a way to support Temple Shalom and is a mitzvah (good deed). Donations are greatly appreciated.

Please take a moment to select your donation(s), write a check and mail it to Temple Shalom, or use [PAYPAL](#)

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 Inscription: _____

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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE SHALOM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!