

The CONSERVATOR

Newsletter of Temple Shalom

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President's Message

This is planned to be my last Conservator message as I will relinquish my post as of December 31, 2018. I'll be sticking around on the Board if the Congregation elects me to take over as Treasurer. So what do I wish to say?

When we begin a new year in our secular world, it is traditional to make resolutions. My personal ones are the usual; eat less and lose 20 pounds; exercise on a regular basis (whatever that is – 2 to 3 times each week); continue to study about my Jewish faith and help to maintain the presence of Temple Shalom within the greater Jewish Community.

That said, my major questions for Temple Shalom are about the future of the congregation. During the past few weeks we have had several meetings of the Board to address issues regarding the security of our physical plant and to discuss the need for a rabbinical presence on a regular basis. We talked quite extensively and came to the realization that our course of action will be to begin a search for a part time rabbi. Abigail Anthony has taken up the lead on the search but we need some individuals to come forward to assist her. Some people have volunteered but this is a major project that will undoubtedly involve fund raising, and finding a way to increase our membership. It will take time. I believe that our first resolution is to increase our Membership. I feel that

a reasonable objective is a 15% or 6 new paying memberships. If this was accomplished we would offset a portion of the cost of a part-time ordained rabbi. Any balance will need to come from generosity of donors philanthropic contributions. Sure, we could go into debt by mortgaging the building; however, personally I believe that it is best to avoid that route. So what I am asking is that we endeavor to gain new members. Some feel we have a limited community from which to draw, I maintain it is much larger than one anticipates.

In the past months, since the Pittsburg attack at the Squirrel Hill Synagogue, Temple Shalom has welcomed many new faces. The evening of our memorial service about 250 people from across the community, were in attendance both from the Jewish Community and other faith denominations. There were many non-affiliated Jews in the seats. Because of our distribution of the Conservator many of you will be reading what I have to say.

I mean to be honest and suggest that it is important for one to affiliate with a Jewish Congregation. I am reaching out to urge you to help sustain Temple Shalom's endeavor to be here for the future of the Jewish Community. When we have a Rabbi, Temple Shalom will once again provide our community with professional services to cover life

cycle events, as well as, enhance a greater profile in Jewish education while helping to direct study for the adult members of the congregation and the community at large.

I have been an active member of Temple Shalom since 1974, having served as both a member of the board as well as twice as our president. I have seen most of our children go off to college and not return to Rhode Island. However, much to our delight, many young people have chosen to return to our communities. Many years ago, Temple Shalom moved to accommodate a growing mixed community by accepting members of interfaith families. Those who see Judaism as a path with which they hope to reconnect and embrace. We welcome all to participate in our services and activities. All you need to do initially is to provide your email address to me (mikem3283@gmail.com) and I will add it to our list so that you can stay informed about the activities in the Temple Shalom community.

I look forward to hearing from you and wish everyone a year of good health, much joy and peace.

Shalom,
Michael S. Mendell, President

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2019

Support Our Shabbat Services Someone Needs a Minyan

Friday evening, January 4th 6:30 pm
Family Shabbat & Kabbalat Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, January 11th at 7:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Saturday morning, January 12th at 10:00 am
Shabbat morning service
The Cantor and Rabbi Loel Weiss will lead the worship.
A *Shabbat Luncheon* will follow services along with a study led by Rabbi Loel Weiss

Friday evening, January 18th at 7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, January 25th at 7:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, February 1st at 6:30 pm
Family Shabbat & Kabbalat Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, February 8th at 6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Saturday morning, February 9th at 10:00 am
Shabbat morning service
The Cantor and Rabbi Loel Weiss will lead the worship.
A *Shabbat Luncheon* will follow services along with a study led by Rabbi Loel Weiss

Friday evening, February 15th at 7:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat –
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
The Cantor will lead the worship
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, February 22nd at 7:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat –
The Cantor will lead the worship
[Yahrzeits observed](#)
Oneg Shabbat will follow the services

Sponsor needed for all Oneg Shabbats
Contact Emily Anthony to volunteer at
emilyanth@gmail.com

Times and dates sometimes are subject to change. If we have your email address it would be easier for us to notify you of any changes on the calendar. Please forward your current email address to: mike283@gmail.com

THE CANTOR'S CORNER

We read in the book of Amos “Let Justice roll down like the waters.” Martin Luther King spoke those words of Amos inspiring “Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics . . . “all of us, to work together in pursuit of justice for all. Let us gather on Friday, January 18th, Martin Luther King weekend, with our friends to live in the spirit of the words of Reverend King. Remember him marching hand in hand with people of all faiths and colors, with Rabbi Heschel. Let Dr. King’s inspirational life represent one of the great examples of ‘Seek Shalom and pursue it.’ Through the celebration of our common beliefs, of truth and justice, and the joys that they bring, “We shall overcome.” Let it be sooner, rather than later.



Martin Luther King Sabbath

January 18, 2019

The anniversary of Martin Luther King’s birthday will be observed during the weekend of January 18th-21st. Once again the occasion will begin with a Friday evening service at Temple Shalom in conjunction with the NAACP of Newport County which is observing its 98th anniversary” this year. The 2019 theme of the NAACP and of the weekend is “*Defeat Hate – Get Involved*”. This theme is closely aligned to the Jewish Alliance’s articulation of the principle, “We are against hate” and the Temple’s commitment to “Kvod HaBrijot” (respect for all people), inclusiveness and Tikkum Olam.

The Temple service, which will include the combined choirs of community Baptist and Moutn Zion AME churches, will reflect on the relevance of Dr. King’s endeavors to the current issues affecting our country and community.

As has been our custom, we invite our congregants to welcome our guests at a collation following services. This is an opportunity not only to become better acquainted, but also to explore way we can put our ideals into practice.



HANUKKAH SERVICE

On Friday December 7th, Temple Shalom celebrated Hanukkah with a service led by guest Rabbi Gavi Ruit and Cantor Fred Scheff. Rabbi Ruit started the service by inviting the children to light the Shabbat candles and the menorah. Following Lecha Dodi the children adjoined to the social hall to play games and make candy menorahs with Emily Anthony. Despite the joyous ruckus coming from the social hall, Rabbi Ruit and Cantor Scheff conducted a meaningful service, including a lesson on why we light our menorah in public view on Hanukkah. Following the service, we enjoyed latkes and live music. Thank you to Mike and Fran Mendell for traveling to Zayde's in Canton, MA to provide the latkes, thanks to Emily Anthony for devising fun games for the children and arranging the band, and thanks to Rabbi Ruit and Cantor Scheff for a fun and educational service. We were over-joyed to be joined by old friends and new faces.

ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

Karen Dannin, on behalf of Temple Shalom, is working with the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island to present an adult program series to take place on occasional Sunday mornings over breakfast. Since it is always best to "plan with" rather than "plan for", everyone's suggestions are welcome. If you have any ideas you would like to share, please send them to Karen at kdannin@gmail.com or Larry Katz, Director of Jewish Life and learning at lkatz@jewishallianceri.org. Anyone who would like to join the planning committee should contact Karen by email or at 401-619.4969.

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

More than 130 people attended the 44th annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Community Service held on Thanksgiving Eve at Temple Shalom.

Led by Cantor Scheff, with music provided by the choirs of St. Mary's Church, under the direction Cody Meade; St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church, under the direction of Helen Flynn, and the combined choirs of Community Baptist Church and Mt. Zion AME Church, under the direction of Frances Johnson. Stephen Martorella once again provided the musical prelude and postlude and other accompaniment. Julia Chille, from St. Paul's Methodist Church sang a reflection, "May I Suggest?" Many of the attending clergy reminded us of the diverse origins of the national Thanksgiving holiday. Brother Carl Crocket from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints shared George Washington's call for a day to show gratitude for

having brought the colonies through the Revolution. Included in his remarks, Deacon St. Laurent of St. Anthony's noted that many cultures, including the indigenous Narragansett and Wampanoag communities observe days of gratitude for bountiful harvest and creation. President Lincoln's declaration of the fourth Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving was also noted. Deacon John Silva of St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church, Reverend Alvin Riley from Mt. Zion A.M.E., Reverend Dr. Anita Schell from Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Rev. Lark D'Helen, wove psalms and other relevant readings through the service. Once again, Reverend Jae Gil Lee's parable story reminded us that showing gratitude encompasses not only the giver and receiver, but the one who delivers the message or gift. For many who attended, this service has become a ritual to set the mood for Thursday's turkey day.

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MISHABEIRACH LIST

At weekly services a prayer is offered for those who are ill and fighting disease. During this prayer for recovery the names of those in need are mentioned. We request that names to be included on the list be submitted to the Temple prior to Shabbat, and, that the names, which we already have be updated on a regular basis.

SPONSOR AN ONEG

We are grateful for all those people who sponsored and prepared the Onegs for Shabbat services and for special occasions. Now is the time to save a date to be one of those who will sponsor or prepare an oneg. It is a warm and special way to share in community and celebrate with fellow congregants. Maybe it's a birthday or anniversary you want to share. Maybe it is the birth of a new family member. Maybe you want to honor someone. Any excuse or even no excuse to celebrate is reason enough

Please contact **Emily Anthony** – 401-447-0323
or emilyanth@gmail.com.

HELP OUR SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP GROW

The temple would like every member to assist them in their goal of increasing the membership of our congregation. In order to accomplish our goal, we ask that you inform the Temple office of all families who have moved into your neighborhood, as we would like to welcome them to our community

TO REMEMBER IS TO KEEP ALIVE

According to Jewish tradition, we honor our loved one's memory by reciting Kaddish and by lighting a Yahrzeit candle on the anniversary of their death. Temple Shalom offers opportunities to fulfill this Mitzvah by arranging contributions and dedicating Memorial Plaques to perpetuate the memory of a loved one.

A Memorial Plaque is a constant reminder and a timely symbol of a cherished devotion to those we wish to remember. On the anniversary date of the Yahrzeit a light is kindled next to the nameplate. In accordance with Jewish tradition, whenever Yizkor is observed, a light should be kindled and Kaddish recited.

The present contribution for a Memorial Plaque is \$550.00. For additional information please contact the Temple. Contributions of many meaningful and needed items can be dedicated at the Temple.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please inform the Temple of any community news you wish to share

Mazel Tov to:

Dr. & Mrs. Steven Freedman on the marriage of the their daughter, Samantha to Christopher Cardarelli

Renee Kaminitz on the birth of her grandson, Joshua

Get Well to:

Frieda Nemptzow

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received from:

Phyllis Freedman
Edward & Helene Scheff
Judith Berger
John Lima
Timothy May
Victoria Johnson
Charles & Rosa Herckis

St. Paul's Methodist Church on Marlborough Street is collecting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for distribution on Wednesday afternoons between 1-4 and after Sunday services. Please phone if you have anything to drop off at other times.

Rev. Lark d'Helen a coordinator for **Community Connections**, can be contacted through the Memorial Funeral Home on Broadway, offers grief counseling to individuals as well as group classes for those seeking better communication with those nearing the end of life or suffering a bereavement. Community Connections also offers cooking classes, and other activities. You do not need to be affiliated with any religious institution to participate.

SHALOM FUND

Mazel Tov to **Renee Kaminitz on the birth of a grandson, Joshua**

By Lois & Stephen Schneller

Ruth Ziegler

Karen Dannin

Fran & Michael Mendell

Arlene & Bob Hicks

For information about participating in the Shalom Fund call Ruth Ziegler –
846-5858 or email – ruthziegler@cox.net.

Yahrzeits

Within the Jewish world there is an annual opportunity specially made for remembrance of those who are no longer with us in life. On the anniversary of their departure, family and friends recite the Kaddish.

The following Yahrzeits will be observed at Temple Shalom on the Friday closest to this date.

According to the Hebrew calendar the following Yahrzeits will begin at Sunset and continue thru the following day.

May the observance of this day and the memories of your loved one be a source of comfort, strength, and inspiration.

JANUARY 2019

Jan 2	Sam Cadesky
Jan 7	Howard Kay
Jan 10	Saul Goldberg
Jan 11	Fannie Nemtzow
Jan 13	Harold Rogers
Jan 15	Kathe Ziegler
Jan 17	Fannie Karp
Jan 18	Eva Seigel
Jan 20	Armand Minkin
Jan 21	Leon Silechnik
Jan 25	Max Rubin
	Beverly Adler
Jan 31	Sylvia Wolf

FEBRUARY 2019

Feb 1	Harry Wilfand
	Edward Martin
	Gertrude Rogers
Feb 2	Julia Edith Walters
Feb 5	Murray Kuperinsky
Feb 6	Louis Gold
Feb 7	Monroe Adler
Feb 10	Paul Zatz
	Robert Walters
Feb 11	Susan Reidy
	Anna Jagolinzer
Feb 12	Clara Spader
Feb 13	Joan Sue Botvin
Feb 15	David A Cohen
Feb 16	Ray Kahn
Feb 20	Dr. Mark Golden
Feb 21	Harry Cohen
Feb 24	Harold Jagolinzer
Feb 25	David Kahn
Feb 26	Harry Carlin

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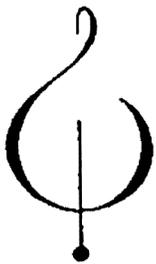
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ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING SABBATH SERVICE

Friday, January 18th

7:30 PM

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CLERGY AT THIS MEANINGFUL SERVICE**