

Presidents Message

On Saturday morning, our five year-old stumbled into our bedroom bleary-eyed and yawned, “I’m a lot happy because the Seder was so much fun, and a little sad because it made me so tired.” I’m sure you can all relate!

In the weeks before Passover, our boys (ages 3 and 5) were captivated by the Passover story, demanding that we read PJ Library books over and over. While I’m thrilled by their interest, I found that the children’s books were too simple and only focused on the joyousness of Passover. Our older son understands that we can carry and acknowledge more complicated and conflicting emotions, and I wanted him to explore both the joy and sorrow of the Passover story. The plagues provide delightful imagery for small boys- Frogs! Lice! Locust! – but then we get to the slaying of the first born. I prompted my older son to think about how the final plague made him feel. Happy, he was able to articulate, because Pharaoh finally let the Jewish people flee, but also sad, because Egyptian families suffered. After all, he remembered, it was Pharaoh’s daughter who pulled Moses from the water. We continued to explore this theme of complicated and conflicting notions at our Seder after singing about the four sons of Passover. None of us is entirely wicked or wise, he recognized, and we often don’t have the words to express ourselves. Of course, these are well-explored themes of Passover, but watching one’s child develop and display empathy through the Passover story is everything. I want my children to understand that the world contains beauty and injustice, love and struggle, hope and sorrow, and they should never lose their sense of compassion and empathy for complexities of humankind. Watching my children gain this understanding brings the value of being a part of the Temple Shalom community into sharper focus.

So, while I expect that you are also a little tired from a joyous and contemplative Passover, I hope that the renewed sounds of morning birds and blossoming trees gives you energy to engage at Temple Shalom. As you’ll read in the Conservator’s calendar, there is something for everyone in May, including services and lectures led by guest Rabbis, and fascinating speakers on contemporary issues. We’re now working on programming for the rest of the summer, so please pass along any ideas to me.

Shalom.

Abby Anthony

P.S. We are trying something new on the Temple Shalom website. In the coming weeks, please look for a new page titled, “Thoughts of the Week” (better naming ideas are more than welcome!). The purpose of this section of the website is to share perspectives and teachings from Jewish thought-leaders. Michael Mendell is taking the lead on identifying content to share, but we’re looking for others who would like to contribute by sharing an interesting article or thought-provoking parsha. Please share constructive feedback with Michael and me so that we can make this resource useful to you.

Schedule of Services at Temple Shalom

MAY-JUNE 2019



Support Our Shabbat Services Someone Needs a Minyan

Friday evening, May 3rd 6:30 pm

Family Shabbat & Kabbalat

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Pizza & *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, May 10th at 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Saturday morning, May 11th 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, May 17th

Small World Children's Service at 6:30 pm

Pizza and a movie will follow the service

Kabbalat Shabbat – at 7:30 pm

Special Guest Rabbi Earl Kideckel:

Yahrzeits observed

A Champagne *Oneg Shabbat* in Celebration of Michael Mendell's 80th Birthday will follow.

Friday evening, May 24th at 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, May 31st 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, June 7th at 6:30 pm

Family Shabbat & Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Pizza & *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Sunday afternoon, June 9th at 4:00 pm

Shavuot Services

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yizkor will be observed

Dairy Dinner following services

Friday evening, June 14th at 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday evening, June 21st at 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

Yahrzeits observed

The Cantor will lead the worship

Saturday morning, June 22nd 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, June 28th at 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

Yahrzeits observed

The Cantor will lead the worship

Sponsors 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

During the months of July and August we will have Friday evening services every other Friday. Please check your email for exact dates and times.

Please check your emails for summer schedule of services.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE SHALOM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST, 6:30 PM

for a potluck dairy dinner and a presentation by Officer Soholizky's.

Officer Eli Soholizky, a sea warfare officer in the Israeli Navy, will be presenting **"To be an Israeli in Israel: National and Personal Challenges."** Gauging from Officer Soholizky's impressive military resume, he will offer a fascinating perspective on contemporary challenges facing Israel. I am also excited to hear about normal work-a-day life in Israel against the backdrop of endless political stress. **Please bring your favorite dairy meal.**

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND AT 7:00 PM

Cantor Scheff will lead a Yom HaShoah service of remembrance with prayer, poetry and music. Please join us for this meaningful service.

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH AT 1:00 PM

Naomi Zucker will be the featured speaker in Temple Shalom's Hate/Anti-Semitism/Me lecture series.

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

Rabbi Earl Kideckel will lead a Small World children's service at **6:30 pm** and an adult service at **7:30 pm**. Following the service we will have a Champagne & Cake Oneg to celebrate Michael Mendell's 80th birthday. Rabbi Kideckel has served congregations in Long Island, Las Vegas, and Boston and currently services the unaffiliated in the Boston area. I've spoken with Rabbi Kideckel numerous times leading up to this service, and when we talk I can nearly see his smile through the phone line. His enthusiasm and care to serve Temple Shalom practically makes the phone buzz. I'm honored that he will be sharing his experience and expertise with us, and I hope that you will join us. (I also believe there will be chocolate espresso cake, in case you need a little extra motivation to attend).

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH AT 6:30 PM

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer will join us for a potluck dinner and discussion. Rabbi Kaunfer is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, where he served for twenty five years, and where he was responsible for educational programming and supervising the School and Youth Directors. Rabbi Kaunfer was also the founding Director of the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence, which he headed for 13 years. While we are still finalizing the details of Rabbi Kaunfer's remarks, he has suggested three possible discussion topics: 1) Are some mitzvot more important than others? 2) The structure of the service: seeing the forest for the trees; and, 3) What does it mean to be human? Views from the Midrash, the ancient Sages. Any one of these topics promises to be an enlightening and thought-provoking discussion.

It is more fun to learn together, and we grow as individuals and as a Jewish community by listening to each other, so please mark your calendar for all of these events and join us in learning, community, and good food

HATE / ANTISEMITISM/ ME

Sunday, April 7th was a memorable day for our Temple and the community at large.

It was the first event in our HATE / ANTISEMITISM/ ME series and attracted a cross-section of our community. They came from the "Island" and over the bridges from Jamestown and Tiverton.

Our social hall was filled, as we enjoyed a sumptuous buffet catered by Paula. We then adjourned to the sanctuary for a stimulating presentation by *Rabbi Lev Meierowitz Nelson*. Rabbi Lev is the Director of Rabbinic Training at T'ruah, which is the Rabbinic call for Human Rights.

This was not a lecture but a learning experience. An interactive opportunity for everyone to participate and share their personal experiences

and opinions and the attendees did so avidly. The rabbi drew his topics for discussion from numerous directions and sources.

After his acclaimed program it was back to the social hall for desert and coffee.

It was an opportunity to continue conversations; acquainting and reacquainting, while enjoying a beautiful presentation of simply delicious desserts; again by Paula. The day was most enjoyable as well as a learning experience. Even the temple kitchen was smiling at what was produced within its walls.

As we continue the series, we are deeply appreciative of the Bazarsky Family Foundation's continued underwriting.

Karen Dannin, Chair

THE SERIES CONTINUES:

HATE / ANTISEMITISM / ME

SUNDAY MAY 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Temple Shalom

223 Valley Rd., Middletown RI

TWENTIETH CENTURY ANTI-SEMITISM IN PRINT, ON THE AIR AND IN THE HALLS OF IVY

Presentation by: NAOMI ZUCKER

Naomi has written, with her husband, Norman L. Zucker, two books that have won human rights awards. She taught in the English department at URI and is also the author of three novels for young people. She is at work on a historical novel, set in sixteenth-century Prague, for which she has been doing extensive research on anti-Semitism.

Following the presentation: Desserts by Paula

Reservations please to:

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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

We often think of the High Holiday season as the busiest time of the year. We'll hang on to your Yarmulkes. As I write this, we have just finished putting away all the extra, extra dishes for the sederim, and said farewell to family as we return to our own homes. This coming weekend we gather to remember as a community to recite Yizkor at the end of Pesach. I know, I Know, that was part of the last newsletter, so on we go. Coming up we gather as a community to remember. We remember the evils of the Shoah. We gather this year with family and friends as remember through words of poem, scripture and song. We remember those we lost and we look forward to our future. We will be celebrating the birth of our homeland,

Israel. Every day between Pesach and Shavuot, we remember by counting the Omer. Finally we reach Shavuot, the feast of weeks. At this time we celebrate the wheat harvest and the receiving of the Torah. One of the things that we eat on Shavuot are traditionally, cheese blintzes, containing both wheat and dairy - Chalav. According to G'matria, the numerical value of words, Chalav's value is 40. That is the exact number of days that Moses spent on the Mountain to receive the Torah. So, we have a great deal to celebrate and remember, some painful, but a great deal more full of joy and hope. May this coming holiday season see us filled with our continuing work of community and we celebrate all that we have received from HaShem. See you in Shul.



SHAVUOT - JUNE 8TH-10TH

The holiday of Shavuot is a two-day holiday, beginning at sundown of the 5th of Sivan and lasting until nightfall of the 7th of Sivan.

Shavuot means "weeks." It celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot.

The Torah was given by G d to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai on Shavuot more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of G d's gift, and G d "re-gives" the Torah.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event—one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul for all times. Our sages have compared it to a wedding between G d and the Jewish people. Shavuot also means "oaths," for on this day G d swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him.



Shavuot Services and Dairy Dinner

Sunday, June 9th at 4:00 PM

Please join us for services and dairy dinner - \$18.00 per person (children our guests)

Reservations required:

Name _____

Number of guests _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Please detach and return to by June 6th to:
Temple Shalom – 223 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842
or call/email Fran at 401-846-6549 / franc2224@gmail.com

CONSERVATOR NEWS

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:

Rosa & Charles Herckis on the birth of a grandson

Get Well to:

Frieda Nemtsov

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received from:

*Bruce Pollak
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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.

MAY 2019

May 4 Alan Steven Kuperinsky
May 5 Pearl Goldberg
May 6 Tillie Margolis
Gerald Ponce
May 7 Samuel Bazarsky
Saul Wolf
May 8 Elizabeth Mendell
May 17 Manfred Ziegler
May 20 Benjamin Askin
May 21 Jeanette Tick
May 25 Muriel Martin

JUNE 2019

June 1 Max Ziegler
June 4 Dora Blumen
June 5 Louis Spader
June 18 Lucille Malise
June 24 Michael Mureddu
June 27 Jonathan L Cohen
June 28 Irving Solup
June 29 Enid Buccì
June 30 Esther Walters

JULY 2019

July 2 Elliot Kaminitz
July 4 Max Brant
July 5 Morris Reiter
Salamon J. Flink
July 7 Morris Brown
Ruth Jurmann
July 14 William Tick
July 19 Shep Goldberg
July 30 Samuel Spector
July 31 Ruth Abramson

AUGUST 2019

Aug 13 Paul Girard
Aug 14 Leonard Schneller
Beatrice Bazarsky
Aug 16 Florence Ariel Field
Aug 17 Harold Dorkin
Aug 21 Bess Carlin
Aug 24 Abe Zatz
Aug 27 Goldie Kaminitz
Aug 28 Florence Flink
Leia Marcovici
Aug 29 Harry Nemtsov

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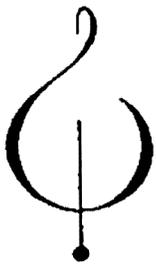
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