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L’Shana tova
Dear Temple Shalom community,

It is hard to believe the new Jewish year is upon us. The Hebrew month of Elul, leading up to Rosh Hashanah, is a time to reflect on our accomplishments and our challenges. It is the time we are called upon to stop, look up and engage in a comprehensive review of the ways we spend our time and the daily routine of our lives. Are we running in the right direction? Is there something we do each day that brings us joy? Do we spend enough time with the people who matter to us? With these reflections, we can begin the year with renewed purpose and intention.

At Temple Shalom, much of our planning and introspection begins well before the month of Elul. It is during the beautiful days of summer that we reflect on the transformation happening in our congregation and plan for the year ahead. We also celebrate new arrivals to our community and changes to our physical plant. This summer, we welcomed Cantor Leah Shafritz to Temple Shalom. During her short time with us, we have learned that our new cantor is smart and passionate about Judaism. She has a beautiful voice that fills the room and adds kavanah (intention/spirituality) to our prayers. Most importantly, Cantor Shafritz is excited and eager to build a sacred relationship with our community. As the year gets started, we hope you will get to know our new cantor and share with her what you love about Temple Shalom. Her hope and desire to get to know us is a reminder that the relationships we create are what make us a community of purpose and meaning.

Over the past few months, we have also witnessed our building's physical transformation. When we enter the sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah, we will stand together for the first time in our renovated sacred space. It has been one of the greatest honors of our careers to be part of this project. From start to finish, every change, every addition and decision has been made with intention. The new Sanctuary is beautiful, but it is your presence that will transform our beautiful space and elevate it, making it a true Sanctuary.

In the year ahead, we will renew the relationships that make our community one of purpose and meaning. We will celebrate our reconfigured space and build a cherished relationship with our cantor. But there is another piece that is an equally important goal. Scholar Michael J. Crosbie shares, “When we create a place for people to meet, to be in communion with each other, we fashion space in which people can share time together, in each other's presence. Through this sharing, we potentially open a portal to the sacred.” (1)

We must remember to set aside moments to fill ourselves up and to renew our minds and bodies. In doing so, even time can become holy. We are proud to share that our learning theme for the year will be: “Sacred Time, Sacred Space, Sacred Relationship: Building Our Jewish Community.” Through the various lenses of adult education, youth and teen learning, prayer, travel, engagement and celebration, we will explore these three corners of a triangle that inspire meaningful, relevant and inclusive community. As we begin our exploration of sacred time, sacred space and sacred relationship, we are reminded of the words of Abraham Joshua Heschel (whose daughter, Dr. Susannah Heschel, will be our Rothman Scholar this December): “Judaism teaches us to be attached to holiness in time, to be attached to sacred events, to learn how to consecrate sanctuaries that emerge from the magnificent stream of a year.” (2)

As we enter 5780, we begin a new era in the history of our congregation. We are grateful to have arrived at this moment, and we give thanks for the blessings that fill our lives. May this be a year of joy; may this be a year of increased strength; may this be a year of health and happiness for all of us and for all the world.

Shana tova u'metukah - wishing you a good and sweet New Year,
Rabbi Allison Berry & Rabbi Laura Abrasley

(1) https://faithandform.com/editorial/sacred-time-sacred-space/
Cantor Leah Shafritz grew up in beautiful Santa Barbara, Cal. and more recently lived in Boston where she earned a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance, magna cum laude, from The Boston Conservatory. After graduating college, Leah worked at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham, Mass. as the youth advisor, seventh grade teacher and music specialist before embarking on her cantorial studies in Jerusalem and New York City.

She was ordained by The Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, where she also earned a Masters of Sacred Music degree. During her studies at HUC-JIR, she served as the student cantor for two years at Port Jewish Center on Long Island, as well as a B'nai Mitzvah tutor at Shaaray Tefila on the Upper East Side, where she also served as the Cantorial Intern for two years.

Cantor Shafritz believes that music is a powerful tool, which can connect people in ways beyond what is possible in everyday interactions; that it can reach, inspire and create relationships with people in many different aspects of congregational life. As clergy, she feels privileged to be able to create connection and to empower others to bring their unique gifts in order to build community, creating sparks of holiness within the entire congregation.

Cantor Shafritz lives in Watertown with her husband, Abram Koester, and their future therapy dog, Albie. She enjoys cooking, baking and playing tennis. A true Southern Californian, Cantor Shafritz proudly bleeds Dodger Blue.

Why did you want to become a cantor?
I was lucky to grow up with an amazing cantor, Mark Childs (he's now been at my home congregation B'nai B'rith in Santa Barbara, Cal. for 28 years!), who served as an inspiration and mentor to me as a young child in religious school and still through to today. He saw my interest in Judaism and music and provided me with opportunities and empowered me to immerse myself in different aspects of musical life in the community, from the youth and teen choirs to teaching religious school music and leading services. I saw what an impact a cantor can have in people's lives, through music and beyond.

Were you always interested in singing from a young age?
My mother says I was born singing! And it helped that she sings as well and comes from a family of musicians. There was always music in my life from a very young age, whether is was Raffi tapes or making up gibberish Italian while singing along to opera. I began taking voice lessons around age nine and participated in recitals or summer musical theater camp performances, then continued doing theater as well as singing in the vocal jazz ensemble in high school.

What is your Jewish background, and did that play a role in considering a professional Jewish career?
I grew up in a vibrant Reform congregation. I always loved being in the community, learning in religious school and, of course, participating in the youth and teen choirs. I was very aware of the importance of community and having a strong Jewish identity and found that I loved passing that on to younger generations through teaching religious school music and song leading at Jewish summer camp. Those experiences certainly led me to where I am today.

As our cantor, what role do you play in the congregational life of Temple Shalom?
I'm thrilled to join an incredible clergy team with Rabbis Abrasely and Berry and excited to see what our collaborative partnership can produce. Like the Rabbis, I am available to the congregation in a pastoral role, as an educator and as a worship leader. As a cantor, I have the unique privilege of enhancing this multi-faceted role of clergy through the addition of music. I'm able to provide comfort or enliven celebration through song. I can teach Jewish concepts or texts through music. I can help create community by building up and supporting our various music ensembles. And I can guide people to a profound place in worship by bringing to life the words in the siddur through song, expressing the delight of praying together on Shabbat or the awe and grandeur of the High Holy Days or by inviting moments of introspection, meditation and nostalgia.
There are many different avenues by which to connect to our community and to Judaism, and it is very meaningful for me to play some part in making that connection, through music, or not, for many congregants.

**What advice do you have for congregants to help them personally prepare for the High Holy Days?**

Start early! In order to get the deepest reflection and meaning from this season, it's so important to do some of the work ahead of time. The month of Elul, leading up to Rosh Hashanah, is traditionally a time to prepare ourselves for the Days of Repentance. We are lucky this year, with the late holidays, that Elul is most of September, and not the end of the summer, so we can more readily take the opportunity to focus on self-reflection, helping us to show up to services really ready to do the work required of us by our tradition, making the penitential liturgy we recite more significant.

**How do you personally prepare for the High Holy Days?**

As a cantor, it can be challenging to focus on one's own self-preparation through the many choir rehearsals, the logistics of planning the services and time spent practicing music leading up to Erev Rosh Hashanah. Fortunately, with every year I lead and the more experience I have under my belt, I find that more space opens up to truly have my own High Holy Days experience, even while working hard to ensure that the congregation has theirs.

I find it particularly meaningful while rehearsing music to not simply focus on the notes I'm singing, but to reflect on the texts that are unique to this time of year and consider how perhaps they've changed or evolved for me since the last time I've sung them. Many composers who have set our sacred texts were very intentional in the way they expressed our liturgy through music and understanding that, and transforming it through my own singing and expression is a very moving and spiritual experience.

**What are your favorite Rosh Hashanah and break fast foods?**

I love a good noodle kugel! And, of course, the sweet raisin challot. When I have the chance, I love to bake some myself. On the savory side, tsimmes and brisket never fail to please.

**What is your favorite High Holy day prayer and why? What is your favorite Shabbat prayer and why?**

I can't choose. It changes week to week or year to year. The beauty of our liturgy is that there is so much depth to it, and depending on what you're going through or where you are in life, different texts can hit you differently each time you recite them. Sometimes a particular prayer may not feel meaningful, but at another point, it could be a guiding text. The best way to find meaning in our liturgy is to study the texts and find some way in which it relates to your own life. Of course, a favorite musical setting of a prayer can only enhance its significance!

**What music and artists do you listen to? What do you like about them?**

I frequently have a classical radio station playing in the car or at home, and I love going to the symphony. If I had to pick a favorite classical composer, I would say Mahler - the expressiveness and complexity of his music is very moving for me.

In a different vein, I've been a huge Beatles fan since I was a kid and also grew up listening to the music of Cat Stevens, James Taylor, The Doors, Simon and Garfunkel and many others from that time. I love the music of Simon and Garfunkel, from their beautiful harmonies and guitar playing to Art Garfunkel's voice paired with the brilliant lyrics and melodies of Paul Simon. I appreciate contemporary indie, rock and folk musicians and bands who have followed in their footsteps, producing thoughtful music of substance, meaning and emotion.

**If I was not a cantor, I would be...**

In that alternate reality, most likely a pastry chef!
As I write this, it is mid-summer, and we are about halfway through our renovation project. I was prepared for the construction noise to be excruciating, but it has actually been quite manageable. There’s some banging here and there, but for the most part it’s been business as usual. Each afternoon, when the work wraps up for the day, I head upstairs to check out the progress.

Beyond the general excitement of seeing our new space take shape, the stillness of that time is a highlight of every day. There is something beautifully raw about the sanctuary in its state of in-betweenness. It is perfectly silent, and the sunlight coming through the stained-glass windows is nothing short of Godly. It might be the most spiritual sacred space I have ever been in, and most of it isn’t even there.

In the book of Genesis, Jacob encounters an angel of God in a dream, and when he awakens, he says out loud, “Surely God is in this place and I – I did not know it.” The Hebrew indicates that the second “I” is intentional, as though Jacob was doubly shocked. Not only was God there, but that he had not realized it. Being in our quiet prayer space, with all the dressings stripped bare and just the frame surrounding me, this is how I feel as well. Somehow by taking parts out and seeing the most simple essence of our Sanctuary, I am that much more aware of how deeply holy it is.

In the coming weeks, our renovation project will be finished. The still quiet I have enjoyed all summer will be replaced by the vibrance and life of our congregational family. The energy of prayer and song will fill our sanctuary in new and powerful ways. Our accessible bima will allow everyone to come up to the Torah easily and without challenge. Our sound and video system will enable us to share our beautiful worship broadly for those near and far who cannot attend. The enlarged entrance will be an open and welcoming space and will encourage people to gather and connect with new friends and old. The finished product is going to be magnificent.

Just like our Sanctuary, our congregation has moved through dramatic transformation in recent years. We, too, have emerged bright, open, welcoming, vital and modern. Also, at our core – with all the trappings removed – we remain a sacred place where God delights in the stillness. Our congregation in its very essence is - like the quiet Sanctuary - a place of comfort and care for all who enter. May this continue to be a season of blessing for us all. L’shana tova.
A Welcoming Shabbat Service

In the past few years, Temple Shalom has made “welcoming” a priority. It’s in our vision statement: “As a congregational family, Temple Shalom is committed to making each person feel welcome and at home.” The URJ discusses “Audacious Hospitality” as one of its priorities. I’ve always thought of “welcoming” as a community engagement effort: we welcome newcomers with a smile; we introduce ourselves to people we don’t know; and we ask each other how we’re doing. What I didn’t consider until just recently is that being “welcoming” is part of our religious practices, and I thought I’d share my new appreciation for this.

My dad and sister were visiting from out of town in mid-July. Their visit was Cantor Shafritz’s first service, and I wanted to be there, so my dad and sister joined me. I was brought up Jewish, but my sister – from my dad’s second marriage – was not. It’s safe to say my dad hadn’t been to a Shabbat service in decades, and it was a first for my sister. The service itself was very nice, but what struck me as extraordinary was how easy it was for my two visitors to participate: to follow along, sing along, connect with the messages and enjoy it. I enjoyed watching them enjoy it. My sister had no exposure to Hebrew, but she was able to read the transliteration and grasp the melodies enough to sing along, thanks in part to Cantor Shafritz’s song-leading ability. My dad was engaged and comfortable enough to call out the name of a sick friend during Mi Shebeirach. I was proud of Temple Shalom and our clergy team in that moment, and I realized through my visitors how accessible the service was.

The experience of bringing visitors new to, or far removed from, a Shabbat service reminded me of the beautiful Shabbat service we had at Temple Shalom after the horrific events in Pittsburgh in the fall of 2018. During that “Show Up for Shabbat” service, we welcomed many visitors who had no experience with a Jewish service. Yet, it seemed to me that, with just a little additional explanation from our rabbis, they were able to participate in - and get value from - the experience. It was a terrible reason to come together, of course, but the service provided a forum for the greater community to do just that.

I find comfort in the rituals of a Shabbat service, and I suspect I’m not alone. The familiar prayers and songs, the standing up and sitting down at specific times, the responsive readings – they all make us feel like we belong. But what of newcomers who don’t know the rituals? How do they find that comfort and connect with the service? These experiences have shown me that the broader themes we address and embrace in our religious practices play a big role: discussing our values of social action and Tikkun Olam, praying for the sick, supporting those in mourning, being moved by music, coming together as a community. These are not just ritualistic, but humanistic elements of our services. And to me, that’s “welcoming.”

Tzedek Team

The Tzedek Team has work to do during this coming year in the pursuit of social justice. Our ongoing issues are food insecurity, immigration, gun violence prevention, women’s reproductive freedom and anti-Semitism.

Upcoming events are:

**Oct. 8-9:** Our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive for the Newton Food Pantry. Their list of most needed items will be distributed on Rosh Hashanah.

**Nov. 3-10:** One week drive to collect diapers for Diaper Circle for distribution throughout the Boston Area through pantries and shelters. Diapers are not covered by SNAP benefits.

**Nov. 3 at 10:15 a.m.:** Sunday program on gun violence prevention.

**Jan. 23-26:** A trip to Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham, Ala. to learn the history and visit the places significant in the struggle for Civil Rights.

**TBA:** Shabbat dinner and panel on immigration.

**Daily:** We are always collecting crackers and tuna fish for Family Table.

Whether you engage through a program with speakers, participate in an action or travel with us, we need your energy and ideas. Do you have other ideas? Want to get involved? Please contact us.

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Shana Tova!

With the summer months beginning to fade, we eagerly await the High Holy Days, where we gather as one community to celebrate, reflect, and pray as we greet 5780. This year, our morning worship will include three different service options responding to the varying needs and preferences of our diverse community.

Service descriptions can be found at www.templeshalom.org/HHD19. We look forward to sharing this special time with you and your family and wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Rabbi Laura Abrasley, Rabbi Allison Berry, and Cantor Leah Shafritz
Please use this form to order guest tickets, submit Book of Memory entries (deadline Sept. 27), or join the Usher & Safety Team. The paper form is not necessary if you've completed it online.

First Name:__________________________________ Last Name:__________________________________

Email Address:____________________________________________________________________________

Guest Ticket Purchase
Guest tickets are available to Temple Shalom members in good standing for a contribution of $118 per guest.

Number of guest tickets requested: _________       Amount due: $__________

Yom Kippur Book of Memory
The Yom Kippur Yizkor service provides the opportunity to remember those who passed away. It is traditional to remember and honor the souls of the departed by contributing to tzedakah (charity). The deadline to submit entries for the Book of Memory is Sept. 27. Our clergy will read seven tributes from congregants about their loved ones at the service. If you are interested in submitting a written tribute, email Anne Fried, Executive Assistant (afried@templeshalom.org) in the Temple Shalom office with a submission of 100 words or less.

___ Repeat the listing from last year exactly as appeared.
___ Repeat my/our listings from last year and include the additions/corrections listed below.
___ New listing - Please use information written below.

Your name(s), exactly as you would like them to appear in the Book of Memory.
___________________________________________________________________________________

Please enter the name of one loved one per line.
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For additional names, please attach a separate list.

Contributions to the Book of Memory help support Temple Shalom programming throughout the year. Please consider making a contribution with your entry in the Book of Memory. A donation of $36 per name listed is suggested.

Volunteer for the Usher & Safety Team
Please mark the services you are available to volunteer.
Usher & Safety Team training will be held Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.

☐ Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 29 at 8 p.m.
☐ Rosh Hashanah Morning (B'Yachad) - Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.
☐ Rosh Hashanah Morning (Tot Service) - Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.
☐ Rosh Hashanah Morning (Traditional) - Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m.
☐ Kol Nidre (early) - Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.
☐ Kol Nidre (late) - Oct. 8 at 8:30 p.m.
☐ Yom Kippur Morning (B'Yachad) - Oct. 9 at 8:15 a.m.
☐ Yom Kippur Morning (Tot Service) - Oct. 9 at 8:15 a.m.
☐ Yom Kippur Morning (Traditional) - Oct. 9 at 11:15 a.m.
☐ Yom Kippur Afternoon with Yizkor and Neilah - Oct. 9 at 3:15 p.m.
HIGH HOLY DAYS
SERVICE SCHEDULE 2019

Selichot, Friday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
We mark the ritual of Selichot during our Kabbalat Shabbat service with psalms, teaching and changing of the Torah mantles.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 29, 8 p.m. Sanctuary - Tickets required

Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Sept. 30
Temple Shalom offers multiple worship experiences designed to embrace the diversity within our community. Members are encouraged to choose the one that best fits their family and individual preferences. Babysitting for children ages six mos - 5 years is available following the Tot Service (9 a.m.) and during the Traditional Service (11:30 a.m.)

B’Yachad Morning Service, 9 a.m. Sanctuary - Tickets required
B’Yachad (all of us, together) is Temple Shalom’s inclusive, participatory and contemporary Reform High Holy Days prayer experience. Most appropriate for children ages six and above, B’Yachad features participatory music, Rosh Hashanah liturgy, a traditional Torah reading and full sermon. Children in Grades K-3 will be invited to participate in a separate educational program during the Torah reading and sermon.

Tot Service, 9 a.m. room 101 - Tickets required
For our littlest friends and their loved ones! Perfect for ages 0-6, about 45 minutes in length. Join our talented song leader and early childhood staff for an interactive and engaging Rosh Hashanah experience. Meet puppet friends, sing songs, hear the blasts of the shofar and share in a meaningful celebration of the Jewish New Year.

Traditional Morning Service, 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary - Tickets required
Come to our classic Rosh Hashanah worship service led by our clergy and professional choir. The traditional service includes majestic music with organ and an inspirational sermon.

Tashlich, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m. Cove in Auburndale
Join us for a Tashlich service. We will share some brief prayers, songs and an opportunity to “cast away” our sins as we breathe new life into an older custom. Bring a snack or early dinner and bread crumbs. Children can play at the playground as well. All ages are welcome.

Kol Nidre, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6-8 p.m. or 8:30-10:30 p.m. Sanctuary - Tickets required
Babysitting will not be available on Kol Nidre.

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Oct. 9
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Tot Service, 8:15 a.m. room 101 - Tickets required
For our littlest friends and their loved ones! Perfect for ages 0-6, about 45 minutes in length. Join our talented song leader and early childhood staff for an interactive and engaging Yom Kippur experience. Meet puppet friends, sing songs and share in a meaningful Yom Kippur service.

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Afternoon Service with Yizkor & Neilah, 3:15-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary - followed by a light community breakfast.

NEED A RIDE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES?
If you need assistance with transportation to High Holy Days services, please don’t hesitate to inform the staff at the Temple office, and your request will be shared with the Caring Community volunteer drivers. Simply call the office at (617) 332-9550 or email CaringCommunity@templeshalom.org.
Shabbat & Holiday Services

Temple Shalom offers a variety of Shabbat services, studies and activities for all ages. The Friday night service, which is held every Friday at 6:30 p.m., is filled with lots of singing and spirit. Come and join us for Shabbat.

Kabbalat Shabbat
Picnic "Shabbat on the Hill"
Friday, Sept. 20, 5:30-7 p.m. (no rain date)
Come reconnect with friends at this Families with Young Children event! You will have a chance to meet, sing and say the blessings with Cantor Shafritz and enjoy a BYOP (bring your own picnic) on the Hill. We are bringing the popsicles for dessert. Nature Explorer Summer Camp counselor and photographer Ian Dickerman will take family photos. Members and non-members are welcome.

FwYC Tot Shabbat Hallelu
Fridays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m., Rothman Chapel/Room 101
Our Friday night family experience begins with an interactive musical Tot service followed by a vegetarian family dinner catered by RK's Kitchen and Catering, for ages 0-5. The larger congregation's Shabbat Hallelu service begins at 6:30 p.m. with free babysitting available for ages two and up. Come to any/all portions of the evening that fit your family. Siblings welcome. Dinner is free, and members and non-members are welcome. Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TempleShalomFwYC) to stay up to date with the menu and theme for the month.

Shir Shalom Choir
Fridays, Oct. 25 and Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Please join us as our Shir Shalom Choir sings at our Shabbat services. The choir is led by Music Director David Carrier and Cantor Leah Shafritz.

Shabbat Hallelu Services
Fridays, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Shabbat Hallelu, a spirited service in song, is held the first Friday of every month. Temple Shalom's Shabbat Hallelu Band, led by keyboardist Matt Savage, accompanies the worship. This service is appropriate for all ages. Children are welcome and invited to lead Hamotzi, the blessing over the challot (two challahs) at the conclusion of the service. The service is preceded by our Shalom Nosh at 6 p.m. and followed by an Oneg Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. "Shabbat Club" babysitting is provided and free of charge for ages two and up.

Shabbat Morning
Minyan and Torah Study
Saturdays, 8:45 a.m., Rothman Chapel and room 101
A lively lay-led minyan service is held every Saturday morning, followed by a light breakfast and Torah study.

B'nai Mitzvah
A Saturday morning Shabbat service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a Torah service when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Shabbat Mind: Mindfulness and Meditation
Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.
Join us monthly for an hour of Shabbat-inspired stillness and reflection led by members of our own community. Included will be guided imagery, meditation, discussion and sharing. Appropriate for experienced meditators and those new to meditation as well. Please note the new start time of 11 a.m. No registration required.

Sukkot
Pizza in the Hut
Sunday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
Sukkot, marking our journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, gets underway with a pizza dinner, singing, sukkah decorating and a celebration in the sukkah.

Simchat Torah
Sunday, Oct. 20, 3:30 p.m.
On Simchat Torah, our community will gather for an afternoon of celebration, learning and joy in our new Sanctuary.
Agreeing to Disagree the Jewish Way: An Introduction to Disagreeing with Civility + Respect

with Rabbi Allison Berry and Rabbi Laura Abrasley

Same class. Two locations. $54

Downtown Boston: Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Jan. 23, Feb. 13, April 16; 12-1:30 p.m.,
Temple Shalom: Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, April 30; 12-1:30 p.m.

Have we lost our way to really understanding and engaging in meaningful and constructive disagreement? Jewish tradition offers an excellent antidote for those who desire a different way to disagree more constructively. Rabbi Berry and Rabbi Abrasley will present the “how-to method” found at the core of all traditional Jewish study when study partners find themselves confronted with contradictory interpretations of Jewish texts.

Future of the Jewish State

with Dr. Jonathan Golden of Gann Academy

Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19; 7:30-9 p.m., $54/participant

Together, we will grapple with the big questions facing Israel in 2019. How can Israel best live out its mission as a Jewish democracy? What is the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and what are the possible paths for Israel to pursue? What should the relationship be between religion and state in Israel? Come explore and discuss key stances on these questions in preparation for the March 2020 Temple Shalom trip to Israel. Open to all Temple members and especially encouraged for March 2020 Israel Trip participants.

Dr. Jonathan Golden is the Israel Curriculum Coordinator and a history teacher at Gann Academy, a pluralistic Jewish high school in Waltham, where he has taught since 1999. Dr. Golden is interested in historical and contemporary questions of Jewish pluralism.

Progressive Judaism in Israel - What Is It, Who Are We and How Do We Build a Strong Relationship With American Jews?

An evening with Alona Nir-Keren, Rabbi of Kamatz in Mevaseret Zion, Israel

Sponsored by the Israel Engagement Task Force of Temple Shalom.

Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Alona Nir-Keren was ordained at Hebrew Union College Jerusalem as a Reform Rabbi in 2016. As a sabra (native Israeli) who understands and comes from the worldview of secular Israeli society, she adds a new voice and dimension to the Reform Jewish community. She joined the community of Kehilat Mevaseret Zion in 2017. Alona was introduced to the rich American Jewish community life during her work as a young emissary to Metro West Federation and nine years later, again as an emissary to the URJ.

Mindful Parenting of Teens and Tweens

with Amy Behrens

Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 17, 24; 10:30-11:45 a.m.

$99 for one parent or caregiver, $130 for two parents or caregivers

A dynamic four-part series designed to give parents and caregivers the tools they need to navigate the ups and downs of parenting.

Connecting Jewish Wisdom to 21st Century Living

with Temple Shalom Clergy and Staff

Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 8, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 5; 10:15-11:45 a.m.

These monthly sessions will explore the lessons gleaned from Jewish text and tradition and consider their application to today’s world. Each session covers a different topic relevant to parenting, raising Jewish children and being a whole parent in a complex world. No registration required.

Learning Opportunities

Spirituality and Mental Health Discussion Group

with Hadassah Margolis

Sponsored by the Temple Shalom Sisterhood through a grant from Women of Reform Judaism.

Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2; 7-8 p.m., maximum 10

How are spirituality and religion connected to mental health? Share how spirituality is (or is not) a part of your life, and learn side-by-side with others how spirituality and mental health impact each other. All religions and levels of faith welcomed.

Hadassah Margolis, MSW, LICSW: Hadassah is a clinical social worker and the Lead Therapist at McLean's Spirituality and Mental Health Department, where she has helped develop the hospital's first-ever Spirituality and Treatment groups.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Rothman Scholar - Dr. Susannah Heschel
Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Shabbat services, dinner and speaker

Dr. Susannah Heschel is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College. Her scholarship focuses on Jewish-Christian relations in Germany during the 19th and 20th centuries, the history of biblical scholarship and the history of anti-Semitism.

The Blessings of Community and Connection, Adult Kallah
How good it is to be together with community for the annual Kallah. Make connections with fellow congregants at this adults-only weekend. Make new friends, spend time with clergy and enjoy the varied programs offered.

Adult Confirmation Taught by Temple Shalom Clergy

Hebrew instructor TBA

Prayerbook Hebrew 1 or 2 (we will determine your level at the first class), 7-8 p.m.
Judaic Learning, 8:15-9:15 p.m.
Jan.14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31,
April 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 (16 sessions)
Confirmation will take place on Shavuot, May 28, 2020, $300/participant
Confimation is a traditional life-cycle moment created by the Reform Movement. In our community, confirmation has been an opportunity for high school students to deepen their understanding and exploration of Judaism and confirm their Jewish identity. For the first time, we invite any adult who has become Bar or Bat Mitzvah to join us for an Adult “Confirmation” experience. Together, we will build community as we explore Shabbat practices, worship and prayer, as well as deepen our knowledge of the Jewish holidays of Purim, Passover and Shavuot. Our confirmation experience will culminate on Shavuot, when the group will work together to craft and lead a Shavuot learning and prayer experience.

Please note - Adult Confirmation class will offer two Hebrew levels for adults, who already are comfortable reading Hebrew. Opportunities for leading prayers and chanting Torah will be available for all students.

Prayerbook Hebrew Level 1, Instructor TBA
Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19 (15 sessions), 7-8 p.m., $100/participant
Using the book Aleph Isn’t Enough as a base, students will study vocabulary, basic grammar and sentence structure in order to understand the meaning of select prayers. Practice reading and chanting prayers will round out the class time.

Prayerbook Hebrew Level 2, Instructor TBA
Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19 (15 sessions), 7-8 p.m., $100/participant
Using the book Bet is for Breishit as a base, students will increase their knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and Hebrew sentence structure working with select Torah texts. In-class reading practice will focus on Torah texts and not reading/chanting prayers.

Conversational Hebrew, Instructor TBA
Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19 (4 sessions), 7:30-8:45 p.m.
$54/participant, cap of 20 participants
Interested in expanding your Hebrew vocabulary? Hoping to order at a restaurant in Israel with confidence? This class might be for you! With an emphasis on food, music, history and politics, this course is a great fit for those traveling to Israel with us and anyone who wishes to expand their knowledge.

Altschuler Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Reuven Firestone
March 13-15, 2020

Dr. Reuven Firestone is the Regenstein Professor in Medieval Judaism and Islam at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles, California, and Affiliate Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California. Firestone has served as vice president of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) and president of the International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA) and has initiated and continues to be involved in numerous projects and initiatives which bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians, Jews and Arabs, and Israelis and Palestinians. He received rabbinical ordination from HUC-JIR in 1982.

Men's Group with Josh Conescu
March 24, 31, April 14, 28 with breakfast, 8-9:15 a.m., $36/participant
Jewish men have been in the news lately and not always for the right reasons. Bernie Madoff, Harvey Weinstein and Jeffrey Epstein to name a few are triggering and controversial figures. In a world where things are increasingly uncertain, men of integrity, honesty and grit are needed more than ever. Together, we will study and discuss wisdom, law and stories from Jewish tradition to help us to understand and unpack what it means to be a Jewish man in 2020.

Saturday Morning Torah Study
Weekly on Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Mind: Mindfulness and Meditation
Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.
An hour of Shabbat-inspired stillness and reflection led by members of our own community with guided imagery, meditation, discussion and sharing.

Spirituality Discussion Group
Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Are you interested in exploring some of the spiritual aspects of your life? If so, please visit the Spirituality Discussion Group. We will have a potluck of food and ideas to start off the new year. The group meets monthly for meditation, guided imagery, discussion and sharing. For info and to RSVP, email Karen Kramer at karen@spacetobreathe.net.
### Calendar September 2019

**Tuesday, Sept. 3**  | Labor Day  
Office closed

**Wednesday, Sept. 4**  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring  
7 p.m. | Nursery School Back to School Night  
7:30 p.m. | Executive Committee meeting  
7:30 p.m. | Shir Shalom rehearsal

**Thursday, Sept. 5**  
1 p.m. | Mah Jongg  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring

**Friday, Sept. 6**  
6 p.m. | Shalom Nosh  
6:30 p.m. | Shabbat services

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
8:45 a.m. | Minyan and Torah study  
10:30 a.m. | Bar Mitzvah of Gabe Kolodner

**Sunday, Sept. 8**  
10 a.m. | Usher and Safety Team training  
1:15 p.m. | SHACHARIT open house

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
8:30 a.m. | Nursery School welcome back coffee

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
1 p.m. | Mah Jongg  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
6 p.m. | Shalom Nosh  
6:30 p.m. | Shabbat services with Hadassah Margolis; LICSW; spirituality and mental health discussion

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
8:45 a.m. | Minyan and Torah study  
11 a.m. | Shabbat Mind: Mindfulness and Meditation

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
9:30 a.m. | SHACHARIT

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
6:30 p.m. | Garden Club

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring  
7:30 p.m. | Board of Trustees meeting  
7:30 p.m. | Shir Shalom rehearsal

**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
1 p.m. | Mah Jongg  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring  
6:30 p.m. | Spirituality Discussion Group and potluck

**Friday, Sept. 20**  
6 p.m. | Shalom Nosh  
6:30 p.m. | Shabbat services and Selichot observance

**Saturday, Sept. 21** | Selichot  
8:45 a.m. | Minyan and Torah study  
10:30 a.m. | B’nai Mitzvah of Savannah Bond & Gabe Lubitz  
6 p.m. | 8th Grade SHAFTY orientation

**Sunday, Sept. 22**  
9:30 a.m. | SHACHARIT

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring

**Thursday, Sept. 26**  
1 p.m. | Mah Jongg  
3:30 p.m. | B’nai Mitzvah tutoring

**Friday, Sept. 27**  
6 p.m. | Shalom Nosh  
6:30 p.m. | Shabbat services

**Saturday, Sept. 28**  
8:45 a.m. | Minyan and Torah study

**Sunday, Sept. 29** | Erev Rosh Hashanah  
8 p.m. | Erev Rosh Hashanah service

**Monday, Sept. 30** | Rosh Hashanah  
9 a.m. | B’Yachad morning service  
9 a.m. | Tot service  
11:30 a.m. | Traditional morning service
In the spring of 2018, a new Israel Engagement Task Force was established at Temple Shalom. The goal was to develop Temple-based educational and cultural programming to address political, economic, social and religious issues related to Israel as well as build deeper relationships with the Israeli community in Boston.

Our first year was a great success, and we are excited about the programs initiated, which included:

- An Israeli cooking evening
- Introduction to Israel class
- Temple Shalom family trip to Israel
- Shabbat evening family trip celebration
- Welcoming Professor Hazan from Hebrew University for a lecture on the Israeli political system
- An evening with Dr. Ben-Yehuda learning about the latest medical research in Israel
- Congregational participation in a Koolulam musical experience in Boston

We also began the process of initiating relationships with the Israel American Council (IAC-Boston), AIPAC, the New Israel Fund (NIF) and Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF).

We are happy to report that an estimated 300 Temple members participated in these events and programs, confirming our belief that there is a need and interest in our community to continue to develop Israel related learning opportunities for all age groups. We welcome your ideas for future events and learning opportunities, or for you to share contacts you might have with local (Israel related) agencies or speakers. Consider joining our task force and be in touch with one of us!

Thank you to current task force members: Guy Ronen (chair), Chuck Berlin, Lisa Berman, Nathalie Blitz, Scott Birnbaum, Susan Dansker, Mark Gottesman, William and Karen Korn and Rabbi Allison Berry.

We look forward to great learning and time together in 2020-2021.

Join us for:

- Adult Israel trip in March 2020
- Conversational Hebrew mini-class
- Class on modern Israeli culture and society
- Cooking demonstration at a local Israeli restaurant
- New partnership events with the Israel American Council (IAC)
- Family trip to Israel in February 2021

One last important way our community can be involved: In the winter of 2021, all adult American Jews are eligible to vote in the World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections. The World Zionist Congress makes decisions about how millions of dollars of aid from abroad should be directed within Israel. When you cast your vote for WZC representatives from the Reform movement, this ensures Reform and pluralistic Jewish organizations in Israel receive the financial support they need to exist and thrive. There will be more get-out-the-vote information sent to the congregation later this fall. We hope you will be part of this important effort! There is much to learn and do.

Please share your ideas with us and join us for more great learning opportunities.

Israel Engagement Task Force
Guy Ronen and Rabbi Berry
guyronen10@aol.com and aberry@templeshalom.org
Several years ago, I graduated from the Executive Masters Program in Religious Education through Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. The program was academically rigorous, challenging me to think outside the box, consider new paradigms and construct a vision for Jewish education in the 21st century. This two-year long cohort program required in-person intensive meetings, lasting anywhere between four and 12 days as well as regular synchronous and asynchronous sessions with classmates from across North America. Participating in this program was simultaneously arduous and gratifying. When I was making the decision to begin the journey of pursuing my master’s degree, my life was full. I worked full time and my children were 17, 15 and 12 – still in need of parental guidance and presence. I remember a conversation with my husband, Brian, after I found out that I had been accepted into the program that went something like this:

Me: “I think I might defer my acceptance until next year.”
Brian: “Why?”
Me: “Well, I'm pretty busy this year. There's a lot going on.”
Brian: “What makes you think that next year will be any less busy?”
Me: “I don't know. It probably won't be.”
Brian: “Exactly! You'll always be busy. You have to make time for the things that are important.”

Brian's words embodied the teachings of the sage Hillel, who taught, “…do not say, ‘When I am free, then I will learn,’ for perhaps you will never be free.” (Pirkei Avot 2:5). In other words, make time to learn even if you are busy. Learning opens new possibilities and ways of experiencing the world. Learning as part of a group enriches the experience, taking lessons from our tradition and collaborating to find wisdom for our modern day lives.

Last year, several parents of school-age children shared their desire to participate in adult learning. They lamented that their busy schedules made participating in what the congregation currently offered nearly impossible. Adult learning generally took place at lunchtime or the evening during the week. Based on these and other conversations, the education team brainstormed ways to make adult learning more accessible. This fall, we are excited to launch a monthly session for adults to gather during SHACHARIT to learn and discuss topics that are relevant and timely. These 90-minute standalone sessions will be facilitated by members of the clergy and our professional staff. Our goal is to provide a supportive space to consider new ideas and find connections. We sincerely hope that people will take advantage of this opportunity and come to whichever sessions work for them. Mark your calendars: adult learning on Sunday mornings. As always, please feel free to offer your feedback and suggestions as we work together to create opportunities for growth and reflection.

Wishing all a shana tova u’metukah – A happy and sweet New Year!

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Summertime has a different speed. It's slower and quieter around Temple Shalom. With the slower speed, the education team is able to take a step back and reflect on the year that has finished and dream and plan for the upcoming year. This summer’s big projects were updating the Judaic curriculum, adding more consistency to the Hebrew curriculum and creating a system for mentoring our new teaching staff.

With many of our teachers moving out of the area, we have hired 15 new members of our teaching staff for our K-5 program. Each member of the education team will be offering different mentoring opportunities for our teachers, including one-on-one mentoring and small group workshops. Just as we strive to meet the individual needs of our diverse student community, we will do the same for our teaching staff. As a start, Senior Director of Education and Youth Engagement Kim Bodemer, Inclusion and Program Development Coordinator Alison Lobron and myself have been working diligently on creating the first five lessons for each class so that we can model a structure we know will work for that grade based on our experiences here and in other places.

Kim and I have also updated our Hebrew curriculum so teachers can easily incorporate more multi-sensory opportunities into their prayer teaching. We are very excited about the teaching teams we have put together and are looking forward to welcoming and mentoring these teachers to ensure that all of our SHACHARIT students have the best experience possible at Temple Shalom this year.

**SHACHARIT Open House**
Sunday, Sept. 8, 1:15-2 p.m.
Please join us for an open house so students can meet their teachers

**First day of SHACHARIT**
Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**CURRICULUM PREVIEW:**
**Kindergarten** - Students will explore the Jewish holidays through art, creative work, stories and exploration of artifacts related to each holiday.
**First Grade** - Students will consider Jewish values in connection to holidays with a strong emphasis on the value of *chesed* (kindness). They will end their year with a special *Chesed* Rock project.
**Second Grade** - Students will examine Torah stories, review holidays and begin learning the Hebrew alphabet.
**Third Grade** - Students will look at Jewish identity through the lens of storytelling. They will spend time exploring their own connections to Judaism, telling their family's stories and end the year interviewing congregants about their stories and how they connect to Temple Shalom and their Jewish identity. We are looking for congregants who want to share their stories with our students. Reach out to Liz at lshiro@templeshalom.org if you have a story you'd like to share. We hope this project helps paint a picture of Temple Shalom.
**Fourth Grade** - Students will use key Torah texts as a springboard for discussion, and will explore four key questions - What makes a place sacred? (Where does God dwell?) What does it mean to be "called" by God? What does God want from us? Is it okay to question God?
**Fifth Grade** - Students will study key events and times in Jewish history and explore how these events connect to greater world history. They will also be participating in a project with a school in Haifa where they will become virtual pen pals with sixth graders to learn more about Israel and study together.
I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. We have been having so much fun with our campers at Nature Explorer Summer Camp taking care of our plants, running in the sprinklers, exploring art materials, doing science experiments, making friends and discovering nature. We hope to see you all here in the fall for our wonderful events, High Holy Days and programs for Families with Young Children. Our diverse community includes member, non-member and interfaith, LGBTQ, blended and single-parent families among others. All of our programs for young children are open to the community. So, please come share a smile with us!

Becca Yudkoff
Program Director for Families with Young Children

**Picnic “Shabbat on the Hill”**
Friday, Sept. 20, 5:30-7 p.m. (no rain date)
Come reconnect with friends! You will have a chance to meet, sing and say the blessings with Cantor Shafritz and enjoy a BYOP (bring your own picnic) on the Hill! We will supply popsicles for dessert. Summer Camp counselor and photographer Ian Dickerman will be taking family photos. Members and non-members are welcome.

**Loose Parts for Little Ones**  NEW!
Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.-noon, ages 1-3 years
Bring your toddlers for exploration, discovery, tinkering and play with a new set of materials for each class. Facilitated by Becca Yudkoff, Program Director for Families with Young Children; Lucy Banerji, Nursery School Director and our wonderful Nursery School teachers.

**Little Explorers**
Sundays, Sept. 22, Oct. 22, Nov. 24, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.-noon
This program is designed for families to learn, laugh and explore hands-on topics together. Led by our creative Nursery School teacher, Sabrina Burke, children ages 18 months-5 years are invited to come explore our monthly themes. Siblings welcome.

**Tot Shabbat Hallelu**
Fridays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Our Friday night family experience begins with an interactive musical tot service in the Rothman Chapel, followed by a vegetarian family dinner catered by RK’s Kitchen and Catering, for ages 0-5 in room 101. The larger congregation’s Shabbat Hallelu service begins at 6:30 p.m. with free babysitting available for ages two and up. Come to any/all portions of the evening that fit your family. Siblings welcome. Dinner is free, and members and non-members are welcome. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with the menu for the month and theme.

**Musical Matzah Balls**
Saturdays, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, 10-11 a.m.
Join Jackie Nudelman with her guitar as she leads us in a musical Saturday morning in our beautiful Nursery School classroom. Dance, sing and explore musical instruments with us.

**Inside a Story!**  NEW!
Tuesdays, Oct. 29, Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-noon
Join us for this parent-child playful hour as we step “inside a story” with a book to explore every month. We will bring stories alive by transforming the space and bringing images and materials to explore concepts, characters and storytelling art. Facilitated by Becca Yudkoff, Program Director for Families with Young Children; Lucy Banerji, Nursery School Director and our wonderful Nursery School teachers.

Questions? Contact Becca Yudkoff at byudkoff@templeshalom.org or call (617) 332-9550 x29.
Happy fall! While this summer was very productive for the Temple Shalom Youth Engagement and Education team, it was way too quiet (except for the banging and clanging of construction upstairs, of course). We truly missed seeing our kids and families and the hustle and bustle that brings the building to life. We can’t wait to hear about your summer adventures. Here is a little bit about what we worked on this summer and what our teens can look forward to this year.

In July, Senior Director of Education and Youth Engagement Kim Bodemer, Zachary Barr, a MINCHA and MA’ARIV teacher, and I had the privilege of attending the National Educators Institute (NEI) at the National Museum of American-Jewish History in Philadelphia (if you haven’t been there, I highly recommend that you visit). For three very full days, renowned historians of American-Jewish history led us through pieces of the Jewish-American experience from 1654 to the 1990s. With Jewish educators from all over the country, we explored the museum’s educational resources with curators and museum educators. We also spent time as a team developing a curriculum for Temple Shalom teens based on the stories and artifacts in the expansive museum collection.

While we had a lot of fun geeking out, our main motivation for attending NEI was to gain knowledge and inspiration for our upcoming fall course: The Jewish-American Experience, which is part of our redesigned 8th-12th grade program, MA’ARIV: A Total Teen Experience. The course, which includes an optional group trip to New York City, is only one item of many on the 2019-20 MA’ARIV menu.

We know that teens are incredibly busy with school, friends and extra-curricular activities. With this in mind, MA’ARIV: A Total Teen Experience gives teens the ability to choose how they want to engage Jewishly, based on their interests and schedules. When teens register for MA’ARIV for the year, they can select from education, social justice, travel, community and leadership experiences. They can pick just one or all programs on the list, including courses such as The Jewish-American Experience that is in conjunction with a trip to NYC, a social action opportunity like apple picking and baking pies to donate, or a SHAFTY event like a Rosh Hashanah teen service and party, bowling or a shul-in.

The MA’ARIV registration fee ($360 for the year) is half of the previous MA’ARIV cost and includes so much more. Registrants can attend anything they choose and will receive discounts on group travel.

So why enroll? Many times, it is difficult for teens to see where they fit in Jewishly after their B’nai Mitzvah. Where do they go from here? From a young age, their Jewish journeys have been completely mapped out, and now, suddenly, they are in uncharted territory. MA’ARIV is a chance for teens to take ownership of their next steps along the road. We are not asking them to find their way without a map, but we are encouraging them to choose a path or two to explore along the way. Who knows where it can lead?

I look forward to welcoming our teens and families as our programs kick off this fall!

L’shalom,

Mariah Vengroff
Director of Youth Engagement
Get Involved

CARING COMMUNITY

Volunteer opportunities abound within Temple Shalom's Caring Community initiatives. Congregants reach out to one another in times of illness or bereavement and rejoice in each other's simchas. Acts of chesed and lovingkindness, such as a call, visit, meal delivery, or a ride to Temple or a medical appointment can brighten the day of both the volunteer and the recipient. Please be in touch if you or someone you know could benefit from these supports.

At this season in particular, we are looking for volunteer drivers to ensure that all congregants can attend High Holy Days services. If you either need a ride to a certain service or will have an extra space in your car, please leave a message containing your preferred contact info with the staff at the Temple Office at 617-332-9550 or by email to CaringCommunity@templeshalom.org.

Rhoda Ben-Gai
Caring Community Chair

SISTERHOOD

Ladies, Sisterhood is here for YOU! Join Sisterhood for stimulating conversations and a way to deepen friendships at the Temple. Fun and thoughtful programs - daytime and evening. Good food and drink. Your dues and event proceeds also help Sisterhood support youth education at Temple Shalom and nonprofits that serve and advocate for women. Tell us what works for you. Please complete a quick survey to give us feedback and new ideas. Find a link at www.templeshalom.org/sisterhood. The Sisterhood thanks the many women who bring all our programs to life and Rabbi Berry and Rabbi Abrasley for making our experiences richer and sweeter.

Spirituality and mental health discussion group with Hadassah Margolis of McLean Hospital:
Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 7-8 p.m.

Save the Dates:

Latkes & Vodka (co-ed): Dec. 6
Israeli Dancing: Jan. 5
Women's Seder: April 5
Member Dinner: May 7
Fall Fling: TBD

Look out for exciting pop-up events!

SHALOM GATHERINGS

Shalom Gatherings are small groups of members who gather over a common interest, demographic or hobby to deepen our connections to each other and to create opportunities for people to engage with new ideas, activities and friends.

A Theater Goers group starts this fall with Michael Zimmer organizing the activities. Michael and his wife, Wendy Gordon, have season subscriptions to American Repertory Theater, New Repertory Theater, Hovey Players and Vokes Players. As a former stage actor in local community theater - 34 shows in the past 20 years - Michael keeps on top of the local theater scene. This past spring, 25 people joined Michael with 20 going out for dinner beforehand, for a New Repertory production Becoming Dr. Ruth. Consider enjoying the local theater scene with your friends and neighbors at Temple Shalom! To sign up for the mailing list about upcoming shows, please email Michael (michaelzimmer0220@gmail.com).

A group has formed to facilitate socializing between and among women Temple members who are single, widowed or divorced. Monthly lunch gatherings are part of the activities. If you enjoy theater, museums, films, dining out and other activities and would like to meet others, contact Caroline Dorn (cdorn@templeshalom.org) for more information.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club discusses Kaddish.com

Monday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Dick and Dottye Morrison, 108 Glen Ave., Newton Centre

The Temple Shalom Book Club kicks off the new year with Nathan Englander's latest novel, Kaddish.com. The book explores the vital inconveniences that religious observances place on us and raises the question: is there a future for ancient Jewish rituals in a world where technology can create an app that can take care of them for us? In reviewing Englander's novel, the Wall Street Journal's reviewer wrote, "Kaddish.com is a wonderfully nimble performance and the author's best book since his heralded debut, For the Relief of Unbearable Urges...Kaddish.com smuggles profound moral questions under the dress of its light and diverting story." Book Club meetings are always open to all Temple members. For more information, contact Dick Morrison (rj23456@cs.com).
Get Involved continued.

FILM SERIES

With the curtain slowly descending on what will be the 21st and final year of Temple Shalom's Monday Night at the Cinema, we will once again be presenting two separate film series from January to March 2020.

Unlike past presentations in which the films shown were built around a single unifying theme, this year's Monday Night at the Cinema will present some films which, for one reason or another, never made it into one of the earlier series. The 10 films to be screened will each be examined both as a work of art as well as what it says about the Jewish experience.

Our Sunday afternoon series during this upcoming winter will continue our focus on "The Many Faces of Anti-Semitism" and will examine the subtle manner in which anti-Semitism changed from the 1930s to today. For those who missed part one of this series, the opening lecture will provide an overview of what these earlier films said about the manner in which anti-Semitism changed from ancient times through the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal. The exact dates and times for each series will be announced later this year. For more information, contact Dick Morrison (rjm23456@cs.com).

SpiriRuality Discussion GROUP

Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Are you interested in exploring some of the spiritual aspects of your life? If so, please visit the Spirituality Discussion Group. We will have a potluck of food and ideas to start off the new year. (Note the early start time. We regularly start at 7 p.m.)

This open and welcoming group meets monthly for meditation, guided imagery, discussion and sharing. The group will decide on topics for the year at this meeting. Topics we have covered in the past included forgiveness, prayer, the spirituality of reading/poetry, self-compassion and self-care, spirituality during dark times, Jewish mysticism, the spirituality of music/art/creativity and the spirituality of health and healing. During the year, we will have visits from the clergy who will share with us some of their favorite spirituality-related topics. For info and to RSVP, email Karen Kramer at karen@spacetobreathe.net.

BROTHERHOOD

Red Cross blood drive coming soon | Sunday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
The annual Temple Shalom Brotherhood blood drive for the American Red Cross is vital. Help us meet our goal of 60 pints. Blood and platelet donations are welcome. We need your blood. Register now. Bagels, coffee and refreshments will be served.

To choose a donation time:
• call Allan Cole at 617-240-6314 or
• email: brotherhood@templeshalom.org or
• visit www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor code: TSNewton

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Wife of Glen Raffel
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Peggy Freedman
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our long time member

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