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High Holy Days 5781/2020



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L'Shana Tova!

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ARTIST STATEMENT: "I drew a shofar because it's the high holidays, with a mask on it to remind everyone to stay safe. Even though the shofar has a mask, it's still making noise. And so even though it's a hard time to live in right now, we can still celebrate and have happy High Holy Days."

Rabbi Laura Abrasley

Lightening the Soul: Decluttering Our Spiritual Homes for the New Year



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My family moved at the beginning of this month. While there is never really a good time to move, I can safely share that moving in the weeks leading up to the High Holy Days when you happen to be a rabbi might be one of the dumbest ideas I've ever had. Pair this idea with moving during a pandemic and some might say I have truly lost my mind. Luckily, I am married to a supremely well-organized partner who has developed a very smart moving system. I have learned over the years that there is real wisdom in trusting the process and “doing it her way.”

Collectively, Julie, Noah, and I have lived in many houses and cities. Countless times, we have undergone the ritual of packing our possessions into boxes. Each time, we remark about the amount of stuff we have managed to accumulate. We wonder about how many of these things are truly needed in our new home. Thanks to Julie's organized system, we thoughtfully give away those possessions that no longer fit who we are and what we want and need as a family. The method is difficult but remarkably freeing. It makes room—in our new home and in our life—for the things that really matter.

Our move this summer felt like those in the past but with an added resolve that I have seldom felt in my life. The last few months have shown me that being my best self means living a life less cluttered with things and more focused on people.

The realization has been a silver lining during these dark, difficult days.

In Jewish tradition, the fall High Holidays are like our yearly move. We are commanded to *chesbon hanefesh*—to check our souls and clean out our spiritual and emotional boxes of all the clutter that is weighing us down. This “soul moving” exercise can be disorienting, as our desire to hold onto what was can block our path to what could be. So much so that we mindlessly hold onto our difficult ideas, unresolved feelings, or old pain that cause us undue stress and anxiety.

Perhaps now more than ever, we should take the opportunity to open and examine our spiritual and emotional boxes. What do we really need and want in our spiritual homes? What are we carrying that we should probably give away or let go of? How can we make room in our souls for the things that we truly desire?

Indeed, the unknowns about the future are challenging, but sometimes there are unexpected blessings hidden in the darkness. As we approach the High Holy Days and prepare for the new year, consider packing only that which brings you light as we illuminate the path towards our new, unexpected beginnings.



Rabbi Allison Berry

Creating a Mikdash Me'at (Sanctuary) at Home on the High Holy Days

As long as the Jewish community has existed in the United States, we have gathered together to pray on the High Holy Days. The reality this year will be very different. On Erev Rosh Hashanah, for the first time, we will turn on our computers or our televisions and participate in High Holidays from our couch or our dining room table. As the holidays approach, I am filled with trepidation about this undertaking. But I have also decided to see it as an opportunity for change and growth. I am taking great care to not refer to our High Holy Day celebrations as “virtual.” Our observances will be tangible and visibly real, and yes, meaningful, because with just a small bit of preparation, as we have done for hundreds of years, our community will still come together to celebrate in our homes.

As Rabbi Elyse Goldstein teaches, after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE, our rabbis created an entirely new system of prayer and connection that allowed our tradition to survive and thrive. “Our homes would become our *Mikdash Me'at*, a miniature sanctuary, a holy place.” This year, knowing more than ever that our homes will be central to our experience, there are simple things we can do to create a spiritual mindset and refuge that can move us outside the ordinary routine of our lives.

Below are a series of suggestions, some from rabbinic colleagues with a very special thanks to Rabbi Elyse Goldstein and others are my own, to help you transform your home into a *Mikdash Me'at*.

Last year on Yom Kippur, as I spoke about the beauty of our new sanctuary, I shared one of my favorite texts from Torah, “Make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them/within them” (Exodus 25:8). Our tradition teaches that we can create sanctuaries of safety and peace and beauty anywhere. God can often feel closer, and even more real and relevant, in the context of our everyday lives. This year, your home will be enough. You and your family, showing up with joy and wonder and an openness to something new, something extraordinary, will be enough.

May you and your family be inscribed for a year of blessing, abundant kindness, and peace.



1. You do not need to be perfect and there is no perfect space!

It is ok to work around your everyday messiness. Real life, and the beautiful, imperfect home you have created will only add texture and depth to how our prayers resonate.

2. Choose the prayer space in your home carefully and in

advance. Once you have chosen the space, do something to bless it—recite a prayer (you can make something up!) or take a moment to simply allow yourself to feel something special in the context of this space.

3. Decide where you will sit and how you will make yourself

comfortable, but not too comfortable (we don't want you to fall asleep!).

4. Consider broadcasting the service from a larger screen, maybe a television. This way the audio and visual can fill your space in a way that your computer can not.

5. Add something to the space that feels beautiful or special. This could be photos of loved ones, a beautiful piece of art that you can see from your seat, or even flowers that can add some life to your prayer area.

6. Consider the content of each service you will attend. On Rosh Hashanah, is there something you can bring into the space that represents the new year or life? At Yizkor, do you have photos of loved ones who have died on hand so their presence and their love surrounds you?

7. As services begin, turn off your email and, if you are able, most especially turn off your phone! Do all of the things you would normally do when you come in person to the synagogue.

8. Dress for the occasion in a way that makes these days special for you. If pajamas make it hard to focus or don't feel special then wear something that makes you feel good and connected to the community.

9. The Temple will offer times that you can come to pick up your Machzor (prayer book). Please do so—we want you to follow along and participate. Even if you aren't physically sitting in synagogue, our prayers are not a performance. We need you to be part of it.

10. If your children's behavior isn't perfect, or you feel distracted, that is ok. It is ok to let your kids use technology so you can focus and pray and it is ok if it takes you some time to relax into the space and into the moment. This is new for all of us!

Cantor Leah Shafritz

Music of Memory and Meditation: The Familiar Refrains of the High Holy Days



My teacher and colleague, Cantor Benjie Schiller, encourages worship leaders to consider the “Four M’s” of prayer music when crafting services: Music of Memory, Music of Meeting, Music of Meditation, and Music of Majesty. You are likely familiar with three of the four from Friday night Shabbat services. Music of meeting brings a sense of oneness, through communal

singing. Music of memory are the tunes you grew up hearing, or the music that has seemingly been with our people *mi-Sinai* (since Sinai). And of course, music of meditation offers a quiet moment of prayer or contemplation, a chance to breathe and to drink in the moment.

If asked which of these four M’s describes the music of the High Holy Days, I would almost certainly answer majesty. While the other three are also present, the music of this time of year traditionally is very much in keeping with its appellation, the Days of Awe. The powerful sounds of the organ, the glorious harmonies of the choir, and sweeping, emotive phrases from the cantor have come to define the High Holy Days for many of us. This sonic atmosphere contained within the walls of our beloved sanctuary space creates just the right feeling of smallness amid something bigger than ourselves. It strips us down to our core and allows us to undergo our yearly transformation.

But what do we do when a pandemic dictates that we cannot be together physically in community in our sacred space, and that communal or choral singing is no longer safe? The idea of the majesty of these days fades a little. The music of meeting may feel strange while we are separated on our individual computer screens. However, in this new context, the music of memory and meditation may very well transform the way in which we experience the High Holy Days this year, and even beyond.

While the majestic music of the High Holy Days signals to many of us that we have arrived at a particular place and time in the Jewish calendar, there are other musical elements that herald this time of year in a simpler and more understated way. As soon as you hear the traditional thematic melody that

weaves its way throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (you might recognize it from the *Barechu*, *Mi Chamocha*, or the ditty *L’shanah Tova Tikateivu*), you know exactly where, and when, you are in space and time. The way we chant our central prayers throughout the rest of the year shifts into a different *nusach* (musical prayer mode), only heard during the Days of Awe. These musical themes and unique ways of chanting familiar texts help to center us in this moment, while simultaneously transporting us back to High Holy Days past, perhaps to the pews of our childhood synagogue, when we first heard them long ago.

Though the musical settings may feel slightly different this year, the core texts they highlight will be the same. We sadly won’t be able to experience the choir providing the majesty we are used to, but the simplicity of alternative ways of chanting or singing these texts brings out their meaning in new ways. A singular vocal line emanating from the *sheliach tzibbur* (prayer leader) can express the highs and lows of emotion we all experience throughout the High Holy Days, painting the texts of our prayers in an intimate and personal way, allowing us to truly meditate on these words of devotion and poetry we hear and recite each year.



As we gather in this new way to welcome 5781, listen to the familiar refrains, allow them to transport you, whether it’s to memories of an earlier time in your life or to the Temple Shalom sanctuary just last year. Meditate on the words of the liturgy, listen to how the music brings them to life or brings you new understanding of their meaning while in a more intimate sacred space in your home. While the High Holy Days this year will certainly feel different without the largeness or grandeur of our usual worship, we have the opportunity to connect to this time in a more personal way that can only enhance our High Holy Day experience once we are together again in community, for years to come.

Fred Kraus, Temple President

Pivoting in Response to a Pandemic

I hope you are doing well and are staying healthy and safe.

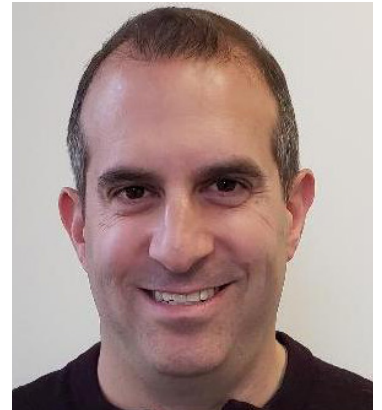
When I spoke at Kol Nidre last year, I made note of all the changes that had taken place at Temple Shalom over the past several years. I mentioned that we still needed to be bold and to grow, but now from the new, stable foundation that we have created, together. Little did I know then how much that new stability would be needed, and how grateful I am for it.

I am not going to dwell on the reality of our health crisis and how it has changed so much in our world, except to acknowledge the pain it has caused for so many in our community—our losses and our inability to gather for funerals and celebrate b'nei mitzvah and Jewish holidays the way we would expect. Instead, I will dwell on how we have responded. Our clergy team, our staff, our lay leaders, and our whole community pivoted quickly to provide so much content and connection online. I am inspired by these efforts and our commitment to keeping Temple Shalom strong and vibrant.

Led by our amazing clergy and staff, we transformed our weekly spiritual events and educational programs. Our Shabbat services went online without skipping a beat. Our SHACHARIT, Small Group Hebrew, MINCHA, and teen programs became virtual as well. As a SHACHARIT parent, it was so comforting during the first days of the pandemic to be able to enjoy the ritual of Sunday morning t'filah while seeing other families on Zoom. We actively engaged with our members who felt isolated during the pandemic, thanks to so many in our community who undertook the effort to make these meaningful connections. We have kept up communications, whether through email, social media, or on our website. Our executive team and Board of Trustees have continued to make fiscally prudent decisions, engage in our community, support the work of our staff, and provide

meaningful counsel to guide us through these challenging times.

For these reasons and others, I am incredibly grateful for our stable foundation—our talented clergy team, staff, and volunteers who really keep the engine running every day.



Looking ahead, in our immediate future, we find the High Holy Days. Like so much that has occurred in the spring and summer, the High Holidays will be different. And like so much that has occurred, the clergy team, staff, and lay leaders have put a great deal of thought into making sure different doesn't compromise what we expect of these days: beautiful, meaningful, and powerful experiences. Our clergy team held forums to listen to what our members value most, and we formed a High Holy Days task force to help guide decisions. Please take a look at the High Holy Days web page for ways to participate, including contributing to our Book of Memory and A Year in the Life digital book, and signing up for a moment in our Sanctuary.

There are many ways we are suffering, and there are many reasons to be grateful and hopeful. I am grateful for the opportunity to share with you how inspired I am by the work of our community, and how we have been able to pivot to remain engaged in the midst of the pandemic. Because of this, I am hopeful in our ability to respond to the challenges and opportunities our future holds.



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Caroline Dorn, Lori Rosen & Rahel Gruenberg

Belonging Matters More Than Ever

*Co-written by By Caroline Dorn, Lori Rosen & Rahel Gruenberg for Temple Shalom of Newton, Temple Beth Avodah and Temple Beth Shalom (Needham).

The following is an excerpt from an article published to Jewishboston.com. To read the entire article please visit: jewishboston.com/belonging-matters-more-than-ever/

These days, we say “Shabbat Shalom” over Zoom on Friday afternoons as we finish our work week, and we add the words to our emails as we prepare for another weekend at home. Instead of arriving at the temple doors for a 6:30 p.m. Shabbat service, we’ve settled into a new kind of normal—closing our email tabs and opening our synagogue’s live-stream to tune in to Friday evening Zoom Shabbat. In doing so, the exact nature and location of our weekly “Shabbat Shalom” greeting has changed, but those moments when we express our optimism and hope for Shabbat renewal remain the same.

What is extraordinary and heartening about this continued observance of Shabbat is that all over the Boston area, Jews are doing the exact same thing. Unprecedented numbers of Jewish community members continue to participate in the activities of local synagogues. Despite a quarantine and a global pandemic, we continue to hold onto the vision and practice of Shabbat. We are physically at home but socially and spiritually we continue to gather each week as a community. We are doing what the Jewish community does best: adapting the traditions and practices of our ancient faith so they remain relevant and central as we meet the moment in which we find ourselves.

Throughout the pandemic, our synagogues—Temple Shalom, Temple Beth Avodah and Temple Beth Shalom—are not closed. We remain fully and completely open. We have launched innovative digital programming, worship and life-cycle moments. And we continue to craft new ways for our members to engage and stay connected.

This year, as the High Holy Days approach and we prepare to celebrate the start of 5781, we know it’s unlikely we will be able to physically gather. This is sad and disappointing. We rely on these important Jewish holidays to reset, renew and prepare for the year ahead.

And so, as we once again face another unprecedented experience, we wonder: When we open our digital doors for our holiest of days, will you be there? This fall, will you help us shape the next chapter in the story of the Jewish people?

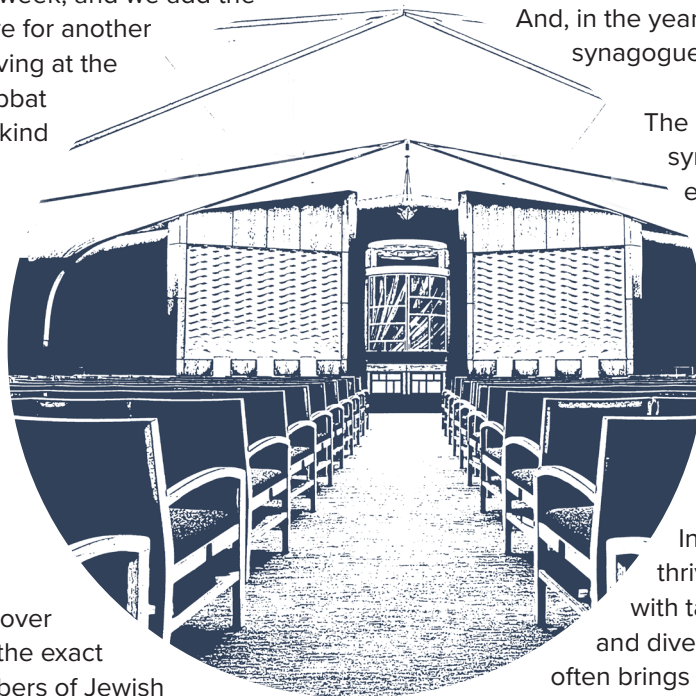
And, in the year ahead, will you ensure our synagogue community continues to thrive?

The sad fact is that nationwide many synagogues are struggling with the effects of COVID-19 and what that has meant for our institutions, and with dwindling membership numbers. Synagogue life in America is at a crossroads and many of our congregations must make challenging decisions based on this new financial reality.

In Boston, we are blessed to be a thriving and active Jewish community with talented and invested leadership and diverse opportunities. September often brings new synagogue members, excited to start the new year worshipping and learning with us. And sometimes, it also brings synagogue resignations—as people move, find a synagogue that is a better fit for them or simply don’t feel connected.

As local synagogue leaders, we feel it’s vital that Jewish families find a spiritual home that is a good fit for them. Our hope for you this fall, regardless of COVID-19, is that you find that fit. Take the time to explore, and connect, and engage (for the time being online), and then become members who invest in your synagogue. Invest your time, your talents and your resources to ensure that during this moment of challenge and change your congregation continues to thrive.

Now is a moment for total transparency: It will take your continued financial support to ensure our Jewish institutions, especially our synagogues, survive...



Ellie Klein Goldman, Executive Director

Learning In Community: High Holy Days 5781/2020

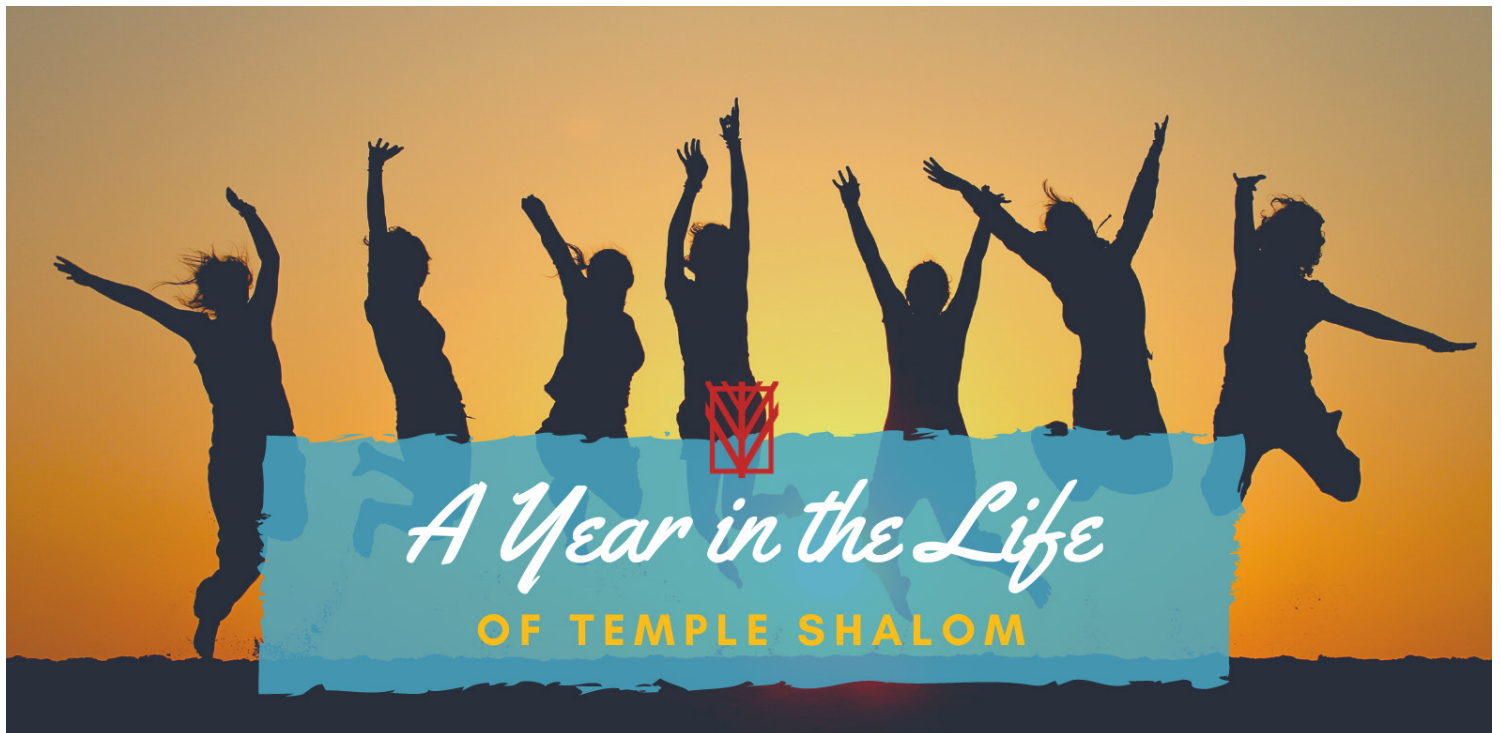
This High Holy Day season we are pleased to share that we are partnering with two other area congregations to present community learning opportunities on Yom Kippur afternoon. Members of Temple Shalom as well as Temple Beth Avodah of Newton and Temple Beth Shalom of Needham will gather together online for study and reflection.

Our partnership with these congregations is greater, though, than simply an expanded menu of Yom Kippur study sessions. Since the COVID crisis began, our congregational neighbors have been valued thought partners and collaborators as we have navigated uncharted waters and countless unknowns. The clergy, staff, and lay leaders of both congregations have given generously of their time and talents (as have ours) and we have all expressed feelings of blessing that we are not moving through this alone.

On Yom Kippur afternoon between 2 and 4 PM, the members of our three area Reform congregations will share learning experiences for possibly the first time ever. Though the learning will all be online, we will be together in spirit and look forward to continued opportunities to collaborate.

The full list of sessions is still being created. Temple Shalom offerings will include: Mindful Meditation lead by Karen Kramer and Renee Brant; a text-based program taught by Josh Conescu; a book talk by member and author Megan Margulies whose recently published book, *My Captain America*, is a memoir of her grandfather who was the co-creator of comic book hero Captain America; and a panel discussion about racial justice, poverty, and food insecurity with members Jen Molinsky, Paul Centolella, and Elizabeth Connolly and moderated by Carol Berlin.

As session times and descriptions are finalized, they will be posted on our High Holy Days web page at: www.templeshalom.org/hhd2020



Temple Shalom is excited to mark the end of 5780 with our first every A Year in the Life digital book that will be presented on Rosh Hashanah! Member households are invited to submit a short message and photos to commemorate their past year. To submit to our A Year in the Life digital book, please complete the form on our website by September 16: www.templeshalom.org/form/2020-YITL



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HIGH HOLY DAYS

WITH TEMPLE SHALOM OF NEWTON

2020/5781



High Holy Days Schedule 2020/5781

While these High Holy Days will certainly be different than what we have experienced in the past, Temple Shalom is excited to offer a collection of meaningful worship, spiritual, and community experiences to mark this season of renewal and faith.

Our High Holy Days services will take place online via Live Stream and Zoom, but this will not be just another streaming or Zoom experience. Our clergy, with the support of Temple Shalom staff and lay leaders, are creating multi-sensory, engaging, and meaningful viewing experiences for members of all ages.

Note: In order to access our High Holy Days services, all households must complete our Membership Commitment Form and have accounts in good standing. For more information, please visit <https://www.templeshalom.org/membershipcommitment>

Selichot Service

Friday, September 11 at 6:30 PM - *Live Stream*

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, September 18

Zoom Gathering at 7:30 PM

Main Service at 8:00 PM - *Live Stream*

Rosh Hashanah Services

Saturday, September 19

Tot Service at 9:00 AM

For Young Families - *Zoom and Live Stream*

Family Service at 9:30 AM

For Elementary Families - *Live Stream*

Main Service at 10:45 AM - *Live Stream*

Tashlich - *TBD*

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 27 at 8:00 PM - *Live Stream*

Yom Kippur Services

Monday, September 28

Tot Service at 9:00 AM

For Young Families - *Zoom and Live Stream*

Family Service at 9:30 AM

For Elementary Families - *Live Stream*

Main Service at 10:45 AM - *Live Stream*

Adult Learning from 2:00 to 4:00 PM - *Zoom*

Yizkor at 4:00 PM

Zoom and Live Stream

N'ilah at 5:30 PM

Zoom and Live Stream

Guest Ticket Form & Book of Memory

Please use this form to order guest tickets and submit Book of Memory entries (deadline Sept. 24).

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 login.

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. 24. Our clergy will read seven tributes from congregants about their loved ones at the service. If you are interested in submitting a written tribute, please email Erin Borrás (eborras@templeshalom.org) 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.

You may also complete your Book of Memory entry online:

<https://www.templeshalom.org/form/2020HHDBoM>.

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.

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.



TEMPLE SHALOM OF NEWTON LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

GRADES K-12



Guiding Principles of Learning & Engagement *at Temple Shalom*

Ensuring that our children engage in Jewish learning is an essential Jewish value. It's so important that traditionally we say the words, **Veshinantam Levanecha** (You shall teach these words to your children), twice a day as part of the v'ahavta prayer. During the coming school year, the Temple Shalom Learning & Engagement Team is excited to be sacred partners with our K-12 families in creating meaningful, enriching, and exciting Jewish learning for our children.

Judaism is grounded in **LOVE**. Our commitment is for each of our students and our families to feel loved by their teachers and the Temple Shalom staff.

CONNECTION with our families is at the heart of everything we do. At Temple Shalom, we pay careful attention to how students connect to the content, to their teachers, and to one another.

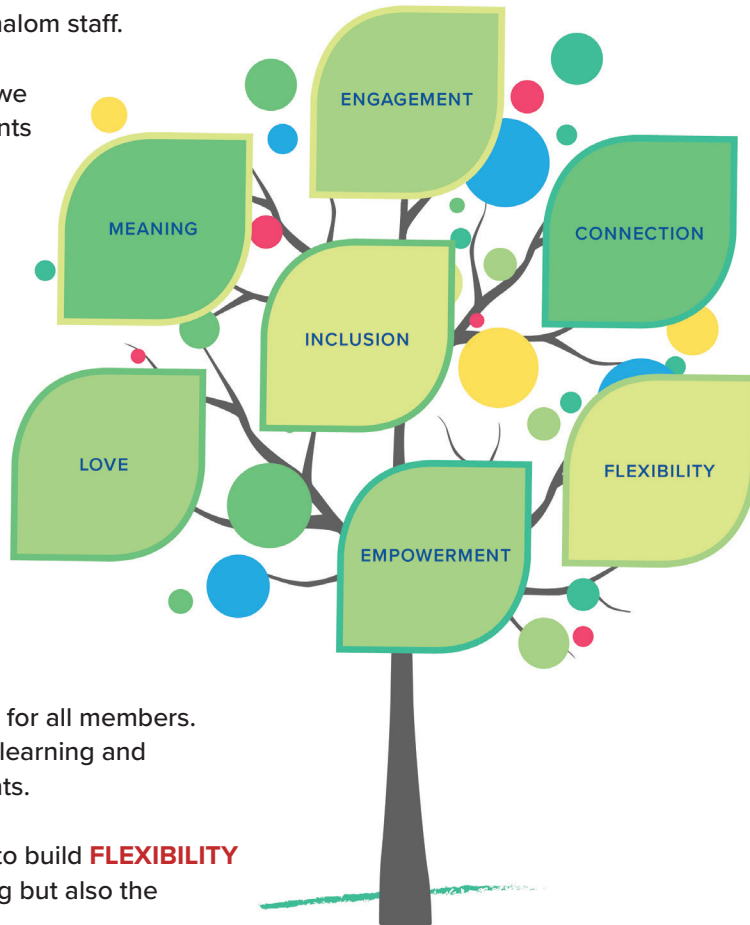
In order for learning to be significant and long lasting, students must be able to find **MEANING** in the content and make personal connections to their own lives.

Students and their families are **EMPOWERED** to create a plan for Jewish Learning and Living that makes sense to them, choosing the content and modalities that align with their values and busy lives.

Students must be active participants in all learning experiences. Teachers act as guides through carefully designed activities to promote full **ENGAGEMENT** and participation.

Temple Shalom is committed to **INCLUSION** and accessibility for all members. Our dedicated team of educators works with families to craft learning and engagement plans that meet the needs of our diverse students.

In a fast-paced, ever changing world we recognize the need to build **FLEXIBILITY** into our program. This allows not only for choice in scheduling but also the ability to best meet the needs of our families.



Four Pillars of Jewish Learning

at Temple Shalom

Our Jewish Learning & Engagement programs at Temple Shalom are built upon four key pillars:



PILLAR #1: JEWISH LEARNING AND LIVING

At Temple Shalom, we think of this as Jewish life skills. Students explore core Jewish concepts, teachings, and traditions using a Project Based Expeditionary Approach. This approach allows for choice, purposeful work, and relationship-building while students experience a deep dive into content, all while having fun!



PILLAR #2: HEBREW

Hebrew is one way to access prayer and connects Jewish communities across the world. Students are placed in small groups of 4-6 students, learning the foundations of decoding as well as prayers that make up the core of our worship services. Students become familiar with the service structure, explore the meaning of prayers, and build a personal connection to them.



PILLAR #3: WORSHIP/SPIRITUALITY

Judaism offers us many paths to travel as we deepen our own spirituality. Gathering together as a community to express gratitude and joy, as well as gain strength during challenging times, helps our students feel connected to one another and explore their relationship to God.



PILLAR #4: COMMUNITY (KEHILLAH) GROUPS

Recognizing the importance of kinship and community, small groups of students meet regularly to build connection, participate in challenges, play games, and engage in meaningful conversation. Activities are planned with age level in mind, and the amount of structure adapts and changes depending on the needs of the group.

Jewish Learning and Engagement at Temple Shalom puts our students first, recognizing and celebrating their unique gifts. A staff guide works with each family, listening to their hopes and goals and matching them with the options that best fit their unique needs. Our flexible model empowers families to make choices and create a Jewish journey that works for them.

For more information about our Learning & Engagement programs for the Fall, visit our website at www.templeshalom.org/k12learning

Getting to Know You

by Loretta Zack



For this edition of Getting to Know You, I am excited to introduce you to the Sall family. Julie and Eric with their daughters, Madeline and Charlotte, became members of the Temple in 1995. I have watched this family flourish and saw both girls become B'nai Mitzvah in our Sanctuary. It was great to catch up with Julie who I had not seen since they went to live and work in India in January 2016, and just recently returned to the US in January 2020.

Four years ago, Eric accepted an assignment leading IBM's Marketing Services Center in India, China, and Japan. He and Julie moved to Bangalore, a city of 15 million people in Southern India, where the high-tech industry is concentrated. It was an exciting and enriching experience to live and work in another part of the world, and to gain a deep appreciation of another culture.

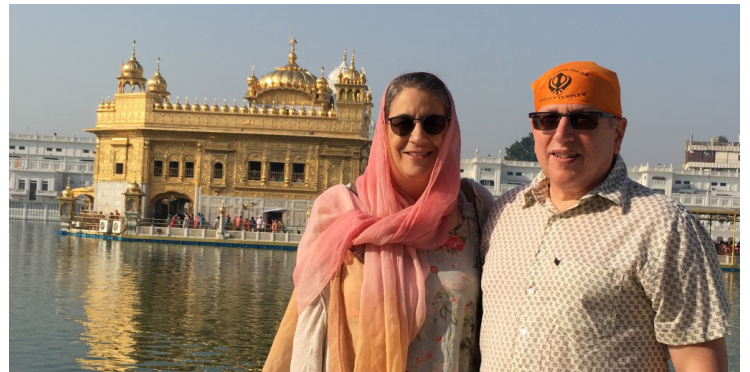


India is a beautiful place with rich traditions but, as a fast-growing, developing country with over one billion people, it has many challenges as well. While Julie could not work because of visa issues, she found an important way to help by volunteering as a technology teacher in a school for the deaf. Julie helped to create new computer lessons relevant to the students' lives, and taught 7th-10th grade students twice

a week. Eric joined in on Saturdays. The students responded enthusiastically to both the lessons and the intercultural experience, and Julie and Eric found it very enriching as well.

Eric and Julie travelled to over 20 cities throughout India and several countries in Asia. Julie shared some history about Jews in India; sadly, most Jews have left the country. Of the remaining 5,000, the largest community is concentrated in Mumbai and there is a section of Kochi called Jewtown with an old synagogue. Their favorite city to visit was Jaipur because of the glorious crafts and colors. I could feel my own jealousy as I looked at all the wonderful pictures of their adventures. I asked a really silly question at this point: "Do you miss India?" Julie smiled and said, "Yes very much".

Since returning in January, Eric now leads IBM's digital experience, dividing his time between New York and his



Newton basement. Madeline lives in Madison, WI and works at Entegral, a software subsidiary of Enterprise Rent-a-Car, as an agile project manager or "Scrum Master." Charlotte is the Student Coordinator for the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), a non-profit that provides legal aid to refugees, in New York City.

After the virus got worse in NYC, Charlotte and her boyfriend moved back to the family home in Newton and they have been quarantining together ever since. The upside of this story is the family has built a relationship with their kids as adults, which is giving them much happiness. Madeline and her boyfriend will drive out from Madison to spend a couple of weeks at home as well.

It's great to have you back with your Temple Shalom family. I have certainly missed you as have many others.

Welcome home!



SISTERHOOD

As committed as ever to building community and having fun at Temple Shalom!

While we might be months away from gathering in-person, Sisterhood has many exciting programs planned, including:

High Holy Day wine tasting & planning discussion
Cooking class with "The Kosher Baker" Paula Shoyer
Sisterhood Shabbat & Reproductive Rights Seminar
Merlot & Midrash Online
Book Salon with Weight of Ink author Rachel Kadish
More events in the works!

Sisterhood Membership keeps you informed and supports important initiatives at Temple Shalom. Current members will be auto-renewed in September. To join as a new member, check the box on your temple bill or email Sisterhood@TempleShalom.org.

Co-Presidents: Kim Freedman, Susie Gudema, Eileen Gundersheimer

Generation to Generation

BIRTHS

Daniel Berman
Son of Ira and Stephanie Berman
Grandson of Jennifer Newberg and Robert Berman,
Kathy and Vincent Cook
Great grandson of Joan and Richard Horan,
and Gaby Elitov

Eloise Beatrice Kuczewski Dahl
Daughter of Emily Dahl and Michael Kuczewski
Granddaughter of Gail and William Dahl and Linda and
Gene Smeenik

Jackson Samuel Marcus
Son of Hanna and Jamie Marcus
Grandson of Joe Marcus, Jennifer Ferdinand, Christine
and David Letts

Julian Max Smith
Son of Amy Kraft and Daniel Smith
Grandson of Bruce and Karen Kraft & James and Mary
Ellen Smith
Great-Grandson of Marilyn Hark Landis and
Marjorie Kraft

Levi Hudson Spiegel
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Son of Nina and Mitchell Dickerman

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Son of Lauren Dictenberg and Jason
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