

February/March 2019

# Temple Shalom of Newton



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TEMPLE SHALOM  
CELEBRATES PURIM



# MEGILLAH *and Margaritas*

## A BIG OL TEXAS-STYLE PURIM CELEBRATION

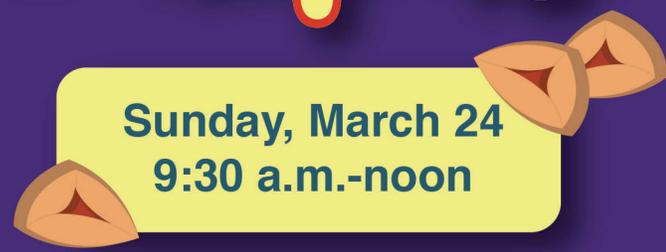


**Erev Purim**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.**

An adult evening of Tex-Mex food, drinks, shpiel and megillah.  
Join us for a fun and festive Purim! \$18/pp.  
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# purimpalooza



**Sunday, March 24**  
**9:30 a.m.-noon**

SHACHARIT festivities include a family friendly Lion King-themed Purim shpiel, drowning out Haman's (boo!) name as we read from the megillah and raising our voices in song with our amazing song leaders.  
Plus games and activities for children of all ages.

# Rabbi Allison Berry

Over the years, our community has been blessed to learn from great Jewish scholars. Jewish scholarship comes in many forms and can include academics, who study the Torah, Jewish history or sociology.

At Temple Shalom we have also welcomed authors, artists, experts on disability inclusion, Israel and even Jewish food! In recent years, Temple Shalom has welcomed Rabbi Rex Perlmutter, who taught us about Jewish spirituality and meditation, Dr. Leah Hochman, who dove into the challenges and blessings of Jewish life in contemporary Europe, and Dr. Rachel Korazin, who shared her unique approach to understanding modern Israel through literature and poetry. We have also welcomed Jewish artists and musicians, such as composer Bonia Shur and artist Dr. Ariel Burger.



All of these Jewish thinkers, academics and artists encouraged us to move outside our comfort zone both as individuals and as a community as they stretched, deepened and enhanced our Jewish knowledge, spiritual practices and even our personal belief systems.

One of the most important opportunities we have to learn together as a community is when we celebrate our Altshuler Scholar-in-Residence weekend. As we choose the scholar each year, our goal is to host an expert who can help make Judaism relevant and authentic while also bringing us together as we expand our understandings of new practices and ways of being Jewish.

This March 8-10, we are honored to welcome this year's Altshuler Scholar and Musician-in-Residence, Cantor Rosalie Boxt. Cantor Boxt is the Director of Music and Worship at the Union for Reform Judaism.

Cantor Boxt will teach us and lead us in experiential and experimental prayer opportunities. In particular, on Friday evening, March 8, she and our volunteer choir, Shir Shalom, will lead a special Shabbat service designed to showcase exciting trends and practices in Jewish communal worship. One of Cantor Boxt's particular areas of expertise is designing prayer and worship structures that are welcoming and inclusive to everyone in our community.

On Sunday morning, she will lead a workshop supported by Temple Shalom's inclusive community initiative called: Our Worship Ourselves - How Our Sanctuaries and Worship Can Be Safe Spaces for All of Us. Together, we will explore ways everyone can find points of access into communal prayer.

There also will be multiple moments throughout the weekend to learn and pray with Cantor Boxt. Prayer and worship can be truly personal and also a deeply meaningful, communal experience.

We are excited for Cantor Boxt to deepen our understanding and connection as we explore the myriad of ways prayer can be relevant, uplifting, supportive and also move us in thought, spirit and action. We look forward to experiencing our Altshuler Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with you!

# Ellie Goldman, Executive Director



February begins budget season at Temple Shalom, and budgets are the Torah of synagogue management. Like Torah, our budget is a reflection of our values, a document that organizes our everyday operations into departments, systems, expectations and holy covenant with each other.

Like scholars of Torah, our Finance Committee and Board of Trustees engage in careful study and interpretation of our financial documents in a way that can only be described as holy work. Each year, our members support Temple Shalom through dues, fees and tzedakah ("charity") and entrust the women and men of our leadership to make wise decisions about how our funds are allocated.

The process of crafting our annual budget takes place over several months through weekly conversations about the most efficient ways to fund every department without compromising quality or wasting precious resources. It is an enormous responsibility to endeavor to provide for the needs of all without asking anyone to carry a financial burden beyond their means.

The final budget for the 2020 fiscal year will not be completed until late in the spring. In the coming months, there will be many complicated conversations among those on our Finance Committee where opposing perspectives are presented respectfully, and interpretations are offered with thoughtful humility.

The ultimate result will reflect who we are as a community and how we see our future, but the process describes who we are - a group of individuals dedicated to making decisions together that are in the best interest of our congregation. Having a reliable budget is essential for any organization. Engaging in a budget process with holiness is what makes Temple Shalom so special.



**We need your blood...Register Now!!!**

**Annual Temple Shalom Brotherhood  
American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Sunday, March 10, 2019  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

*Please join us and bring your friends and family to help us meet our goal of 60 pints. Blood and Platelet donations are welcome.*

To choose a donation time, you can:

Call: Allan Cole at 617-240-6314  
Email: [brotherhood@templeshalom.org](mailto:brotherhood@templeshalom.org)  
Online: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Enter sponsor code: TSNewton

**Bagels, Coffee and refreshments will be served.**

# Scott Birnbaum, President

## Sandals and midrash

Have you looked under your bed recently? Quite honestly, I'd be afraid of how many chewed up dog toys, unmatched socks and dust bunnies I might find. Strangely enough, the subject of what should be kept under one's bed was significant enough to intrigue our ancient rabbis.

In the midst of the Babylonian Talmud tractate Bava Batra, which generally discusses property law, Rabbi Yohanan is asked, "How should scholars maintain their beds?" His reply: "A scholar should keep nothing but footwear — sandals in the summer and shoes in the winter — under the bed. Anything more indicates the bed of an ignoramus, which is likened to a messy warehouse."



Reading this little nugget, it's hard not to speculate about the context that's omitted: What are the circumstances that led someone to ask Rabbi Yohanan what he keeps under his bed, and who was it who posed the question? Was it a student whose mother was nagging him to clean up his room? Might the rabbi's spouse be lurking in the background? Is there a portion of a dialectic that is unstated: perhaps someone taking the Oscar Madison/Beit Hillel position in contrast to the Felix Unger/Beit Shamai-like fastidiousness of Rabbi Yohanan? The possibilities are endless. Perhaps the shoes are kept under the bed in case of a raid by Roman soldiers or for easy access when a nocturnal visit to the latrine risks trampling on a scorpion?

The imaginative need to fill in the gaps in our laconic texts is the heart and soul of midrash, which Rabbi Iscah Waldman describes as "a kind of poetry that demands that we explore every shade of God's intended meaning." Some scholars argue that midrash is a uniquely Jewish form of exegesis, one that arises in response to threats to the survival of tradition beginning with the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E.

So, when we re-read our old texts ranging from great episodes of the Torah to the minutest tittle of Talmud, midrash allows us to make them relevant to our own challenging times. The adaptability of our tradition is the essence of Judaism, particularly Reform Judaism.

At Temple Shalom, we regularly fill in the gaps of our tradition, such as the historical effacement of women, LGBTQ and disabled people, by welcoming and including people of all types and backgrounds; we find new meanings for our time by reinterpreting our core texts; and we even do midrash by creating a new paradigm for rabbinic leadership for our congregation. Doing midrash like this binds us together as inheritors of a 2,000-year old creative tradition.

Now, if I could just find a pair of matching socks under my bed, I'd be really happy.

## Adult Learning

### LIGHTS IN THE DARK: MUSSAR LESSONS FOR OUR TIME

With Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis | Thursdays, Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 7:30-9 p.m., \$36

In our confusing and contentious time, many are seeking to find a greater sense of grounding in core virtues which can guide us, uplift us and inspire us to become the best persons we can be. For the Jewish world, asking such a focus is hardly new. Yet, in our time, we are witnessing the uncovering of a rich part of our Jewish heritage, which was nearly lost to our people – the study and practice of Mussar. Each week session will explore teachings on one middah (soul-trait), such as trust, truth and anger, as illuminated by teachings from Mussar classics and more contemporary Mussar teachings. No prior experience with Mussar is necessary! All texts will be presented in English translation.



COMING TO TEMPLE  
SHALOM MARCH 8-10:



# SCHOLAR-IN- RESIDENCE CANTOR ROSALIE BOXT



**Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.:** Shabbat services - Cantor Boxt introduces worship styles that are part of new trends and conversations in congregational prayer and offers the sermon, "Who Moved My Melody?" exploring why there are so many prayer melodies. Cantor Boxt will be joined by Temple Shalom's clergy and Shir Shalom. Shabbat dinner follows. \$20/pp.

**Saturday, March 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.:** Minyan and Torah Study - Learn about music and prayer with Cantor Boxt, who will teach after services

**Saturday night, March 9, time TBD:** Havdalah Concert - Stories and Songs to extend Shabbat and ease into the week. \$15/pp

**Sunday, March 10, time TBD:** Our Worship, Ourselves - How our sanctuaries and worship can be safe spaces for all of us



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*Cantor Boxt is the Union for Reform Judaism Director of Worship. Prior to joining the URJ, she was Cantor at Temple Emanuel in Kensington, Md. for 16 years.*



# Shabbat Happenings

## KABBALAT SHABBAT

### Shabbat Halleilu Services

*Fridays, Feb. 1 and March 1, 6:30 p.m.*

Shabbat Halleilu, a spirited service in song, is held the first Friday of every month. Temple Shalom's Shabbat Halleilu Band 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.

### FwYC Tot Shabbat Halleilu

*Fridays, Feb. 1 and March 1, 5:30 p.m.*

Our Friday night family experience begins with a short Tot Shabbat service, followed by a family dinner for ages 0-5 (siblings invited). The larger congregation's Shabbat Halleilu 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!

### Shir Shalom Choir sings

*Fridays, Feb. 8 and March 8, 6:30 p.m.*

Please join us as our Shir Shalom Choir sings at our Shabbat service. The choir is led by Music Director David Carrier and Cantor Peter Halpern.

## SHABBAT MORNING

### Shabbat Mind: Mindfulness and Meditation

*Saturdays, Feb. 2 and March 2, 9-10 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. No registration required. Shabbat Mind is held monthly, November through June on the first Shabbat of the month. Check the Temple Shalom calendar to confirm dates.

### Minyan and Torah Study

*Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.*

A lively lay-led minyan service is held every Saturday morning in the Rothman Chapel. The service is 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.

## *Homebound? Dial in to Shabbat Services!*

For our members who are unable to be present at Shabbat services held in the Sanctuary, Temple Shalom offers the option of listening to Shabbat services via telephone. While you are unable to be physically present, you may connect with your community by hearing and experiencing any Shabbat service taking place in the Sanctuary.

To take advantage of this option, call (800) 846-4808 at the time of the service. When prompted, enter 99955000 on your phone. You will be connected to the line transmitting the Temple Shalom service. After you call the first time, your number will be recognized, and you will no longer need to enter the code. The Temple pays all phone charges for this service.

We hope you can be here in person, but when you can't, we hope you can "be here" by phone!

# Education and Youth Engagement



**Kim Bodemer, Senior Director of Education and Youth Engagement**

One of my favorite Jewish children's books is called, *In Our Image, God's First Creatures* by local author Nancy Sohn Swartz. The book is based on a verse from the creation story found in the first chapter of Genesis, "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth and all the creeping things that creep on earth.'" (Genesis 1:26).

The book expands on an original interpretation by mid-19th century commentator Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, who believed that the "us" in the text referred to the rest of creation. Humanity would be charged with having dominion over creation and thus nature should be a part of the process since they would be forever linked.

One of the things I love about this book is the opportunity to appreciate the unique gifts that each part of creation holds and the interconnectedness of the natural world. I also love to use the book as a springboard for a conversation about the responsibility of humanity in caring for the world.

A *midrash* (an ancient commentary) teaches, "When God created the first man, God took him and showed him all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said to him, 'See My works, how beautiful and praiseworthy they are. And everything that I created, I created it for you. Be careful not to spoil or destroy My world – for if you do, there will be nobody after you to repair it.'" (Midrash Kohelet Raba 7:28)

Our tradition implores us to both appreciate and care for our world and its resources. When you read this article, we will have just celebrated *Tu BiShevat* - literally the 15th day of the Hebrew month Shevat, known as the birthday of the trees. In modern times, this holiday has taken on an environmental focus. We celebrate the importance of trees and think about ways to protect our resources rather than exploit them. The government report on the impact of climate change released in November underscores the importance of engaging on this important issue.

Some of our middle school students, as part of their *MINCHA masa* (journey), are exploring the Jewish value of *bal tashchit* – do not waste. They will be learning more about environmentalism through a Jewish lens and examining how we as a community are working to reduce our waste and protect our resources. Our tradition has so much wisdom to offer. I'm looking forward to learning with and from them as well as having them share their insights and practical suggestions with the larger community as we work together to create a more perfect world.

## Mental Health Task Force seeks members

**Temple Shalom's Mental Health Task Force will hold a winter meeting for members who work in mental health or related fields. If you are a physician, a psychologist, a social worker, a researcher, a professional at a non-profit, etc. and are interested in networking and supporting our initiative, please contact Loretta Zack (lzack@templeshalom.org) to be added to our list.**

*Thank you!*

# SHACHARIT

## Liz Shiro, Director of SHACHARIT

This year, the first grade students in SHACHARIT are learning about the Jewish value of *chesed* – Hebrew for “kindness.” I’ve been spending a lot of time thinking about *chesed* and how we teach people to be kind to one another. *Chesed* isn’t exactly one Jewish value, but is an umbrella word for many values, and this has been challenging for me.

In the curriculum we are using, *chesed* includes how we treat each other on the basic level of being nice to one another, respecting one another, being able to read other people’s emotions, being grateful or thankful and valuing what makes everyone unique.

This curriculum also looks at the idea of *chesed* in connection to *gemilut chasidim* (acts of loving kindness) including taking care of the sick, providing food and clothing for people and taking care of our environment. Kindness incorporates so much, and I am struggling with how narrow my vision of kindness is. When I think of the word kindness, I think about how we treat one another - use kind words, help those around us, and do nice things for others.

As I’ve been reading and thinking about this, I went back to my thesis, which I wrote almost 12 years ago. I designed a curriculum for kindergarten and first graders about Jewish values. I remembered that I had a similar struggle with titling my thesis - *chesed* wasn’t the right word. What I settled on was the value of *rachamim*, (compassion). I titled my thesis, “Teaching Rachamim (Compassion): Changing the world, one interaction at a time.”

The world was a different place 12 years ago, but finding ways to change the world one act of kindness or compassion at a time is a concept that isn’t time or politically bound. It’s what we want for all of our kids in the past, now and forever. If we can teach our students at Temple Shalom that they can help change the world by doing acts of kindness and showing compassion to others and we can teach them that this is a Jewish value, then we’ve done our job.

In Kislev (November-December), there was an online campaign among the Jewish communities called #kislevisforkindness ([www.kislevisforkindness.com](http://www.kislevisforkindness.com)). There was a daily task to complete that was an act of kindness from cooking for or visiting someone who is sick to donating your clothes that do not fit to paying for the person behind you in line. The ideas were simple ones that everyone could do. Our first graders will be continuing their exploration of the value of *chesed*. They will be watching you, looking for acts of kindness to report back in class. They will also be taking part in a *Chesed Rock* project based on [www.thekindnessrocksproject.com](http://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com). So, keep your eyes out this spring for some rocks with inspirational messages and pictures as our kids learn to pay it forward.

What ways are you and your family showing kindness to others? If anyone wants to share their act of kindness with our students, please email me at [lshiro@templeshalom.org](mailto:lshiro@templeshalom.org).



Save the Date for these SHACHARIT Family events:

**Sunday, March 17: Mitzvah Mall Revisioned, 10 a.m.-noon**

**Sunday, March 24: PurimPalooza  
9:30-10 a.m. | Community Purim Shpiel  
10 a.m.-noon | PurimPalooza - games, special guests, food, photo booth**

# Families with Young Children (FwYC)



Hello families!

Get out of the cold, and come join Families with Young Children at Temple Shalom! We have many opportunities to sing, explore and be part of our wonderful community. We welcome you to bring a friend to any of our events. Most of our programs are free, and no registration is required. Members and non-members welcome.

*Becca Yudkoff, Program Director of Families with Young Children*

## Tot Shabbat Halleilu

**Fridays, Feb. 1, March 1, 5:30 p.m.**

Our Friday night family experience begins with a short Tot Shabbat service, followed by a vegetarian family dinner for ages 0-5. The larger congregation's Shabbat Halleilu service begins at 6:30 p.m. with free babysitting available for ages 2 and up. Come to any/all portions of the evening that fit your family! Siblings welcome. Dinner is free, and both members and non-members are welcome.



## Musical Matzah Balls

**Saturdays, Feb. 9, March 9, 10-11 a.m.**

Join Jackie Nudelman as she leads us in a musical Saturday morning! Dance, sing and explore musical instruments with us!

## Little Explorers

**Sundays, Feb. 17, March 31, 10-11 a.m.**

Join our Nursery School teacher, Sabrina, as we learn, laugh and explore hands on topics together! Children ages 1 ½-5 years and caregivers are invited to come explore our monthly activities.



## NATURE EXPLORER SUMMER CAMP



Nature Explorer Summer Camp is an eight-week summer camp for toddlers (18 months-2.8) and preschoolers (ages 2.9-entering K). Each week, we will focus on a different theme incorporating art, science, math, whole body play, water fun, drama and much more.

More info can be found on our website at [tsyouth.org](http://tsyouth.org), or email Becca at [byudkoff@templeshalom.org](mailto:byudkoff@templeshalom.org) for more information! Registration is ongoing.



# Youth Programs

Our 6th-12th graders have been busy this winter participating in Jewish values-based projects in MINCHA, helping out as madrichim, attending youth group events both locally and regionally and working on social justice initiatives.

Check out some pictures from the end of November when our MINCHA students (sixth and seventh graders) presented their Jewish identity-focused projects during an evening of celebration.

In December, we had our very first JR. SHAFTY outing to Launch Trampoline Park in Watertown, which was a ton of fun! In January our counselors, CITs and campers got back in the swing of Taste of Camp with some silly camp inspired games and activities. We are excited to celebrate Purim with some newly designed games by our SHAFTY teens.



*Marriah Vengroff, Director of Youth Engagement*

## JR. SHAFTY Outing

Saturday, Feb. 9, location and time TBD

We will take JR. SHAFTY on the road and adventure out for a fun-filled activity in the Newton area. Look for details about this event at [www.templeshalom.org](http://www.templeshalom.org)

## SHAFTY Lounge

Thursdays, Feb. 14 and March 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

Temple Shalom Library

A drop-in, laid back hang out space for 8th-12th graders. Relax, hang out, meet new and old friends, bring homework if you are feeling productive, eat snacks and enjoy! No RSVP needed. Contact Becca MacKillop ([Bmackillop@templeshalom.org](mailto:Bmackillop@templeshalom.org)) with questions.



MINCHA student presents her silhouette collage based on her Jewish identity at MINCHA family presentation and celebration night.



MINCHA students try out a Rube Goldberg-style machine at the MINCHA family presentation and celebration night.



Top: Taste of Camper celebrates Chanukah with her edible dreidel before it disappears!

Bottom: Taste of Campers spin the dreidel as participants in the dreidel tournament!

# Nursery School



Children's days at school are filled with exploration and learning. They feel comfortable with the daily routines, spaces and relationships. It is not surprising that more families consider extended school hours and inquire about our afternoon program.

Arnavot is the name of our afternoon mixed-age program. The Arnavot program starts at 1 p.m. Preschoolers are invited for afternoon explorations (from 1-2 p.m.), choosing between activities in Pinat Yetzira (creative corner) and the gross motor space.

Our creative space offers endless opportunities for work with different materials and bringing even the most elaborate ideas to life. Teachers help children organize and plan their projects. Just like in our morning programs, the Arnavot class is based on the idea of a reflective dialogue between children and adults. It results in experiences where children's ideas are discussed, supported and transformed into a broad-ranged learning.

For example, in the beginning of the year, children became fascinated with the wealth of the materials in the Pinat Yetzira room. They spent the few first weeks exploring colored sand, beads, wire, paint, paper, glue and recycled loose parts. Gradually, ideas started flowing and relationships forming. Children noticed a large canvas on one of the shelves and realized that if they wanted to use it for painting, they would have to work as a group and come up with a shared plan.

This is how the idea of creating a painting of a tree was born. The same idea was used later, when children were invited to create a present for our Rabbis to celebrate their official installation. The tree is displayed in the main hallway. Our Arnavot students initiated the project, and later, all Nursery School students participated in the creation of The Rabbis' Tree.

Our gross motor space offers opportunities to channel children's energy in big ways: scooters, balancing beams, large blocks, obstacle courses, tumbling mats and more. However, we don't just use this space for movement and exercises.

Teachers think carefully and find exciting ways to stimulate discovery and learning. One afternoon, children found neatly packed cardboard boxes in the gross motor room. Their natural curiosity was ignited. "What are these? How did they get here? What are they for? What is inside the boxes?"

The teachers did not offer any answers. Left to their own devices, children were excited to explore: touch, move, stack, decorate or jump on the boxes. For many days, children remained intrigued. They found out that, though of the same size, some boxes were light and possibly empty, some boxes were very heavy, and some boxes were lighter or heavier than others. Some children even tried to organize the boxes in the order from the lightest to the heaviest. The introduction of the boxes stimulated intensive math explorations and thinking about the concepts of size and weight. And this is just a beginning. We plan many different provocations to challenge our students and to make learning foundational math skills an exciting, playful and thought-provoking adventure.

At 2 p.m., children clean up and go downstairs into the Parparim classroom to rest. The lights are off; individual mats and quiet activities are prepared and await Arnavot students. The children are encouraged to rest or to play quietly on their mat until 2:45/3 p.m. in time for an afternoon snack.

After the afternoon snack (at about 3:15-3:30 p.m.), the Arnavot class has many options to choose from:

1. Going outside and enjoying activities in the outdoor classroom
2. Story time, which includes reading and discussing an interesting book, dramatizing the story in various ways
3. Planning and organizing their own activities and explorations

## **Arnavot teachers:**

The Arnavot program is run by Sabrina (1-2:30 p.m.), Shira (1-4:30 p.m.), Jen (1-4:30 p.m.) and Dene (1-4:30 p.m.). Leah and Talia help as well during the 1-2:30 p.m. period.

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# Dinner Party

Appetizers at 1 home, Entrees at another.  
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Until March 28, guests are \$18 and after, \$28.  
*Hosts are free!*

**SATURDAY APRIL 6, 6 P.M.**

Sign up at [www.templeshalom.org/sisterhood](http://www.templeshalom.org/sisterhood)



# Temple Shalom

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 12 p.m. Taste of Camp 2:30 p.m. Film Series	<b>4</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Film Series	<b>5</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>6</b> 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Shir Shalom Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Spirituality Discussion Group 7 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 7:30 p.m. Beneath A Desert Sky: "Genesis" as Mythology	<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Halleilu 5:45 p.m. FwYC Dinner 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	<b>2</b> 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study 9 a.m. Shabbat Mind 10:30 a.m. Zoe Hong Bat Mitzvah 4:30 p.m. Grade 6 Family B'nai Mitzvah Learning Program
<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 12 p.m. Taste of Camp 2:30 p.m. Film Series	<b>11</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Film Series	<b>12</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>13</b> 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	<b>14</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 6 p.m. SHAFTY Lounge night 7:30 p.m. Beneath A Desert Sky: "Genesis" as Mythology	<b>15</b> 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	<b>16</b> 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study
<b>17</b> 10 a.m. Little Explorers	<b>18</b> President's Day - Temple closed 7 p.m. Garden Club	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 7:30 p.m. Shir Shalom Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg	<b>22</b> 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	<b>23</b> 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	<b>26</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>27</b> 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Shir Shalom Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>28</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew		

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# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 10:15 a.m. Inclusion Parent Support Group 12 p.m. Taste of Camp 2:30 p.m. Film Series	<b>4</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Film Series	<b>5</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>6</b> 12 p.m. Downtown Study 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 6 p.m. SHAFTY Lounge night 7:30 p.m. Shir Shalom Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Scholar in Residence weekend with Cantor Rosalie Boxt 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study 10 a.m. Musical Matzah Balls 10:30 a.m. Neil Giesser Bar Mitzvah	<b>9</b> Scholar in Residence weekend with Cantor Rosalie Boxt 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study 10 a.m. Musical Matzah Balls 10:30 a.m. Neil Giesser Bar Mitzvah
<b>10</b> Scholar in Residence weekend with Cantor Rosalie Boxt 9 a.m. Blood Drive 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 12 p.m. Taste of Camp 2:30 p.m. Film Series	<b>11</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Film Series	<b>12</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>13</b> 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	<b>14</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Spirituality Discussion Group	<b>15</b> 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	<b>16</b> 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Max McLaughlin Bar Mitzvah
<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 2:30 p.m. Film Series 12 p.m. Taste of Camp	<b>18</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Garden Club 7 p.m. Film Series	<b>19</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>20</b> <b>Erev Purim</b> 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Megillah and Margaritas	<b>21</b> <b>Purim</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	<b>22</b> <b>Shushan Purim</b> 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	<b>23</b> 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Josh Hirschberg Bar Mitzvah
<b>24</b> 9:30 a.m. PurimFaloza	<b>25</b> 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Film Series	<b>26</b> 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV	<b>27</b> 1:30 p.m. Drop-In Puzzle Group 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Shir Shalom Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>28</b> 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	<b>29</b> 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	<b>30</b> 8:45 a.m. Minyan and Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Noah Kesselman Bar Mitzvah
<b>31</b> 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 10 a.m. Little Explorers 12 p.m. Taste of Camp						

# Getting to Know You *with Loretta Zack*



You often hear and read about the “youth of today.” So, I wanted to introduce you to one of the many young adults we are proud to call our Temple Shalom youth.

When I started working here at the Temple, I had the privilege of working with the B’nai Mitzvah families, and the Jampel family was one of them. The family joined the Temple in 2000 with three children, and today, I would like to introduce you to their youngest, Serena Jampel.

I recently sat with Serena and asked her to tell me about her involvement in the Temple at this stage of her life. “I am president of SHAFTY (the youth group) and am on the Board of SHAFTY. This is my first year, and I absolutely love it,” she says. “We are trying to get teens to meet other teens and are looking for exciting events. We would like teens to come back to have more Jewish experiences.”

“Being part of the Jewish community affords me a safe space where I know everyone shares the same fundamental values.”

“I come to MA’ARIV every Tuesday night, which is for grades 8 through 12, and we have some new faces this year. However, some of teens seem

to back away because they don’t want to be involved in Jewish life after their b’nai mitzvah, and to them I say, ‘It’s cool. It’s fun. Don’t be afraid. There’s plenty of food. No one is going to ask you to pray.’”

Serena acknowledges, “It also looks great on college applications if you are part of a youth community.” Hmm, what a wise head on young shoulders!

Thinking to myself, ‘Wow, how does she fit all this in with school?’, I asked her what her other interests were. “I love reading and Nordic skiing,” says Serena, a junior at Newton North. She also is on a council that advises the Newton School Committee along with the Greater Boston Regional Student Advisory Council, which advocates on behalf of students throughout the state.

I asked Serena what kind of reading she enjoys. “I love reading in general, but I always try to challenge myself to read classics when I have time. I am currently reading *Common Ground* by J. Anthony Lukas. For me, reading is a way to absorb stories and learn about people and places from a unique perspective. I absolutely love it.”

How did Serena get involved with Nordic skiing? “My siblings wanted to try it, and now I am captain of the

Newton North team and a member of a local club team called the Cambridge Sports Union.”

“I was originally in Keshet Newton (an after school Jewish education program) and didn’t join Temple Shalom until I was in the sixth grade, and this was such a great fit. As I got on the bus for the sixth-grade retreat, I thought I was on the wrong bus. It was terrifying. I then became a counselor for the sixth-grade retreat, which was fun and hilarious.”

“Why hilarious?” I ask. “The sixth graders have so much energy and so many fun things to say. I remember getting into a salt war at one of the meals and watching some pretty creative skits during our ‘talent show.’”

Whatever information she gave me always led back to Temple Shalom, which is such a big part of her life. Finally she told me that she was in her 10th year as a participant at Chimney Corners Camp in Becket, Mass. during the summer. How’s that for commitment?

This amazing young woman filled the room with light and enthusiasm. She is going to be someone to watch, and she is certainly part of our youth of the future.



# Get Involved

## **Book Club mulls memoir about world's largest book club** *Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Richard Morrison, 108 Glen Ave., Newton Centre, 617-969-4572*

An exploration of the Talmud through Ilana Kurshan's fascinating memoir, *If All the Seas Were Ink*, will be the focus of the Book Club. In this award-winning memoir, Ms. Kurshan, who lives in Jerusalem after moving from the U.S., writes about the life-affirming impact of joining the world's largest book club, Daf Yomi, Hebrew for "daily page" of the Talmud.

The Wall Street Journal's review of *If All the Seas Were Ink*, said, "There is humor and heartbreak in these pages...Ms. Kurshan immerses herself in the demands of daily Talmud study and allows the words of ancient scholars to transform the patterns of her own life."

Our always lively discussion will be led by Barbara Bix.

And for those who like to plan ahead, on Monday, April 22, the Book Club will discuss *Forest Dark* by Nicole Krauss. Named "Best Book of 2017" by *Esquire*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Elle Magazine*, *Lit Hub*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Refinery29*, *POPSUGAR* and *Globe and Mail*, Krauss' most recent literary effort is a mesmerizing novel of transformation and self-realization.

Typical of the laudatory reviews in the world press is the following from the San Francisco Chronicle: "A triumphant new novel...that suggests a determination to stretch conventional narrative in unconventional directions...Krauss' prose balances precision and grace...This author is incapable of writing a sentence that does not seem chiseled to perfection...In *Forest Dark*, Nicole Krauss has once again mastered a light touch in pursuit of weighty themes."

The April meeting will be at the home of Marty Kretsch and Judith Di Leo, 84 Leeson Lane, Newton Centre at 7:30 p.m. Please call Marty and Judith at 617-965-3192 for instructions about where to park.

The bi-monthly Temple Shalom Book Club is open to Temple members, their families and friends.

## **Sisterhood mixes Merlot and Midrash**

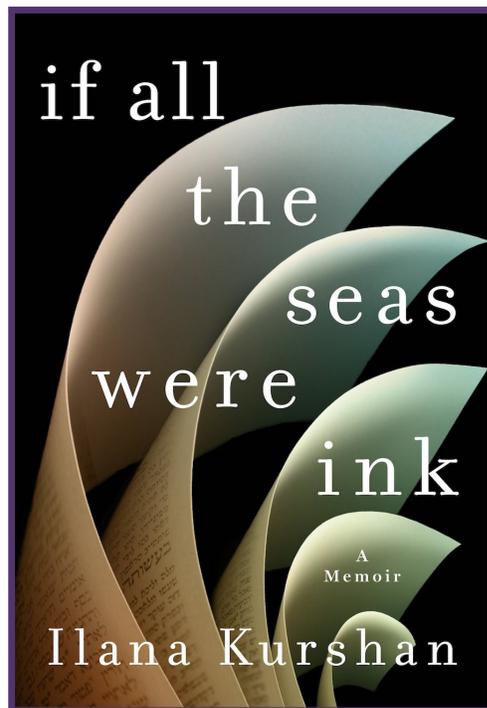
*Sunday, March 3, 4 p.m.*

Merlot & Midrash is back! Save the date for an evening of wine, women and learning with our Rabbis at a Sisterhood member's home. We'll enjoy each other's company as we explore together how we might make our own version of midrash for the next generation.

## **Progressive Dinner Party**

*Saturday, April 6, 6 p.m.*

Welcome spring with Temple friends. Three locations, three courses, countless conversations. Sponsored by Sisterhood, this event is open to the entire Temple community. Start with appetizers at a member's home before heading to dinner at another home. Come together with the entire community at the Temple for homemade desserts. Sign up on the Temple website to join the fun as a guest or as a host for appetizers or dinner. Until March 28, guests are \$18 and after, \$28. Hosts are free!



# Get Involved



## Caring Community seeks volunteers

Caring Community volunteers support and connect with congregational families who may be celebrating a birth, suffering a loss or coping with an injury or illness.

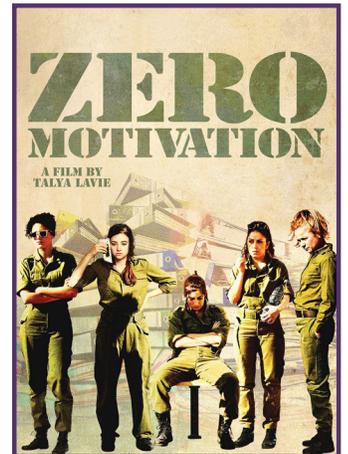
Please take a few minutes to think about how you might find time to deepen your connection with fellow congregants. The ways you might connect and the time commitment are flexible. Get started today by filling out the online form at [templeshalom.org/caringcommunity](http://templeshalom.org/caringcommunity). Please update your areas of interest and availability even if you have expressed interest or volunteered in the past. Thank you!

## Israel, Anti-Semitism film courses underway

Temple Shalom will present two engaging film courses on Israel and anti-Semitism through March. "Israel in the 21st Century" is the theme of the Temple's increasingly popular "Monday Nights at the Movies," presenting films from Israel. The course will explore the many facets of modern-day Israel through the medium of film. All of the movies selected for this year's presentation have been made since 2010.

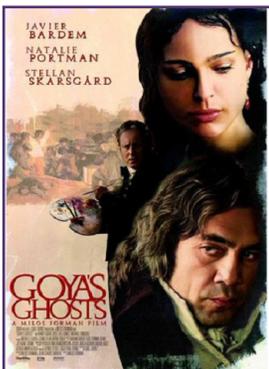
The films are:

- Feb. 18 - *Zero Motivation*
- Feb. 25 - *The Flat*
- March 4 - *Junction 48*
- March 11 - *A Borrowed Identity*
- March 18 - *Off White Lies*



This will provide an opportunity to discuss each film from the perspective of what it says about life in beleaguered Israel today as well as each film's artistic merits and quality.

Each screening begins at approximately 7:15 p.m., ending before 10 p.m. Our instructor will begin each session with background information about the film, actors and director(s) involved with its making.



The film series, "The Many Faces of Anti-Semitism," continues for a second year, beginning on Sunday, Feb. 3. The series will take an in depth look at some aspects of our history as Jews. Our Sunday afternoon course consists of five movies starting with two films about the Blood Libel and ending with a film about the early stages of anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany.

The films are:

- Feb. 3 - *Memories of a River*
- Feb. 10 - *The Fixer*
- March 3 - *Goya's Ghosts*
- March 10 - *Day of Wrath*
- March 17 - *Crossfire*

This year's course will be open to the Greater Boston community and Temple Shalom members.

Each program will commence promptly at 3 p.m. with introductory material about the issues raised in the movie. Following each film, a discussion will be held. A substantial number of articles and research material will be provided as part of the course.

All films are free.

# Engagement

In 2018, I set a goal for myself to put down my devices and read more books. Far and away, the best book I read was *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* by Priya Parker (I gifted this book for many Chanukah and birthday gifts last year!). Parker examines the way we gather – for dinner parties, for staff meetings, for family holidays and everything in between – and imbues the importance of all gatherings having an explicit purpose. She argues that a good gathering should have a purpose that is specific, unique and clear – in what she calls the “Passover Principle.”

Borrowing from Jewish texts, Parker asks, “Why is this night different from all other nights? Before you gather, ask yourself: Why is this gathering different from all my other gatherings? What is this that other gatherings aren’t?”

As we approach Passover and begin thinking about upcoming Seders, I’m struck by the idea of *gatherings with purpose*. This is the guiding principle behind our recently launched Shalom Gatherings, an initiative to create small groups of Temple members who meet regularly over a common interest or demographic. These small groups of three or more people can be almost anything – people who like to talk about movies, parents who recently went through the b’nai mitzvah process or people who want to try new restaurants regularly.

The shared purpose of these groups is to deepen our connections to each other in a meaningful way – small groups foster a shared accountability and commitment to one another that doesn’t exist in the same way at a 200-person event. Meeting regularly allows the group to evolve together – in thought, in spirit and in trust. Ideally, in time, a small group can become a cohort of people you can count on to be there for you and to know you on a deeper level. What a beautiful thing!

To get involved with or to start a small group, visit our webpage – [www.templeshalom.org/shalomgatherings](http://www.templeshalom.org/shalomgatherings) - or get in touch with me at [cdorn@templeshalom.org](mailto:cdorn@templeshalom.org). I can help you find a group that is a good fit or support you in starting one. All it takes to begin a group is an interesting idea and a willingness to try something new – something our congregation has in spades!

And if you have read *The Art of Gathering* or are interested in reading it, let’s sit down for a cup of coffee – I would love to deepen our connection.

Caroline Dorn, Congregational Engagement and Relationship Manager



Mazel tov to our B’nai Mitzvah group  
as they celebrate on Saturday, Feb.  
9, 10:30 a.m.

Chuck Berlin  
Marta Kuperwasser  
Elizabeth Connolly  
Joy Elbaum  
Robin Healey

Judy Levin-Charns  
Harry Meade  
Liz Newstadt  
Paul Rezendes  
Deborah Shapiro

## California Wild Fire Relief Fund

**We thank our Temple Shalom family  
for giving so generously to this cause.  
At the end of a two-week drive to  
collect donations, we were able to  
send requested gift cards to these so  
desperately damaged areas.**

*Thank you!*

# Donations

## **Rabbi's Service Fund**

In Appreciation/Honor of  
Rabbi Berry's beautiful service at the WRJ Northeast  
District Convention

*By Robin and Ernest Krieger*

**Rabbi Allison Berry**

*By Stephanie and Barry Siroka  
Ruth and Frederick Stavis*

**Rabbi Abrasley and Rabbi Berry**

*By Nancy and Bruce Leslie*

**Rabbi Berry, mazal tov on your installation**

*By Amy, Doug and Graham Tonkonogy*

**Rabbi Allison Berry in honor of Logan Long  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah**

*By Kym and Clifford Long*

**Rabbi Berry and Rabbi Abrasley on their installation  
as co-Senior Rabbis at Temple Shalom**

*By Barbara and Robert Fierman  
Irene Laursen  
Janet and Mark Gottesman*

**Rabbi Allison Berry for the support and spiritual  
guidance during the time of my sister's,  
Amy Valor Meselson, passing**

*By Zoe and Brian Forbes*

**The baby naming of Eliana Chaya Wagner**

*By Ariel Tichnor-Wagner and Nicholas Wagner*

**In Memory of  
Edward Axelrod  
Mildred Axelrod**

*By Elizabeth Axelrod*

**Maura Jill Berry**

*By Carol Soble, Michael Shibley,  
Beth Getzandanner and Rabbi Daniel Shibley*

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**Selma Freed**

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In Memory of  
Edward Axelrod

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## **Anita Winer "Open Your Eyes" Fund**

In Honor of

The birth of Susan and Michael Epstein's new  
grandson and granddaughter

*By Phyllis Scherr and Henry Lerner*

The birth of Susan and Michael Epstein's two grandkids

The wedding of Eli Meltz and Hilary Oran

*By Janet and Mark Gottesman*

**In Memory of  
Susan Kornblum**

*By Erica Schwartz and Harry Meade*

**Maurice Bondy Peiser**

*By Beverly Siegal and Richard Peiser*

## **Building Fund**

In Honor of

Saul Brightman's special birthday

*By Ellie and Harris Coles*

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Rose Silen**

**Stephen Silen**

*By Ruth and William Silen*

## **Caring Community Fund**

In Appreciation of  
Rhoda Ben-Gai

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**In Memory of  
Anne Barenberg**

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**Edith Briskin**

*By Phyllis and Jerry Briskin*

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*By Ellen Kaplan*

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In Memory of  
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The wedding of Eric Berlin and Katy Bensen  
The wedding of Eli Meltz and Hilary Oran  
The birth of Jonah Saft  
The birth of Jacob Peiser  
*By Stephanie and Fred Cohen*

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**Rabbi Gurvis Adult Education Fund**  
In Honor of  
Eli Meltz and Hilary Oran's wedding  
*By Marion and David Pollock*

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## **Inclusion Fund**

In Honor of  
The Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Tomaneng  
*By Jason Levine*

Caleb Marcus  
*By Deb and David Marcus*

## **Library Fund**

In Memory of  
Angelo Zangrillo  
*By JoAnne Zangrillo and Solomon Levin*

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In Honor of  
Janis Edinburgh  
*By Paula Roney*

In Memory of  
Sam Amira  
*By Shelley and Stephen Amira*

Otto Morningstar  
*By Betty Morningstar and Jeanette Kruger*

Manuel Rezendes  
*By Joy Elbaum and Paul Rezendes*

Carole Woudenberg  
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## **Nursery School Enhancement Fund**

In Honor of  
Temple Shalom Nursery School teachers for the  
incredible work they do!

*By Robin and Bryan Stuart  
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Ariel Tichnor-Wagner and Nicholas Wagner  
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In Honor of  
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*By Koby Shochat*

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In Memory of  
Charlotte Hamburg  
*By the Snow family*

## **Shain Memorial Fund (Youth Programs)**

In Memory of  
Claire Blauer  
*By Charles L. Blauer*

## **Sisterhood Fund**

In Honor of  
The wonderful contributions made at the WRJ  
Northeast District Convention by Lynda Schwartz,  
Lisa Berman and Rachel King  
*By Robin Krieger*

The support and comfort during the time of my  
sister, Amy Valor Meselson's passing  
*By Zoe and Brian Forbes*

## **Social Action Fund**

In Honor of  
The support and comfort during the time of my  
sister, Amy Valor Meselson's passing  
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In Memory of  
Jane Levin Barber  
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*By Susan Shuman*

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**Samuel Weinstein**

*By Michael Weinstein*

**Isadore Wolinsky**

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**Jerome Yaguda**

*By Mona Yaguda-Ross*

**Rose and Harry Brody**

**Eve and Maurice Zack**

*By Loretta & Michael Zack*

**Youth Activities Program Fund**

**In Honor of**

**Caleb Marcus**

*By Deb and David Marcus*

# Generation to Generation

## Births

*Jacob Bondy Peiser, born Nov. 23, 2018*  
Son of Shana and Michael Peiser  
Grandson of Beverly Siegal and Richard Peiser

*Noah Theis Raven-Lippy, Dec. 8, 2018*  
Son of Suzanne Lippy and Ashley Raven

## B'nai Mitzvah

*Neil Giesser*  
Son of Erin and John Giesser

*Josh Hirshberg*  
Son of Stephanie and Philip Hirshberg

*Zoe Hong*  
Daughter of Erica Fischer Hong and Christopher Hong

*Noah Kesselman*  
Son of Rachel and Michael Kesselman

*Max McLaughlin*  
Son of Julie and Brett McLaughlin

## Engagements

Andrew Dansker engaged to Paige Neugarten  
Julie Dansker engaged to Howard Parrington  
Son and daughter of Susan Dansker

## Deaths

*Susan Bornstein*  
Mother of Alison Kapilow (Craig)

*Adele Brown*  
Mother of Hillary Brown (Michael)

*Irma Kass*  
Mother of Susan Kass

*Richard Lederer*  
Father of Amy Lederer Shapiro (Robert)

*Alan R. Pearlman*  
Husband of Buena Pearlman

*Rosalie Rudnick*  
Mother of Charles Rudnick (Ilyse)

*Ruth Solomon*  
Mother of Neal Solomon (Ilene)  
Mother-in-law of Judy Solomon (Jerold z'l)  
Grandmother of Stefanie and Ethan Solomon  
Great grandmother of Maya and Edward Solomon

*Carole Woudenberg*  
Mother of Valerie Shulock (Rebecca)

## Mental health resources in our community

American Federation for Suicide  
Suicide prevention lifeline  
800-273-TALK (8255)

Colony Care Behavioral Health  
Mental health/substance abuse therapy  
781-431-1177 x210

Crossroads Counseling  
Mental health for adults, couples and  
families  
781-431-2277

Jewish Family & Children's Services  
Services for families, children and seniors  
781-647-JFCS (5327)

Mass Men  
Mental/behavioral resources for men  
800-322-1356

Riverside Emergency Services & Outpatient  
For children, adolescents and adults  
781-769-8674 (emergency)  
617-969-4925 (outpatient)

Samaritans Suicide Hotline  
If you or someone you know is in crisis  
877-870-HOPE (4673) (adult)  
800-252-TEEN (8336) (teen)

William James Interface  
Free referrals to licensed mental health  
providers  
888-244-6842 x1411

For immediate help, always call 911

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