



TEMPLE SHOLOM TO HOST LECTURE ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN COMMEMORATION OF *KRISTALLNACHT*

Scotch Plains, NJ – September 28, 2017 – Temple Sholom of Scotch Plains announces its 2017 *Kristallnacht* program to be held on Sunday, November 5, at 7:00pm. The guest speaker, Dr. Florette Cohen, will focus on “Anti-Semitism Then/Anti-Semitism Now.” In her lecture, she will trace the nature of anti-Semitism from the Holocaust to newer, modern conceptions which include anti-Israel attitudes.

On November 9, 1938 Nazi Germany started a *pogrom* that resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 synagogues, much Jewish property, many businesses and the murder of over 100 Jews. Thousands were imprisoned in concentration camps. Jews no longer felt safe, even if they had before, and long lines formed throughout Germany as Jews sought to escape. Although the *pogrom* appeared to be spontaneous, it was actually part of the Nazi plan of ever more virulent anti-Semitic actions which culminated in the Holocaust.

Dr. Cohen is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the College of Staten Island, a prolific author of articles on the psychology of anti-Semitism, and co-editor of the volume, *Antisemitism in North America: Theory, Research and Methodology*. The program is free and open to the public. Temple Sholom is located at 1925 Lake Avenue in Scotch Plains, NJ. For additional information call the Temple office at [908-889-4900](tel:908-889-4900).

About Temple Sholom

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation led by Rabbi Joel N. Abraham and Cantor Darcie Sharlein. The temple and its religious school are home to more than 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. The congregation is in a new home at 1925 Lake Ave. in Scotch Plains. Temple Sholom is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. For more information about the Temple or joining the congregation, please call 908-889-4900, e-mail sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

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