



## TEMPLE SHOLOM REINVENTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

*Discover One-of-a-Kind, Handcrafted Holiday Gifts*

**SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ** – November 13, 2017 – Temple Sholom of Scotch Plains has reinvented its Annual Holiday Boutique, featuring unique vendors who offer one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts. Open to the public on Sunday, December 3, 2017, 9 am to 1 pm, the boutique features local artisans including:

*Cassava Handcrafted Bath and Body* – Inspired by her family’s Cuban heritage, owner Marianela Wood, creates products that remind her of her childhood. With a focus on Cuba’s rich culture, lush paradise, and tropical fruits, she uses natural butters and oils, fresh brewed coffee, fruit purees, cassava, and fresh milks in her handcrafted soaps, salt bars, lotions, lip balms, scrubs and whipped soaps to leave your skin feeling nourished and refreshed. All of the products are handmade in small batches to deliver quality and uniqueness.

*Lemondrop Designs* – Owner Marcy Duarte began her custom wooden sign business three years ago when she made a sign for her son’s teacher as a gift. When the teacher asked “Do you sell these?,” Ms. Duarte quickly responded “Yes, I do!” From there, her business grew rapidly. “My business is 30 percent art and 70 percent psychology because I really take my time and try to find exactly what the customer is looking for,” she says. She will have pre-made signs for purchase and be available for one-on-one consultations at the Holiday Boutique to design eye-catching home décor to meet every shopper’s personal style.

*Remy’s Gems* – Jeri Fitzgerald developed Remy’s Gems out of a love for creating beautiful, wearable art. She began making jewelry more than 10 years ago as a hobby and eventually made it her full-time business. Her uniquely designed necklaces, earrings, bracelets and children’s jewelry are all handcrafted, featuring natural gemstones and crystals. She crafts only one or two of each piece so they are sure to stand out.

*Suburban Hippie* – Created by Sean Smith, Suburban Hippie crafts specially-designed furniture from reclaimed wood. Mr. Smith has purchased old barns and homes to repurpose the wood, building benches, end tables, dining tables, chairs and more. One of his favorite purchases was a Cranford home from 1890 which he used to make several tables, each one telling its own story. From wine racks to coffee tables, Suburban Hippie offers a unique way to add functional, attractive, conversation pieces to any home.

*Soul Bowls* – Grab a snack from Soul Bowls, one of the most popular local food trucks. Scotch Plains sisters Mich and Britt, combine their love of acai, pitaya and banana bowls with their passion for health to create delicious, colorful, plant-based bowls to feed your body and soul.

Some of the additional new and unique artisans and vendors include Jojo's Bags and Things (fun, fashionable clothing, handbags, jewelry, scarves, gloves, accessories), Edyn Designs (stationery, gift stickers, notepads, camp items, other paperie), Creations by Cathee (handcrafted jewelry, decorated glass blocks), The Pink Pear (children's crafts, games, toys, gifts), JLS by Design (art, travel, landscape photography), Bling It Up (trendy selection of accessories, jewelry, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags, clothing), Fairy Dreams Pillows (tooth fairy pillows), and Judaica Gallery from Highland Park (Shabbat candles, challah covers, tallit, Chanukah items, home décor).

Treat yourself and find gifts for family and friends.

Admission to the Holiday Boutique is free and open to the public at Temple Sholom, 1925 Lake Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ. A percentage of the proceeds support Temple Sholom's educational programs.

### **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 about 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. The congregation is located at 1925 Lake Avenue in Scotch Plains. Temple Sholom is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. It has recently become the first synagogue in Union County, NJ, to offer a voluntary membership contribution model. For more information about the temple or joining the congregation, please call 908-889-4900, e-mail [sholom@sholomnj.org](mailto:sholom@sholomnj.org) or visit [www.sholomnj.org](http://www.sholomnj.org).

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