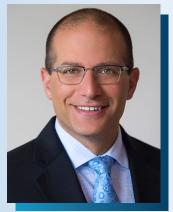
### Learning for the Sake of Learning



Rabbi Daniel A. Schwartz

While I've had and continue to have many wonderful learning experiences, there is one from my college years that I often reflect on with disappointment. It was my Introduction to Archaeology class.

I remember enjoying the class and readings. I did well on the mid-term and group project and was happy with the grade on my final paper, an A-, which was mailed to me over the summer along with two additional marks on the paper: a smiley face and a check mark.

As someone who struggled with writing and worked in high school with a specialist to develop my skills, I was

always looking for ways to improve. This was the reason I set up an appointment with my professor in the Fall – to learn what I could have done better – since a smiley face and check mark didn't provide any insight.

A- meant there was room for improvement, especially since she indicated that I didn't even earn that.

I left that meeting with no new insights or knowledge. For my professor, learning classes that are meant to be Torah Lishmah – learning for the sake of learning. They give us the chance to do something we all love, to learn, debate, challenge and to hear the Jewish

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It was my professor's response which challenged and still challenges me today. She assumed I wanted a better grade. In our conversation, she shared that she had actually elevated my final paper grade because I carried the weight of the group project, but she couldn't award all of us a higher score.

I assured her I was not there to request a change in grade. I was quite happy with it. What I wanted to know was what I needed to do on future papers to improve. An

was a means to an end.

My teacher couldn't
comprehend a concept that
is central to our tradition –
Torah Lishma, learning for
the sake of learning.

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As we begin this new year of 5783, we have tried to create a broad array of

responses to our questions: Why does Judaism supports reproductive freedom? Why are there so many different understandings of God? What is the true essence of Judaism?

Join us for Tea, Talk and Torah, Intro to Talmud, our L'chaim philosophy class or one of the many other Adult Education courses we'll have this year. No prior knowledge is necessary and, we promise, there are no grades, so that you can fully enjoy some Torah Lishmah.

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NOVEMBER					
Friday			Saturday		
4	6:30 PM	All-Music Shabbat With Dan Nichols (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom  Oneg to Follow RSVP: www.shirshalom.org/ form/2022-nichols-and-a-nosh	5	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)  Shabbat Morning Services (In Person Only)
11	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom	12	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)  Shabbat Morning Services (In Person Only)
18	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	1st Grade Family Shabbat Dinner & Services RSVP: www.shirshalom.org/form/22- 23-shoresh-1st-grade-family-program. html  Shabbat Evening Services (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom	19	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)  Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah of Jillian Lustig (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom
25	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Nakisher (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom	26	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)  Shabbat Morning Services (In Person Only) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom

Sunday morning Minyan meets at 10:00 AM on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89416172473

#### **JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY FOR SHABBAT MORNING TISH**

Some have called this group Shir Shalom's best kept secret. But, we're happy to share! Each week we study a verse or two of Torah, enjoy some bagels and a nosh, get some time discussing, debating and learning with our rabbis, and share in the camaraderie and joy of Shabbat time with others in our community. If you would like to receive the Zoom link to participate online, please call Temple at 248.737.8700.

DECEMBER						
Friday			Saturday			
2	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Bar Mitzvah of Asher Moore (In Person & Online)	3	9:00 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)	
		www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom		10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services (In Person Only)	
9	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom	10	9:00 AM	<b>Tish</b> (In Person & Online)	
		Oneg to Follow (Latkes & Libations) RSVP: www.shirshalom.org/ event/2022-latkes-and-libations-oneg		10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Monkman (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom	
16	6:30 PM	Shabbat & Chanukah Family Dinner RSVP: www.shirshalom.org/ form/2022-shabbat-and-chanu-	17	9:00 AM	<b>Tish</b> (In Person & Online)	
	7:30 PM	kah-family-dinner  Shabbat Evening Services (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom		10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Bar Mitzvah of Braiden Dershem (In Person & Online) www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom	
23	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Services (In Person & Online)	24	9:00 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)	
		www.youtube.com/templeshirshalom		10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services (In Person Only)	
30	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services (In Person & Online)	31	9:00 AM	Tish (In Person & Online)	
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## **Brotherhood**

Please join us for our monthly Brotherhood dinner on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 PM, catered by Platinum Dish. The cost is only \$13 per person. Rabbi Daniel will speak on our Temple expansion, and can answer any questions you have regarding reasons for the expansion, cost and how the improvements we are making will benefit you and your family! RSVP by visiting www.shirshalom.org/form/2022-november-brotherhood-meeting. We look forward to seeing you then!



## Thankful



**Brian D. Fishman Executive Director** 

It was so nice to see so many of you at the various High Holy Day services. As we prepared for them in the office, there were only guesses regarding what we expected attendance numbers to be. Covid 19 is still around but most definitely is in a different place than it was last year or the year before. We opted to recommend masks rather than require them. We opened up all of the walls and set up all of our chairs to give people the option of spreading out to feel safe. We also offered the option to stream the services virtually for those who chose to stay home. Not much different than how it was set up last year.

Unfortunately, those people who elected to watch online on Rosh Hashanah morning were not able to watch it. We experienced some technical issues that prevented us from streaming the main service from Temple. My phone starting blowing up with texts from

anyone who had my number asking what was going on. I quickly made it to the video booth to try to troubleshoot the issue but to no avail. Despite speaking with a few experts in that next hour, we were not able to make it work and even worse - it wasn't recorded.

How could this be? What were we going to do? This

issues that prevented the earlier stream. I still felt terrible about the whole incident.

Then the replies to my email started coming. I hadn't considered that people would respond and, quite frankly, was a little nervous about reading them. It turned out to be the best part of the day. The overwhelming

listened to Rabbi Daniel's sermon about looking for the good. She said that she really needed to hear that sermon at that very moment and if the morning service had worked, she would have missed it. Talk about looking for the good!

Of course, there were some people who expressed their disappointment

My favorite response was from a dear friend of mine who actually thanked me for the mishap. She said that she wasn't able to find the morning service when she sat down to watch so she watched the Erev Rosh Hashanah service and listened to Rabbi Daniel's sermon about looking for the good. She said that she really needed to hear that sermon at that very moment and if the morning service had worked, she would have missed it.

was a very important service where we were using our new machzors and enjoying our choir, who had been working so hard; where we heard President Allison Parr's speech and Rabbi Mike delivered his sermon. We needed to do something to recover.

An email was sent to the congregation from me that afternoon apologizing for the trouble and promising to have it corrected before Yom Kippur. We worked out a Rosh Hashanah "highlights" message that included the sermons, Allison's speech and a song by Cantor Penny and the choir that would be sent the following day. And we resolved the technical

majority of people thanked me for sending the email and had assumed that when they couldn't find the service or it didn't work, it was technical challenges on their end. Some expressed their regret that I had to deal with all of this on a day that was my holiday, too. Others watched the family service, enjoyed that and told me that they were looking forward to watching Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur (which thankfully all went well). My favorite response was from a dear friend of mine who actually thanked me for the mishap. She said that she wasn't able to find the morning service when she sat down to watch so she watched the Erev Rosh Hashanah service and

and frustration but not a single email was mean or nasty. I was so uplifted in reading all of them and it only underscored what a wonderful community we have at Shir Shalom. Thank you for being you!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there is anything that I can do for you.

## Gratitude is in Our Curriculum





Marsha Mitnick Early Childhood Learning Director

Gratitude, kindness, being thankful, abundance, are all buzz words that we start hearing right about now as Thanksgiving approaches. At The Learning Center it doesn't take a special holiday to focus on these values. They are woven into everything we do. Being compassionate and empathetic are characteristics that are

learned. For the young child learning these concepts should have started the minute they were born.

What does an infant know about kindness or gratitude? They can't even talk. Yet research shows that when responding to a baby's needs and reading their body signals parents are starting the early process of building trust that helps reduce the brain's level of cortisol, the stress hormone, in a child's body. Parents responding to their baby's needs versus letting them cry it out are working towards the path of building a safe and secure relationship. When a baby experiences an empathetic and compassionate relationship with primary

caregivers it can become contagious.

When a young child leaves the natural setting of their home and attends preschool for the first time, they bring what they know. They have never managed the group process before. At The Learning Center the staff meets each child where they are, the staff are listening and hearing the child. This interactive relationship and environment set the tone. Gratitude and kindness mean more than please and thank you. Knowing that learning to share is a process, our teachers calmly and considerately guide each child to achieve.

And the pattern begins. The

kids at The Learning Center learn that they can speak what's on their mind. If they need help to problem solve a staff member is there to guide them. They are developing strength in being empathetic and kind. Developmentally preschoolers are very egocentric. At The Learning Center they are learning so much, and gratitude and being thankful are all part of the curriculum.

With Gratitude, Marsha Mitnick

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude."

— A.A. Milne

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL







## Hineini: Here I am



Alisa Berke **SHORESH** Associate Director

What a great start to the school year thus far. As we approach the holidays of Thanksgiving and Chanukah, we typically reflect on all the things we are thankful for. Family, friends, good health, joy, and happiness are just a few to mention.

The SHORESH focus this year is Hineini, "Here I am." It reminds us to not only reflect on the past but to be thankful for the present as well. Each Sunday morning, we are reminded to live in the moment, appreciate the company of others, embrace family and friends and to enjoy celebrating/learning the Jewish traditions. Hineini, here I am.

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Make it a point to reach out and do something kind for someone else this holiday season. Let them know you are available to share in their happiness or be the comfort in their sadness. Celebrate each night of Chanukah with the gift of being with family and giving thanks to the those you love.

My motto as an educator is, I hear you and I'm here for you. Hineini!!

Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy holiday season.

## Fruman Youth Program



**Cady Tobias** Teen Engagement Director

As the new year has begun, so has a new era of SSTY. We are, finally, fully back in person! It has been so incredible to see our Temple youth back together. In the months since Sunday Night School and SSTY have started, our youth have participated in a wide variety of events.

In September, the SSTY board held the 2022 kickoff event at Franklin Cider Mill. We had cider, donuts, and met all together for the first time this school year! Given that it was also my first event with SSTY, everyone welcomed me with open

helped to put together an incredible family service at West Bloomfield High School. Many of the teens also helped to run the service by reading different passages and participating on Rosh Hashanah.

In October, our teens also helped to plan and run an

has planned are our annual freshman kidnapping and a road rally. The freshman kidnapping was amazing to participate in. Seeing all the freshmen integrate into our SSTY family makes all of us so excited for the rest of the year!

If your teen is still looking for ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out (cady@shirshalom.org)!

#### In October, our teens also helped to plan and run an amazing Yom Kippur Family Service. It was so incredible to watch the process and see the responsibilities the teens took on.

arms. Temple Shir Shalom is a big family, and everyone made me feel a part of it all right away! Also, in September we celebrated Rosh Hashanah. Our teens

amazing Yom Kippur Family Service. It was so incredible to watch the process and see the responsibilities the teens took on. A couple other events that the SSTY board

## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY			
WORSHIP			
Fridays			
Nov 18, 25; Dec 2, 16, 23	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM	In Person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>
Nov 4, 11; Dec 9, 30	CAYA Shabbat Services	6:30 PM	In Person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>
Saturdays			
	Tish	9:00 AM	In Person, Zoom
	Shabbat Morning Services	10:30 AM	In Person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>
Sundays			
	Morning Minyan	10:00 AM	RSVP to receive Zoom link
GROUP MEETINGS			
Wednesdays			
	AA, ALANON	7:00 PM	

MONTHLY			
GROUP MEETINGS			
Mondays			
November 7, 9 & 21	L'chaim: A Jewish View of Living and Doing	12:00 PM	RSVP
Tuesdays			
November 1 & December 6	Book Club	7:00 PM	Email <u>barblevinson@gmail.com</u>
Wednesday			
Nov 9, 30 & Dec 7, 14, 21	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM	RSVP
November 9 & December 14	Trivia Night (Online)	8:00 PM	RSVP
November 23 & December 28	Tea, Talk and Torah	2:00 PM	RSVP
Thursdays			
November 17 & December 15	Taste of Talmud	12:00 PM	RSVP
Fridays			
November 11 & December 16	Bim Bom Baby	10:00 AM	RSVP

ANNUAL / SPECIAI			
November 2 • Wednesday	Fall Euchre Tournament	7:00 PM	RSVP
November 4 - 5	7th & 8th Grade Madrichim Retreat		RSVP
November 4 • Friday	Nichols and a Nosh Shabbat With Dan Nichols	6:30 PM	RSVP
November 11 - 12	6th Grade Retreat		RSVP
November 18 • Friday	1st Grade Family Shabbat Dinner/Service	6:00 PM	RSVP
November 19 • Saturday	3rd Grade Late Night Program	6:00 PM	RSVP
November 24 • Thursday	Turkey Trot	8:30 AM	
December 9 • Friday	Latkes and Libations Oneg	After Shabbat Services	RSVP
December 16 • Friday	Shabbat and Chanukah Family Dinner	6:30 PM	RSVP

## EUPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAYS			
November 8 • Tuesday	Election Day		
November 24 • Thursday	Thanksgiving		Temple Office Closed
November 25 • Friday	Thanksgiving Friday		Temple Office Closed
December 18 - 26	Chanukah	Begins at sunset	
December 25 • Sunday	Christmas Day		Temple Office Closed 12/26/2022
January 1 • Sunday	New Year's Day		Temple Office Closed 01/02/2023

## NICHOLS AND A NOSH WITH MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE DAN NICHOLS

A beautiful all music Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a savory oneg.

Friday, November 4 6:30 PM - Shabbat Services

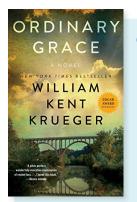
Register by visiting www.shirshalom.org/event/nichols-and-a-nosh

#### TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM BOOK CLUB



#### First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

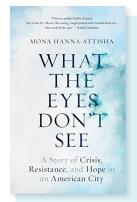
The fall finds Temple Book Club meeting person to person **November 1** and **December 6** begins our winter meetings on Zoom. Hope to see you all both in person and then on Zoom. Please send your RSVP to <a href="mailto:barblevinson@gmail.com">barblevinson@gmail.com</a> so we can send you the zoom link in December. — Ida and Barb



## November

### **ORDINARY GRACE**by William Kent Krueger

A tale of murder in a small town, looking back some 40 years earlier.



## December

WHAT THE EYES DON'T SEE by Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD

The shocking story of the Flint water crisis told by an Iraqi- American pediatrician.

#### SNEAK A PEAK OF WHAT'S AHEAD!

<u>January 3, 2023</u>

SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO by Taylor Jenkins-Reid

**February 7, 2023** 

CRYING IN H MART by Michelle Zauner

March 7, 2023

Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stewart

**April 2023** 

NO MEETING FOR PASSOVER BREAK

## **Social Action**

Our social action committee, as well as congregation members, have been busy these last few weeks. We continue to make full lunches for **Project NOAH**, a group run through a Methodist Church in Detroit. We supply lunch about once every month or six weeks. With the aid of the Pine Hill Congregational Church, we are able to make and deliver to the downtown area. With the help of one of our bat mitzvah students, **Sadie Schultz**, we have 300 baggies of home baked cookies! Thank you, Sadie!!

**Life Remodeled** also benefited from our members in October. We were asked to help clean up the Cooley High School area. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. Thank you to **David Contorer** for organizing this.

The High Holidays always remind us that there are those who suffer from food insecurity. Our annual food collection was on October 2 at both the temple and SHORESH. Thanks to all who donated.

A reminder: The **Tikkun Olam-a-thon** is coming in January. Stay tuned for more details.

— Sallyjo Levine, Chair of the TSS Social Action Committee



Volunteering at Life Remodeled

## **JILLIAN LUSTIG**Saturday, November 19



Her most memorable experience at Temple has been the Chicken Soup Cookoff.

Jillian is the daughter of Allison and Dov Lustig and the granddaughter of Beth and Robert Noe, and the late Richard Lustig and the late Bernice Lustig. She attends Berkshire Middle School. Her most memorable experience at Temple has been the Chicken Soup Cookoff. Jillian plays volleyball, tennis, softball, dances, and participates on two swim teams. She's creative, responsible, loyal and genuinely loves being with people. Jillian is grateful for her family and friends who have always been supportive of her. As she reflects on her bat mitzvah preparation, Jillian found learning Hebrew a positive and rewarding experience and enjoyed her weekly meetings with her tutor Riki.

#### SHAYNA MONKMAN

Saturday, December 10



Her most memorable experience at Temple has been leading the Fourth Grade Honors Shabbat...

Shayna is the daughter of Dr. Andrea and Daniel Monkman and the granddaughter of Rena and Marty Janower and Ilene and John Monkman. She attends Walnut Creek Middle School. Her most memorable experience at Temple has been leading the Fourth Grade Honors Shabbat with her friends at SHORESH. Shayna is thoughtful, caring, smart, funny and creative. She is grateful for her parents. As Shayna reflects on her bat mitzvah preparation, she found it gratifying learning and being part of her Judaism.

#### JONAH NAKISHER

Friday, November 25



His most memorable experience at Temple has been the Purim Carnivals.

Jonah is the son of Allison and Marc Nakisher and the grandson of Hazel and Len Nakisher and Rochelle and Mickey Kole. He attends Norup Middle School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been the Purim Carnivals. Jonah loves being active, is sporty, loves being outdoors, and is a good friend. He is grateful for his parents and siblings who are always there for him when he needs them. As Jonah reflects on his bar mitzvah preparation, he found the process required a lot of dedication and was rewarding in the end.

#### **Braiden Dershem**

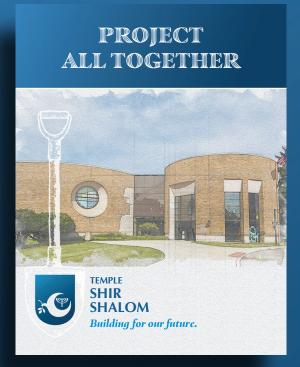
Saturday, December 17



His most memorable experience at Temple has been participating in Tikkun Olam-a-thon...

Braiden is the son of Lindsay and Ryan Dershem and the grandson of Stuart and Gail Raben and the late Brian Dershem and the late Sheila VanDam. He attends Clifford Smart Middle School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been participating in Tikkun Olam-a-thon when he and his family created snack packs for the local fire fighters, dog blankets for animal shelters and treat boxes for our military overseas. When Braiden's not catching fast balls behind home plate, he loves spending time with his friends. Braiden is grateful for the patience and support of his Nana and Papa. While preparing for his bar mitzvah was a large undertaking, Braiden rediscovered the importance of his faith through the process.

## PROJECT ALL TOGETHER



THE BROCHURE FOR PROJECT ALL TOGETHER SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN YOUR MAILBOX. PLEASE TAKE A PEEK INTO OUR **EXCITING FUTURE.** Envision where you and YOUR FAMILY WILL FIT IN.

### TEA, TALK AND TORAH



GATHER WITH THE RABBIS FOR TEA, TREATS AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THE DAY'S TORAH TEXT.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 28 2 - 3 PM

NO CHARGE FOR MEMBERS \$10/SESSION FOR GUESTS OF TSS

**REGISTRATION:** SHIRSHALOM.ORG/EVENT/TEA-TALK-TORAH



# Bim Bom Baby Shabbat celebration For babies to 5-year-olds

Join with friends and make new ones as we welcome Shabbat with the rabbis and cantor, play, sing and braid challah to take home!



Friday, November 11 & December 16 10:00 - 11:00 AM @ Temple Shir Shalom



Register at www.shirshalom.org/event/bimbombaby









## TASTE OF TALMUD



Explore the wisdom of our sages as we read and discuss highlighted texts from the Talmud, which can provide insight and meaning into our modern lives.

Thurs, Nov 17 & Dec 15 12:00 PM | Shir Shalom

RSVP: www.shirshalom.org/ event/taste-of-talmud

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Thursday, November 24 | 8:30 AM

Registration: <u>theparade.org/</u> <u>turkeytrot/registration/</u>

To get you details about carpooling, a meeting spot and more, let us know you are running: <a href="https://www.shirshalom.org/form/2022-turkey-trot">www.shirshalom.org/form/2022-turkey-trot</a>

## Latkes E Libations

Celebrate Shabbt and the upcoming Chanukah holiday with your Shir Shalom Family.

## Friday, December 9 Shabbat Services - 6:30 PM Festal oneg to follow

Register for the oneg: www.shirshalom.org/event/2022-latkes-and-libations-oneg





## The Festival of Lights

The first light of Chanukah is kindled at sundown on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**. Join us **online** every night as we light the candles.

#### "Chanukah" or "Hanukkah"?

At this time of year writers are grateful to the translation geniuses who decided that Hebrew words, for the most part, are exempt from spelling rules. The word, חנכה, meaning dedication, has been spelled in most any form with one common belief — that it contains eight letters. Thus, you will find Hanukkah, Chanukah, and perhaps even Hannukah or Khanukah — All are correct.

#### **Kindling the Chanukah Lights**

Every effort should be made to see that all members of the family are present at the lighting of the candles. Everyone, no matter what age, may kindle the Chanukah candles.

The chanukiah should be placed near a window so that a passerby may observe the light. On Friday, the Chanukah candles are kindled before the lighting of the Shabbat candles.

Candles are placed in the *chanukiah* (Chanukah menorah) from right to left, beginning with one candle on the first evening and adding a new candle each succeeding night. The *shammas* (Hebrew for "servant" or "helper") candle is lit first and is then used to light the other candles from left to right.

#### Light from this direction →



#### ← Place from this direction

#### **Chanukah Prayers**

Facing the *chanukiah* you recite the following prayers:

#### בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִנֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

#### בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם שֶּׁעָשָׂה נִפִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְמַן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, sheasah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night we add:

#### בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמֵן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach the season.

#### **After We Light the Candles**

As one candle may kindle many others yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth for many religions in many lands and still shines brightly to this day.

#### Each Candle's Meaning...

The first light reminds us that **God is One**. As God is One, so may we all try
to work together for the good of all.

Day 2 The second light is the light of the Torah. May our Torah always be a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path.

Tzedakah. Even in our greatest joy may we remember and give to those who do not have as much as we.

The fourth light is the light of *Family*.

May the togetherness that binds us today be with us through all of our tomorrows.

Understanding. May we grow by being not just understood but by being understanding as well.

Day 6

The sixth light is the light of **the**Jewish People. We are one people tied to each other by our history and our faith.

Patience. May we be a little more patient with each other and our world.

The last light is the light of **Shalom** (of **Peace**). Let there always be peace among members of this family, this community, this country, and our world. May we work for peace throughout our lives.

#### **How to Play Dreidel**



#### Why Are There Letters on a Dreidel?

The four Hebrew letters on the dreidel—Nun, Gimmel, Hey, Shin—represent the Hebrew phrase, "Nes Gadol Haya Sham," which means "A Great Miracle Happened There."



#### What You'll Need

- Two or more players
  - An equal number or gambling pieces for each player (about 10-15).

    Traditionally, hard candies, nuts, or gelt are used, but pennies, buttons, or plastic chips work well
    - A dreidel (spinning top) for the group

#### **Rules of the Game**

- **1.** Each player puts one or two pieces into the middle to form a "pot".
- 2. Take turns spinning the dreidel, with each player acting according to the letter which comes up after the dreidel stops. (When a player gets gimmel, they empty the pot, and then everyone tosses a piece into the pot to start a new round.)



**3.** The winner is the person who collects all of the pieces (or has the most after an agreed upon number of rounds).

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## **Jump Into Temple**

Please forgive me if I sound like a broken record. Whenever I ponder the subject of my Scribe article, I think about the meaning of community. For obvious reasons, after all, since I truly believe that Shir Shalom is or can be a spiritual community for each of us. All we need to do is reach out, jump in, or show up. And yet, I can understand that sometimes this is the hardest part. Especially since these days, the idea of community seems to be more pressing while also more elusive.

As 2022 is coming to an end, I have been thinking a lot about the emotional fallout from our recent years of quarantine, social distancing, and our ongoing caution. This



**Allison Parr** President

has rendered the concept of community as a heightened contradiction. We want to make connections, avoid isolation and enjoy each other's company. Collectively, however, we are a bit out of practice and often find it too convenient to just stay at home. I especially noticed this conundrum at this year's High Holiday services. Clearly this is a sign of the strange times we are living in. It also presents each of us with an opportunity for improvement that leaves me feeling hopeful. I'm hopeful because I know that we each can find a meaningful way to lean into Shir Shalom. My vision is that together, we join in so that our Temple family becomes our wider circle of support, spirituality and social belonging for ourselves and our family members. For Temple's part, we plan to create more opportunities to come together with better and more targeted ways to facilitate introductions and inclusion.

You might have already surmised that the subject of belonging, contributing and togetherness is also a sneak peek into my own personal mantra. These are the values (and gifts) that my husband Harry and I have instilled in our three daughters. Being actively involved in Shir Shalom was one important way we taught these life lessons. As our girls have gone out on their own, I see them benefitting from these skills. We espoused that you get out what you put in - especially when it comes to being a member of a community. Our Temple connections aptly highlighted this philosophy. Our fellow Shir Shalom members and our clergy have given each of us in my family an added layer of support, belonging and sense of identity. This is why I stressed the concept of relationships in my High Holiday address. It is also why I am asking everyone to maximize what they put in and get out of our Shir Shalom circle.

In the coming months, you will find a variety of ways to be a part of something special. Please don't hesitate to get involved. There will be special themed onegs after Shabbat services, Euchre tournaments, online trivia nights, lunch and learns, a Dan Nichols weekend, Chanukah festivities, new member gatherings, tish, and social action projects, just to name a few. At a member's suggestion, you will find nametags at many of these events to help get us back into the swing of getting to know one another. Speaking of suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me with your unique ideas or thoughts. I truly appreciate all feedback. Also reach out to me if you want to arrange for a friendly face at one of these activities. I am sincere when I say that I am always eager to meet fellow members! I can be reached at alparr617@gmail.com or 248-931-6832.



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