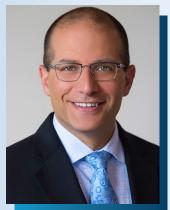


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A 75th Birthday Celebration



Rabbi Daniel A. Schwartz

When I was in fourth grade, my Sunday School teacher drilled a definition of Zionism into us that had been developed at the beginning of the century. Zionism was "the belief in the creation of a Jewish state in the British mandate of Palestine."

We covered texts like the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat, sat and wept, as we remembered of Zion." (Psalm 137:1) These words had been written after the destruction of the first Temple, over 2,500 years ago, when the Jewish community was exiled from Jerusalem. Jeremiah lamented the loss of the Temple, holiness and the opportunity to worship God. He yearned for a return when a sense of spiritual joy could again be felt.

And we explored more modern stories, like descriptions of the Dreyfus Affair, in January 1895, Herzl realized that a Jewish homeland was necessary and published "The Jewish State," outlining his reasons.

But now that we have Israel, now that we have fulfilled the vision of a Jewish state in our biblical homeland, what does it mean to be Zionist? recognize that an ages-long dream has come true and rejoice in 75 years of that miracle.

At Temple and along with the broader Jewish community, there will be a number of celebrating, learning and palate-tempting

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when chants of "Death to the Jews!" could be heard from crowds in the streets of France following the trial and wrongful conviction of Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish captain

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— (Psalm 137:1)

in the French Army who was eventually exonerated. In hearing that chant, a young reporter covering the story named Theodor

Today, there is no singular universally-accepted definition. One could give multiple answers and many would be correct. It means, as our Temple mission statement outlines, providing and supporting "meaningful opportunities for personal connection to...the State of Israel." For me, it also means supporting the existence of the Jewish state in Israel.

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opportunities that are still in the final stages of planning at the time of the writing of this article. The first is a community celebration on April 27th at 5:30pm featuring Mayumana - the Israeli "Stomp," drumming group. As plans are finalized, we will update you with additional details and opportunities. But, no matter if you see Israel as perfect or a work in progress, we hope you'll join us at one of these in-person or online events in celebrating this truly momentous occasion of Israel's 75th birthday.

... what does it mean to be Zionist?



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Sunday morning Minyan meets at 10:00 AM on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdu-pqTkuHdfmzBL41TVtyAlL5m6max6s

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. For those in person, our nosh begins at 9:00 AM. Our discussion begins at 9:30 AM. If you would like to receive the Zoom link to participate online, please call Temple at **248.737.8700**.

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We are building!



Brian D. Fishman Executive Director

By the time you read this, we will be well underway with phases one and two on the **Project All Together** building project and renovation of the social hall. As I write this, the demolition work has been completed in the social hall and it is being reassembled in its new and improved state. Giant machines are moving around the earth and building the foundation for what will surely be an incredible space. All of this work is going to require some flexibility on our part and I want to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation so far and ask that it continues as we navigate through the construction process. It is definitely going to be worth it!

The construction traffic and their equipment and contractors have taken over the back parking lot and a fence was erected to limit access. That necessitated the moving of our handicapped parking to the front of the building complete with

new painted spaces and signs. The elevator is still accessible by walking down the Ziff Memorial Hallway.

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events/services/activities to be occurring at the same time! Coordinating the use of the available spaces in the pre-construction Temple was sometimes like working on a puzzle where everything had to fit together just right and sometime there were extra pieces that we wanted, but couldn't fit in the puzzle. The additional space will allow for much more flexibility for all types of programs.

Our fundraising for this campaign has been phenomenal. Our goal was to be able to fund the entire project, burn the existing mortgage and put away some money to help with the increased costs of the upkeep of the additional space. The Board was

adamant that Temple did not incur any debt from this project. Completely fiscally responsible. Eliminating mortgage payments, rental payments for Sunday School and The Learning Center and saving for the future. What a wonderful plan and we are close! But we need your support.

Because this is Project All Together, we truly want everyone to be a part of it. This is such a special time in our Temple's history and we want all of you to own it and feel connected. We want you to put something in our Time Capsule. The tiles for the

Family Mosaic Tile Staircase are a wonderful way for every family to participate. You don't have to be an artist to make a tile and I am more than happy to help develop your idea. There are also a considerable amount of naming opportunities that are still available at every level. Feel free to contact me if you need help with the tiles, are interested in donation information or if there is anything else that I

can do for you.

Menschenings

DR. GUY STERN



The Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI named the Welcome Center in his honor.

Learning Healthy Coping Skills





Marsha Mitnick Early Childhood **Learning Director**

Children don't come with an owner's manual. They are complicated humans in a complicated world. At The Learning Center we recognize this and address it every day. Not only do our students gain a strong Jewish identity, they also

Center know far more than encouraging dress up. (Although they are amazing at that as well!) Every caregiver participates in the reflective teaching process. Together as a team we regularly talk about each child and our relationship with that child. We share the feelings that each child invokes in us. This helps us better understand what each child needs in order to build a strong foundation.

Today's schools play a huge role in the social emotional health of the child. Unfortunately, many teachers have no training in the much-needed area of mental health. This is a shame. A school can provide lots of

into language and activities created for our preschoolers. There is always something to practice regarding communication and conflict resolution, how they feel, supporting the process of sharing, not going first, missing mommy and/or daddy, negotiating play ideas...believe me there are endless possibilities.

Reading the cues of our students brings out the fun! They love coming to school. They love being with their friends. They have no idea how hard they are working at being themselves so they can be successful in the group! We train our staff, so they become coaches in problem solving.

to give it up immediately they usually are stunned.

Now both kids are connected to the staff and listening as she provides the following: "Can he have a turn in 2 minutes or 3 minutes?" If they know their numbers most children pick the highest number. Usually when both children are validated, the process remains calm. The problem solving is guided by the staff not solved by the staff. Once a child is allowed ownership, he or she may give it up before the time discussed. Most children are told: "Remember to share." "Play nice." At The Learning Center, we walk them through it so they know

Young children's emotional competence – regulation of emotional expressiveness and experience when necessary, and knowledge of their own and other's emotions - is crucial for social and academic (i.e., school) success. — Dr. Susanne Denham

gain a strong sense of self. Concepts like choices, problem solving, personal space, feelings and the early steps to coping with change and frustration are part of our daily routine. These concepts fit right in with play, outdoor learning, being part of the group process, Shabbat, and finger paint!

Adults play such a huge part in the development of a young child's emotional health. From teachers, parents, nannies, and grandparents the young child absorbs everything. The teachers at The Learning wonderful equipment but more importantly, teachers need the much-needed training. While The Learning Center is not a therapeutic preschool, it is a school that focuses on teaching the important executive skills of coping skills and problem solving.

Having healthy coping skills is more than a gift we give to our children. It is a necessity. We are fortunate that building emotional competency is something that our staff works on every day. Social emotional learning is built

For an example if a child grabs a toy from another child our teachers walk them through a sharing process. Working with both children together a dialogue begins: "Who had it first?" The toy is returned to the child. The child that took the toy is provided the script: "Can I have a turn?" The original "owner" of the toy is allowed to say: "No." The staff doesn't end the negotiation there. The child that took the toy is then guided to ask: "When can I have a turn?" The first time the original user of the toy hears that they don't have

what share and nice means without using those words.

Emotional competence begins at birth and continues through out a lifetime. At The Learning Center our preschoolers are having so much fun as they prepare for the playground politics we call socialization.

If you'd like to see how this works first hand or have questions about our preschool, please feel free to contact me at marsha@shirshalom.org



Family Fun at the Passover Seder



Alisa Berke **SHORESH Associate** Director

As we begin to see the days getting longer for spring, we start thinking and preparing for the upcoming Jewish holidays. With Purim right around the corner and Passover not too far behind,

maybe this year we reflect on those traditions from our past and new traditions we can bring to the table.

When I think of spring, I think of Passover, my favorite Jewish holiday. I see the Passover table being set, I feel the embrace of the

my childhood, I now have passed them on to my own children.

Incorporate new ideas to make the holidays more vibrant and alive for yourself and your family. Some ideas may include giving your children props, and having

everyone share one positive thing that has happened to them this past week or something they are thankful for.

Regardless of the practice, tradition is what our religion is about. It's the comfort from our past and the promise

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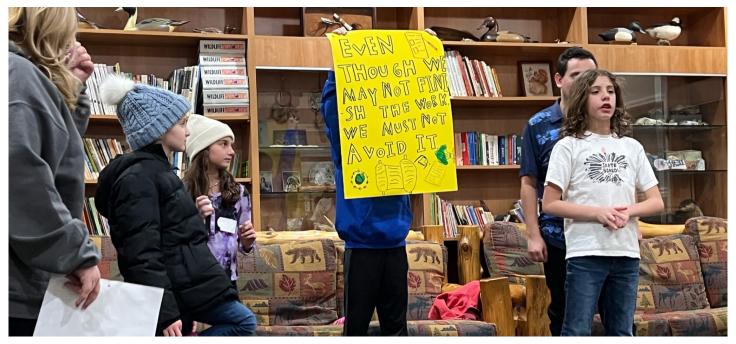
company, I hear the voice of my late grandfather as he sings songs after the Seder, I smell the matzah ball soup, and I can taste the sweet charoset or bitter herbs on my tongue. As I have embraced the traditions of

them retell the Passover story through their lens, create a scavenger hunt and have the clues symbolic of the items of the Seder plate that lead to where the items are hidden, or after, singing Dayenu, go around the table and have

of our future. Celebrate this year with something old and something new. May your family feel comfort from traditions both new and old. Wishing you a Chag Sameach.

4th & 5th Grade Retreat

IN FEBRUARY, OUR 4TH & 5TH GRADE SHORESH STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AN OVERNIGHT RETREAT AT WALLED LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER WHERE THEY ENJOYED THE GAMES, THE NIGHT HIKE, THE FOOD AND STAYING UP LATE WITH OLD & NEW FRIENDS!



STUDENTS PRESENTING THEIR REFLECTIONS ON A PASSAGE FROM PIRKEI AVOT (ETHICS OF OUR ANCESTORS).

Fruman Youth Program





Cady Tobias Teen Engagement Director

SSTY has had an amazing kickoff to 2023! We have started out the year by participating in our annual Tikkun Olam-a-thon. Our high school students had the opportunity to run a game day at Coleman A. Young Elementary in Detroit. It was an incredible day, and our teens planned out and executed a beautiful event. A week after Tikkun Olam-a-thon, the SSTY board planned an ice skating event at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. It was amazing to have our high schoolers back together to start off the year!

We have so many terrific opportunities coming up this year. On **March 5** we have our annual Purim Carnival! The SSTY board is hard at work making sure that everything is planned. We are looking forward to this amazing fundraising opportunity for SSTY and to see all of our SHORESH families come together for a day of fun. Following the Purim carnival, SSTY is taking a trip to Cincinnati

from March 10-12. The last time SSTY was in Cincinnati was in 2018, so I am very excited to experience the city with the high school students!

If your teen is still looking for ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out!

cady@shirshalom.org

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Social Action

Sallyjo Levine | Chair of the TSS Social Action Committee

We planned, it arrived, and it was a great success. Many thanks to the 275 men, women, and children that participated in our annual Tikkun Olam-a-thon.

There was a wide range of activities to choose from. We were at a school with our high schoolers, at a shelter with three young families, and were busy at Temple. Chad Techner was our speaker during the service. After he spoke, he led a project making soup to be distributed. Project NOAH made lunches for the homeless, we collected toiletries that went to three worthy causes, and candy was sent to our essential workers. Brilliant Detroit and Repair the World helped make kits.

Several people learned how to make plarn (plastic yarn) to knit or crochet into mats for the homeless to sleep on. Blankets were made for NICU infants and for adults. The foster families at Oakland County Foster Closet will be receiving birthday in a bag for their clients. Paul Wertz, of Dish Catering, had helpers making dinners for Ronald McDonald House. Lest we forget our furry friends, we made kitty forts and mats for dogs.

Thanks to all who planned, helped, and cleaned up.







UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY			
WORSHIP			
Fridays			
March 3, 17, 31; April 21, 28	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>
March 10, 24; April 7, 14	CAYA Shabbat Services	6:30 PM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>
Saturdays			
	Tish	9:30 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, Al-Anon	7:00 PM	
March 1 & 8	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM	

MONTHLY			
GROUP MEETINGS			
Tuesdays			
March 7 & April 4	Book Club	7:00 PM	Email <u>barblevinson@gmail.com</u>
March 7 & April 25	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM	
Wednesday			
March 8	Trivia Night (online)	8:00 PM	RSVP
March 15	Brotherhood Dinner & Meeting	6:30 PM	RSVP
March 22 & April 26	Tea, Talk & Torah	2:00 PM	RSVP
Thursdays			
March 16 & April 20	Taste of Talmud	12:00 PM	RSVP
Fridays			
March 17 & April 21	Bim Bom Baby	10:00 AM	RSVP

ANNUAL / SPECIAL			
March 4 • Saturday	Purim Spiel	7:30 PM	
March 5 • Sunday	Purim Carnival	12:15 PM	RSVP
March 6 • Monday	Purim Whiskey Tasting	7:00 PM	RSVP
March 10 – 12	Fruman Youth Program's SSTY Cincinnati Trip		
March 10 • Friday	Special Oneg	After Shabbat Services	RSVP
March 12 – 21	Motor City Mission to Israel		
March 17 • Friday	4th Grade Honors Shabbat	7:30 PM	
March 22 • Wednesday	Passover Potluck & Recipe Exchange	6:30 PM	RSVP

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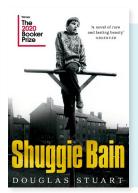
ANNUAL / SPECIAL EVENTS				
April 6 • Thursday	Passover Congregational Seder	6:00 PM	RSVP	
April 12 • Wednesday	Passover Yizkor Services	10:30 AM	In person, <u>YouTube</u>	
April 14 • Friday	Special Oneg	After Shabbat Services	RSVP	
April 21 • Friday	5th Grade Honors Shabbat	7:30 PM		
April 23 • Sunday	Guided Tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts	2:30 PM	RSVP	
HOLIDAYS				
March 6 • Monday	Erev Purim	Begins at sundown		
March 7 • Tuesday	Purim	Begins at sundown		
April 5 • Wednesday	Erev Passover		Temple office closed at 12:30 PM	
April 6 • Thursday	Passover		Temple office closed	
April 7 • Friday	Temple office closed at 12:30 PM			
April 12 • Wednesday	Passover Yizkor	10:30 AM	Temple office closed	
April 18 • Tuesday	Yom HaShoah			
April 25 • Tuesday	Yom HaZikaron			
April 26 • Wednesday	Yom HaAtzmaut			

TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM BOOK CLUB

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

The Temple Book Club will be meeting on **Zoom** on **March 7** and **in person** at Temple on May 2. No meeting in April for Passover break. Please send your RSVP to **barblevinson@gmail.com** to receive the Zoom link.

— Barb & Ida



March

SHUGGIE BAIN by Douglas Stuart

A gritty Scottish-American novel about growing up in run down public housing in Glasgow, Scotland.



THE LAST KINGS OF SHANGHAI by Jonathan Kaufman

The little known history of two extraordinary dynasties.



Isiah Herskovic • Saturday, March 11

Isiah is the son of Natalie and David Herskovic and the grandson of Leigh Herskovic, the late Morey Herskovic (z"l), and Beverly and Alan Frieden. He attends Hillel Day School. His most meaningful experience at Temple has been getting to know the rabbis and cantor and being part of the Temple family. Isiah is outgoing and a good friend, athlete and student. He is grateful to his entire family for everything they do for him. Isiah feels Temple has helped him be part of the community and make him a successful bar mitzvah.



Jonah Peleg • Saturday, March 11

Jonah is the son of Elizabeth and Ady Peleg and the grandson of Judith and Gerald Herskovitz and Daniella and Samuel Peleg. He attends West Hills Middle School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been learning Hebrew with his tutor Riki. Jonah is good at Hebrew, skis and plays baseball and tennis and has a passion for animals. Jonah is grateful for his mom and aba because they love him and have helped him become who he is today. As Jonah reflects on his bar mitzvah preparation, he feels confident in Hebrew, proud to be Jewish and excited to celebrate with his family.



Derek Fershtman • Saturday, March 25

Derek is the son of Linda and Robert Fershtman and the grandson of Eileen Millstone, the late Donald Stern (z"l) and the late Herman and Edith Fershtman (z"l). He attends Clifford Smart Middle School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been being part of the Temple's Purim Spiel, which he looks forward to being in again this year and hopes everyone will come and see it - it's fun! Derek loves hanging out and animating and playing video games with his friends and family and performing on stage - the comedy roles are his favorite. Derek is grateful to his parents for always supporting him, his sister for helping him practice at home, his cat for loving him and Cantor Penny and Tiffany for preparing him for his bar mitzvah.

His most memorable experience at Temple has been being part of the Temple's Purim Spiel, which he looks forward to being in again this year and hopes everyone will come and see it - it's fun!



Asher Steingold • Friday, March 31

Asher is the son of Brooke and Sean Steingold and the grandson of Deborah and Robert Steingold and Alexis and Albert Fernandez. He attends Warner Middle School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been going to Zap Zone with SHORESH because it was fun and he got to connect with other Jewish kids. Asher loves skateboarding, snowboarding and hanging out with his friends. Asher is grateful for his parents, sisters, Bubbie, Zaida and Savta for supporting him. He is also grateful for Stone and Joel for being the greatest of friends. Asher thanks Temple for teaching him Jewish values and for making it a fun environment to learn about his heritage.



Delaney Brager • Saturday, April 15

Delaney is the daughter of Michael and Ilana Brager and the granddaughter of Jay and Lesley Kutinsky and Lois Brager. She attends West Bloomfield Middle School. Her most memorable experience at Temple has been throwing pie at Rabbi Mike. Delaney is witty, curious and beautiful inside and out. Delaney is grateful for her amazing, supportive parents. As Delaney reflects on her bat mitzvah preparation, she thanks everyone who has been kind and patient.



Tessa Fayne • Saturday, April 15

Tessa is the daughter of Cari and Randy Fayne and the granddaughter of Judy and Larry Rothenberg and Donnie and Barry Fayne. She attends Derby Middle School. Her most memorable experience at Temple has been making cat shelters at the Tikkun Olam-a-thon. Tessa is a hardworking person in all that she does. She is a loyal friend, daughter and sister. Tessa is grateful for her family because they encourage her to be the best person she can be. Her parents support her in all that she does and are always there for her. As Tessa reflects on her bat mitzvah preparation, she is grateful for those who have helped her. It's been a wonderful experience, and she has learned more about Judaism through the process.

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Ryan Cohen • Saturday, April 22

Ryan is the son of Elyse and Robert Cohen and the grandson of Susan and Daniel Stettner and Carol and Steven Cohen. He attends Norup International School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been making the Yad that he will be using at his bar mitzvah. Ryan enjoys science and loves to draw, code and play video games and with his dog Poe. Ryan is grateful to his parents for all the places they have taken him and always supporting and believing in him. As Ryan reflects on his bar mitzvah preparation, he has worked to learn the prayers and feels proud that his work has paid off.



Zev Lorber • Saturday, April 22

Zev is the son of Stephanie and Abe Lorber and the grandson of Helene and Charley Lorber and Lori and Bruce Fidler. He attends Bloomfield Hill Middle School. His most memorable moment at Temple has been making care packages at the 2022 Tikkun Olam-a-thon when he was photographed and appeared in The Jewish News. Zev was born in Washington state and lived in Belfast, Northern Ireland, before moving to Michigan. He has two dogs and loves to draw, read, play video games and play "Dungeons & Dragons." Zev is grateful to his parents for always helping him participate in his interests and for supporting his goals. Becoming a bar mitzvah has made Zev reflect on the traditions and ceremonies of Judaism and learn more about why we do them. It has given him a newfound appreciation for our rabbis and Temple staff who have taught him and helped him prepare for his bar mitzvah.





Moe Woll • Saturday, April 29

Moe is the son of Rachel and Peter Woll and the grandson of Judith Greenberg, Elliott Greenberg, Pauline Woll and the late Arthur Woll (z"l). He attends Norup International School. His most memorable experience at Temple has been having fun at the Purim Carnival. Moe is fun, caring and a nice person to be around. Moe is grateful for his family and all they do for him. As Moe reflects on his bar mitzvah preparation, it has helped him relate to Judaism and have a deeper understanding on what it means to be Jewish.

BUY A TREE IN ISRAEL

Remember a loved one • Celebrate a simcha • Show someone you care

In the **Temple Shir Shalom Woodland** in Israel, we have planted over **2,000 trees** to date. This year, our goal is to plant **500 trees** – helping make our homeland even more green.

Your **\$18** will benefit our Temple & the State of Israel.

To donate a tree, call Temple at 248.737.8700.

Guided Tour of the **DETROIT INSTITUE OF ARTS**



Join Shir Shalom as we tour the DIA! The tour will be led by our own **Marilyn Finkel-Brown**, Shir Shalom Board Member & professor of art history. Plans are being made for an optional early dinner directly following the tour.

Sunday, April 23 • 2:30 PM

RSVP: shirshalom.org/event/detroit-institute-of-arts

Community Onegs

WE INVITE YOU TO STAY AFTER SHABBAT SERVICES AS WE SERVE SEASONAL BEVERAGES AND BITES WHILE YOU GET TO KNOW OTHER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF SHIR SHALOM.

Friday, March 10 • Around the Campfire Shabbat Friday, April 14 • Stay tuned for theme

RSVP: SHIRSHALOM.ORG/EVENT/ONEG

JUDITH NARENS MEMORIAL FUND HELPS MAKE THESE SPECIAL ONEGS POSSIBLE.



Brotherhood

DINNER & MEETING

Brotherhood invites the entire congregation to an evening with **Alan Muskovitz**, contributing feature story and humor columnist for **The Detroit Jewish News**. You might also know Al as **"Big Al" Muskavito:** Sidekick, writer, impersonator, character voice talent and producer for radio personality **Dick Purtan**.

Wednesday, March 15

Dinner at 6:30 PM • Speaker at 7:00 PM

Optional dinner is \$15/person



RSVP: shirshalom.org/event/brotherhood-dinner-and-meeting

PURIM

Spiel

A lively performance of the Purim story featuring the music of Queen! Saturday, March 4 • Doors at 6:45 PM • Spiel at 7:30 PM • Shir Shalom Free admission & snacks • Cash bar • Rated PG-13

Carnival

Dress in Costume, enjoy delicious food and drink and play fun games. Sunday, March 5 • 12:15 PM • West Maple Elementary School

Whiskey Tasting

Explore whiskies of Michigan and Israel and The Megillah (Book of Esther).

Monday, March 6 • 7:00 PM • Shir Shalom • Free for members

Must be at least 21 years old to attend • \$18 for non-members

Learn more & register: shirshalom.org/purim



Congregational Passover Seder

JOIN YOUR SHIR SHALOM FAMILY AS OUR RABBIS AND CANTOR BRING THE HAGGADAH TO LIFE OVER A DELIGHTFUL SEDER.

Thursday, April 6 6:00 PM

Members Only

\$45 / ADULT • \$25 / CHILD (5 TO 12 YEARS OLD)

No charge for children under 5 Years old

REGISTER ONLINE BY **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**:
SHIRSHALOM.ORG/EVENT/2023-CONGREGATIONAL-PASSOVER-SEDER



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.

Thursday, March 16 & April 20 12:00 PM • Temple Shir Shalom

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



TEA, TALK AND TORAH

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

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Among the Minority With Open Arms to the Majority

With Passover on the horizon, I have begun to consider how much Reform Judaism is inclusive of and relatable to the majority even if we as Jews are in the minority. It is something that makes me feel especially proud. When my daughter Meredith was in public school, her grade only had a few other Jewish classmates. When spring came, an Easter themed class party was planned by a group of enthusiastic parents. They insisted that the bunnies, baskets, and jellybeans were strictly secular. Despite their good intentions, I asked Meredith's teacher if I could also plan a springtime "party" that would be in the spirit of



Allison Parr President

Passover. She was a bit hesitant, but I assured her that I would merely use Passover as a jumping off point to read books and make crafts about justice and freedom for all. More than a decade later, when I run into this teacher, she recalls how special it was to weave the universal teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the spirit of Passover.

This experience left me and Meredith feeling included and connected to the people around us. To this day, it affirms for us why celebrating Passover feels both traditional and modern, sacred and relevant. And yet, given your responses to my last *Scribe* article, more than ever, we as Jews are feeling our minority status. In general terms, last month I wrote about anti-semitism. More specifically, on a personal level, I wrote that as a Jew there are inevitably times when I feel acutely outside of the majority. This in turn causes an

internal vigilance that feels ever present.

Just this past week, my inner-guard was put on high alert when I, along with my mom and siblings, met an unexpected relative found on 23 and Me. While Bill, our new Catholic cousin, met us with open arms, he naively referred to us as people of the Jewish race. I believe that rather than bigotry, he was speaking from ignorance. But still, our friendly lunch quickly became tense. Especially when my brother, Peter, asserted that the incorrect reference to race was rooted in Nazi propaganda. Our new cousin just blinked in confusion. While Bill might have been surprised, sadly we were not. I quickly steered the conversation to a neutral topic, but my inner isolationist instincts took over my thoughts. I felt overwhelmed by a potential dive with this stranger into Judaism as a religion and the cultural heritage of Jewish people. Truth be told, this experience made me question if it was worth meeting unknown relations outside of our circle of understanding.

In the end, I decided that opening yourself up to connections with all kinds of people is worth the risk. My daughter's grade school Passover party all those years ago is still proof. Our Jewish centered celebration translated into something meaningful for each of her classmates. When I think about it today, it reminds me of the beauty of Shir Shalom. At TSS, we can depend on the comfort and understanding we find together in our community. At the same time, our Temple openly welcomes those outside our congregation to learn and experience right along with us. In this spirit, who knows, I just might invite my new Catholic cousins to join us at our congregational seder on Thursday.April 6th! In any event, I hope to see you and your family there.

As always, please reach out with any comments, feedback or questions. I can be reached at alparef17@gmail.com or 248-931-6832.



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