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Rabbi Michael L. Moskowitz

Our Rabbi, Our Rebbe

He remains one of Judaism's great enigmas. The rabbi mystified his generation, challenged his disciples, and has intrigued his biographers and the historians of our faith. As with other leaders, the legend and the man have merged. The more one reads about this "holy rebel," the more one wonders about him. The more one probes his personality - his manner, his thought, his system - the more one wants to know about him.

So begins Rabbi Dannel Schwartz's thesis about the Kotzker Rebbe, completed for his masters degree and rabbinical ordination. It literally fell off the shelf the other day in my office as I pulled down another book. Dannel would often say that for God there is no such thing as coincidence. That said, I didn't realize it had remained here from when Dannel switched our offices some 17 years ago. One of the many gifts he left me. Of course, I was also surprised by his descriptions of the Kotzker. He wrote these words in 1972. I'm confident some might have thought at first the description was about him - and I'm sure our rabbi would have more than enjoyed being called the "holy rebel."

As you can imagine, I've been thinking a great deal about Dannel these past weeks. His thesis didn't need to fall into my lap to bring that reality to light. Yet, it got me thinking about how he did things, the passion that burned from within for our faith and our people. Truly it was always his motivation. Good enough was never good enough. He loved to challenge. A program or an idea might have worked well in the past, but was it what we needed today? Would it carry us into the future? Some look at his success and might think it was merely about building a community. And while that was significant, for him, our community was the vehicle to bring Judaism more into our world, to help others live with the lens our faith can provide.

I can hear his voice demanding this of me, of us. Yes, he was always teaching. Personally, it was the gift he constantly shared. With me, most definitely, but through me to our congregation. My first couple years every Friday morning we would sit together and study that Shabbat's Torah portion. It was learning for the sake of learning. I miss that - so much so that we had spoken recently about doing this on zoom with each other. His insights often were nuanced and not what I expected but opened my eyes to seeing things differently. And as you'd surmise, we often wandered into tangents about Shir Shalom and what we needed to be doing, or about countless



other things. I remember sitting at a table one Friday in the office building and laughing together so loudly that others entered, concerned for what had occurred. I realized then that Dannel wanted a partner. When temple hired me, he had told everyone that Shir Shalom needed to find a rabbi right out of school, so that he could "tenderize his disciple." Together with our community, he could mold this new rabbi into looking at things uniquely, not with the expected viewpoint, as well as with some healthy irreverence. He wanted to work with someone who not only would respect him as that holy rebel but pick up where he left off. And so he made me his partner.

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JANUARY

Friday			Satu	Saturday		
5	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	6	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services In person only	
12	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	13	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services Bar Mitzvah of Noah Bloch In person & online <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u>	
19	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u>	20	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services Bar Mitzvah of Liam Johnson In person & online <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u>	
26	6:30 PM	Shabbat Shirah In person & online <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u> Shabbat Shiraz Oneg Following Kabbalat Shabbat services Register at <u>shirshalom.org/shabbat</u>	27	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services In person only	

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

"Our Rabbi, Our Rebbe" continued from cover page.

By my second year already it felt seamless. So much so that Dannel announced to the congregation on Yom Kippur with a sentence that began (and with a twinkle in his eye), "When Michael takes over the congregation..." I remember thinking, "Wait. This is just getting started. What have I signed up for?" Of course, that's when I realized concretely that Dannel not only got things done, but had a way of getting what he wanted. I don't believe I realized then how much a blessing this would be.

Dannel gave me so much in our years together. I'm confident that this year will be filled with daily reminders of that reality. But there is no doubt, the greatest gift he shared is the community of Temple Shir Shalom. It is something I will never take for granted and will treasure all of my years. And through this, I also know that he will forever be a part of what we do here every single day.



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FEBRUARY

Friday			Saturday		
2	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom Shabbat Camp – kids 3–10 years old! In person only Register at shirshalom.org/shabbat	3	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services In person only Havdalah Services B'not Mitzvah of Alexia & Aliya Peysakhov In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom
9	6:30 PM	Song, Sushi and Sake Shabbat With Alan Goodis In person & online <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u> Register at <u>shirshalom.org/shabbat</u>	10	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services In person only
16	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Shir Shalom South In person only in Boca Raton, FL Register at <u>shirshalom.org/shabbat</u> Shabbat Evening Services In person & online <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u>	17	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online Shabbat Morning Services In person only
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SHABBAT SHINDIGS

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 • 6:30PM

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Song Sushi Sake

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 6:30PM

Following a melodious Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Alan Goodis, stay for a sensational sushi, sake, song-filled oneg.

SHIR SHALOM SOUTH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • 7:00PM

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Lay Leadership



Brian D. Fishman Executive Director

Part of what makes Temple Shir Shalom such a wonderful place is our lay leadership. Sure, we have a great staff who are dedicated to our members and you know well that the clergy and I are all in. But we can't do it all. We have the best Board Directors around and of are fortunate to have their guidance in areas that are within their wheelhouses. But there are others who are very committed to helping support Temple and our community.

For starters, there is the small but mighty Shiva Corp. This devoted group has been trained to lead the prayers at a shiva and are extremely important. On a completely voluntary basis, they show up at your home and shepherd your family and friends through this critical piece of a difficult time. And think about it - by definition, these "shifts" can't really be scheduled in advance. It is nothing short of amazing what these individuals are able to accomplish at the last minute.

The Temple **Brotherhood** is another group that is run by volunteers. These men gather on a monthly basis for dinner and a meeting and periodically feature a speaker. They enjoy camaraderie, a meal and look for ways to raise money to support those who need it. They are regular volunteers at Temple events and you might recognize them as the Purim Carnival chefs.

The **Usher Corp.** is another important cog in the Temple wheel. While most members associate them with the High Holy Days, ushers are needed at many other services. These men and women help to make any service run smooth. We always appreciate the support that they provide.

Minyan is a group that meets on Sunday mornings. They used to meet in the lobby at Temple and moved online during COVID. By the time things settled and programming down resumed at Temple, they were comfortable enough doing it virtually that they just continued. That might be the best kept secret of Shir Shalom.

Last, there is the newly formed, **Women of Shir**

Shalom. The interest has been outstanding right from the start with a diverse group of women! There have been several dinners and a successful Holiday Boutique in December. A women's wellness program in February and who knows what is down the road? It is not too late to join!

My hope is that you just learned something about a group that you didn't know about and that it inspires some of you to reach out to me to find out how to participate. It is a wonderful way to make another level of connection with members of your temple family. What do you have to lose?

As always, please contact me if there is anything that I can do for you.

STAY WARM!!



ITALY WITH A JEWISH LENS Adults Only • Oct 24 - Nov 4, 2024

Explore Italy with Rabbi Mike and master tour guide Beni Levin, who has guided many of our Temple trips through Israel, as we traverse the ancient and modern parts of this beautiful land: Hiking, biking and kayaking will all be a part of this adventure. Experience the vibrancy of Florence, the serenity of Tuscany, the excitement of Torino and so much more. Imagine cooking classes and wineries to visit all while learning of the historical and contemporary Jewish connections.

Share your interest at shirshalom.org/form/2024-italy-trip



Managing the Changes



Marsha Mitnick, MS. LLP Early Childhood Learning Director

Life is change. Seasons change. Michigan weather always changes. As adults we learn how to pivot, adjust, manage, and cope with change. Some of us make the process look seamless; others need a moment to find their way. Some changes are huge and life-changing, like becoming a new parent. Once you become a parent, dealing with children and different personalities change and shifting gears can be stressful and requires a lot of patience. Dealing with change is an ongoing life

skill. At The Learning Center we are sensitive to all the steps the young child needs to cope with change.

Research tells us that from birth to age 5 a child's brain develops more than at any other time in their life. We know that the quality of a child's experience helps shape how their brain develops. If the brain is the command center of the human body, adults must provide we lots of warm interactions, knowledge of how a child develops, understanding, predictable routines, positive experiences, appropriate boundaries, healthy foods, needed rest and plenty of hugs and kisses! That's A LOT of stuff that goes into learning how to cope with changes.

Simply put, change means different things to different kids at different ages and stages. What may seem little to us as adults may feel huge to the young child. For the young child who is planning on a playdate at a park outside and it starts to rain, that's going to take some changes. At The Learning Center we would suggest an umbrella, raincoat, and puddle boots. Someone else might cancel. How change is handled by a child's parents, teachers and loved ones plays a huge role in how a child learns to manage changes.

If the specific change is predictable then there is an opportunity to learn something about it before going through it. If you are traveling to a foreign country you want to know about the country's currency, what kinds of foods are eaten there, special places to visit, and lots of other things unique to this experience. Why not use this mindset for other changes?

Becoming a parent for the first time is a ginormous change for any human. It is hard to compare seeing the Eiffel Tower and holding a newborn baby. Ask any new parent who went through this during Covid. Ask any parent that didn't go through this during Covid! Managing the changes of parenthood is different for every new parent. After all, a child doesn't come with an owner's manual. (Actually, at The Learning Center we have been told we really understand how kids work!)

No manual? We have something better! Starting April 1, 2024, we will be offering a 7-week New Parent Series. We are looking for first time parents with babies 3 to 5 months. Meetings will be 6:00-8:00 pm. The first hour there will be a presentation on a variety of topics and the second hour you can connect with new parents. If you know anyone who is pregnant and looking manage the changes to parenthood contact: of Elana Schwartz at elanahi@ hotmail.com

Interested in information about The Learning Center or Camp Teva Summer 2024? Contact Marsha Mitnick at marsha@shirshalom.org

FIRST-TIME Parent Posse MON, APR 1, 8, 15, 22 AND 29;

MON, APR 1, 8, 15, 22 AND 29; MON, MAY 6 AND 13 6:00 – 8:00pm | LOCATION VARIES

OPEN TO FIRST-TIME PARENTS OF 3 TO 5-MONTH-OLD BABIES.

Get guidance from specialists. Meet fellow first-time parents. Enjoy light bites and beverages.

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Our New Home For Learning



Alisa Berke SHORESH Associate Director

As I sit behind my desk reflecting on this past year and begin planning for the upcoming one, a few things come to mind. All the memories, the good and bad; and thinking of all the new ones to be created. One of the best memories I want to keep alive is growing up with Rabbi Dannel Schwartz *z*"l. I knew him when I was a small

child. He consecrated me, he celebrated my bat mitzvah and I continued to watch him inspire people and help grow Temple Shir Shalom into what it is today. school is a huge success and continues to get better every year. Whether classes were being conducted at the Corners, Hillel, The J and now finally in our "new home," the

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— Alan Cohen

It brings me back to another time when I first moved into a new house as a child. So many unknowns and whys. Why are we moving, and why do we have to change schools and is this really going to be beneficial or be an opportunity to better ourselves? It reminds me of the present situation at Shir Shalom. Our religious

community of Shir Shalom always makes it work. The clergy, staff and congregants worked tirelessly to reach goals more than ever thought possible. Here we are today, in our newly constructed building that Rabbi Dannel dreamed of. He envisioned a place that would resemble the scrolls from a Torah that is now our reality. As we navigate unknown challenges and stumble upon roadblocks, remember that we shouldn't wait until the conditions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the conditions perfect. I am confident our religious school program will continue to be successful and be better than the year before. We can ask ourselves the "whys" along the way, if we keep in mind that our end goal is to continue to be better.

Wishing everyone a year filled with hope, good fortune and new beginnings.

JANUARY White Elephant Gift Exchange Wednesday, January 10 6:30pm • Temple Shir Shalom

FEBRUARY Heart Health Speaker Series Wednesday, February 7 6:30pm • Temple Shir Shalom

PRICING AND REGISTRATION AT SHIRSHALOM.ORG/EVENT/WOMEN-OF-SHIR-SHALOM

SHIR SHALOM

Focusing on camaraderie and community, Women of Shir Shalom gathers for

SOCIAL OCCASIONS, SHARED MEALS AND A

VARIETY OF OTHER EXCITING ACTIVITIES.

Fruman Youth Program



Cady Tobias Teen Engagement Director

Since last writing, our amazing Shir Shalom Temple Youth (SSTY) group has closed off 2023 with a trip to New York City. We kicked off our trip with a delicious lunch at Katz's Delicatessen followed by incredible tours at the Tenement Museum. The weekend was filled with fun shopping, a Broadway show, and a lot of bonding time. It was a great way to finish off 2023 and spring into a terrific new year.

As we prepare for the second half of the 2023-2024 school year, we look forward to an outstanding **Tikkun Olam-a-thon**, more madrichim and SSTY programming, and many more exciting adventures. If your teen is still looking for ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out! cady@shirshalom.org











WEEKLY				
WORSHIP				
Fridays				
Jan 12; Feb 16	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>	
Jan 5, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9, 23	CAYA Shabbat Services	6:30 PM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>	
Saturdays				
Every week	Tish	9:30 AM	In person, <u>RSVP</u> for Zoom link	
Every week	Shabbat Morning Services	10:30 AM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>	
Sundays				
Every week	Morning Minyan	10:00 AM	<u>RSVP</u> to receive Zoom link	
GROUP MEETINGS				
Tuesdays				
Jan 2, 16, 30; Feb 13, 27	Grief Support Group for Parents	7:00 PM		
Wednesdays				
Jan 10, 17, 31; Feb 7, 28	Introduction to Judaism			
Every week	AA, Al-Anon	7:00 PM		

MONTHLY

GROUP MEETINGS					
Mondays					
Jan 8, 15, 22	L'chaim: A Jewish View of Living and Doing	12:00 – 1:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Jan 22; Feb 26	Game Day	1:00 – 4:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Tuesdays					
Jan 2; Feb 6	Book Club	7:00 PM	Email <u>barblevinson@gmail.com</u>		
Jan 23	Board of Directors Meeting	7:30 PM			
Wednesdays					
Jan 10; Feb 7	Women of Shir Shalom	6:30 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Jan 17; Feb 21	Brotherhood Dinner & Meeting	6:30 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Jan 24; Feb 21	Tea, Talk and Torah	2:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Thursdays					
Jan 18; Feb 29	Taste of Talmud	12:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Fridays					
Jan 19; Feb 9	Bim Bom Baby	10:00 AM	shirshalom.org/childrens-events		

ANNUAL / SPECIAL EVENTS					
Jan 11 • Thu	Euchre Tournament	7:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Jan 14 • Sun	Tikkun Olam-a-thon	9:30 AM – 12:15 PM	<u>shirshalom.org/toa</u>		
Jan 23 • Tue	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	7:00 – 7:30 PM			
Jan 26 • Fri	Shabbat Shirah	6:30 – 7:30 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat		
Jan 26 • Fri	Shabbat Shiraz Oneg	Following Shabbat services	shirshalom.org/shabbat		
Jan 29 • Mon	Scholar-in-residence Rabbi Mike Moskowitz	7:00 – 8:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events		
Feb 2 • Fri	Shabbat Camp	6:30 – 7:30 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat		
Feb 4 • Sun	Chicken Soup Cook-Off	12:30 – 2:00 PM	shirshalom.org/csco		
Feb 9 • Fri	Song, Sushi and Sake Shabbat w/ Alan Goodis	6:30 – 7:30 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat		
Feb 16 • Fri	Shir Shalom South	7:00 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat		
Mar 1 • Fri	Congregational Shabbat Dinner	6:30 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat		



Brotherhood OF SHIR SHALOM

The Brotherhood is all about supporting Temple as well as the surrounding community. Join Brotherhood at its monthly gatherings, which feature interesting speakers, topics and delicious food. To learn more and join the next dinner and meeting, contact Gordie Krainen at gordkeys@comcast.net



Book Club OF SHIR SHALOM

First Tuesday of the month | 7:00 PM | Zoom Temple Book Club is reading two unusual books for January and February.

January 9

A PLACE FOR US BY FATIMA FARHEEN MIRZA

A POWERFUL BUT UNEVEN FAMILY SAGA ABOUT AN INDIAN-AMERICAN MUSLUM FAMILY LIVING IN NORTH



family living in Northern California after September 11.

February 6

THE ROSE CODE BY KATIE QUINN

A GRIPPING WORLD WAR II STORY ABOUT THREE FEMALE CODE BREAKERS AT BLETCHLEY PARK AND

THE SPY THEY MUST ROOT OUT AFTER THE WAR IS OVER.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT BARB LEVINSON AT BARBLEVINSON@GMAIL.COM

KATE QUINN



TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM'S ANNUAL TIKKUN OLAM-A-THON

A DAY OF REPAIRING THE WORLD THROUGH VOLUNTEER WORK WITH LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 9:30 AM @ TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM & PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE TIKKUN OLAM-A-THON. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER VISIT WWW.SHIRSHALOM.ORG/TOA

TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM'S CHICKEN SOUP COOK-OFF

Sunday, February 4 • 12:30 - 2:00 pm • Shir Shalom

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L'CHAIM: A JEWISH VIEW OF LIVING AND DOING

Monday, January 8, 15 and 22 | 12:00pm | Shir Shalom and Zoom

Join Rabbi Mike for this lunch and learn series where we will explore Jewish philosophy and how it guides us in our daily lives. Newcomers are welcome.

Free for members | \$18/series for non-members.

TEA, TALK AND TORAH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 AND FEBRUARY 21 | 2:00PM | SHIR SHALOM

Gather with the rabbis for tea, treats and a brief study of the day's Torah text.

Free for members | \$10 per session for non-memerbs

TASTE OF TALMUD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 AND FEBRUARY 29 | 12:00PM | SHIR SHALOM

EXPLORE THE WISDOM OF OUR SAGES WITH RABBI DANIEL AS WE READ AND DISCUSS HIGHLIGHTED TEXTS FROM THE TALMUD. EACH SESSION STANDS ALONE AND NEW STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AS WE READ AND DISCOVER ANCIENT TEXTS, WHICH CAN PROVIDE INSIGHT AND MEANING INTO OUR MODERN LIVES.

Free for members and non-members.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI MIKE MOSKOWITZ

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 | 7:00PM | SHIR SHALOM AND YOUTUBE



Two Rabbi Mike Moskowitzes? Double our blessings! Meet our Rabbi Mike's friend and join us for a conversation between the two rabbis as Rabbi Moskowitz (our scholarin-residence from Congregation Beit Simchat Torah) shares the importance of the work he does both in and out of the LGBTQ+ community, the value of allyship and the big principles of what his work means today and for our future.

RABBI MIKE MOSKOWITZ IS THE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FOR TRANS AND QUEER JEWISH STUDIES AT CONGREGATION BEIT SIMCHAT TORAH, THE WORLD'S LARGEST LGBTQ+ SYNAGOGUE.

He is a deeply traditional and radically progressive advocate for trans rights and a vocal ally for LGBTQ+ inclusivity. Rabbi Moskowitz received three Ultra-Orthodox ordinations while learning in the Mir in Jerusalem and BMG in Lakewood, NJ. He is a Wexner Field Fellow, David Hartman Center Fellow, Senior Rabbinic Fellow at the Hartman Institute, and the author of Textual Activism, Graceful Masculinity, and Seasonal Resistance. His newest book, Covenantal Allyship, will be available this year. Rabbi Moskowitz's writings can be found at rabbimikemoskowitz.com



Noah Bloch • Saturday, January 13

Noah is the child of Stefanie and Dr. Alan Bloch and the grandchild of Louis (Lucky) Bloch and the late Flo Rita Bloch and Sheila Rose and the late Melvyn Rose. Noah attends Warner Middle School. Noah is a very caring and funny and loves his friends, school and learning, art and summers at Camp Tamarack. Noah's most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been the 1st Grade Family Program when they stepped on grapes to make grape juice. As he studied to become a bar mitzvah, Noah felt Hebrew came naturally to him. Noah is grateful for his parents because they are the reason he is here today. Noah is grateful for his brothers and all the fun they have together.

Liam Johnson • Saturday, January 20



Liam is the child of Melanee Statfield Johnson and Justin Johnson and the grandchild of Leslee and Terry Statfield and Sharie and Paul Johnson. Liam attends Emerson Middle School. Liam enjoys music, fashion, making people laugh and learning about history. Many people tell Liam he's like an old man trapped in a kids body; hopefully, that's a good thing! Liam's most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been the 7th Grade Retreat at Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center doing a lot of fun activities and hanging out with Dan Nichols. As he studied to become a bar mitzvah, Liam had a lot more fun than he expected! It's not just sitting in a classroom and studying, but participating in different activities and getting to eat while learning! Liam is grateful for his family because they are always there for him and support him in whatever he wants to do. He is also grateful for his friends because they make him laugh and help him be a better person. Lastly, Liam is grateful for his favorite music artists and designers because they inspire him to do great things.



Alexia Peysakhov • Saturday, February 3

Alexia is the child of Jamie and Fuad Peysakhov and the grandchild of Talkhum and Nina Liviyev and Tamara Peysakhov and the late Isay Peysakhov z"l. Alexia attends Frankel Jewish Academy. Alexia is funny and nice. Alexia's most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been the 1st Grade Family Program when she stomped on grapes to make grape juice. Alexia feels very accomplished and glad she studied to become a bat mitzvah. Alexia is grateful for her mother and father and their kindness.



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REMEMBER A LOVED ONE | CELEBRATE A SIMCHA | SHOW SOMEONE YOU CARE

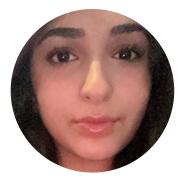
IN THE **TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM WOODLAND** IN ISRAEL, WE HAVE PLANTED OVER **2,000 TREES** TO DATE.

This year, our goal is to plant **500 trees** – Helping make our homeland even greener.

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

DONATE A TREE AT SHIRSHALOM.ORG/FORM/BROTHERHOOD TREES

B'NAI MITZVAH 😹



Aliya Peysakhov • Saturday, February 3

Aliya is the child of Jamie and Fuad Peysakhov and the grandchild of Talkhum and Nina Liviyev and Tamara Peysakhov and the late Isay Peysakhov z"I. Aliya attends West Bloomfield Middle School. Aliya is sweet and a fun person to be around. Aliya's most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been making a Yad (Torah pointer) at Shoresh. Through studying to become a bat mitzvah, Aliya is proud of all of her hard work and dedication to learn the prayers and her Torah portion. Aliya is grateful for her family and friends because they are always very supportive and try their best to help her reach her goals.



Merritt Stern • Saturday, February 24

Merritt is the child of Michelle and Larry Stern and the grandchild of Joyce and Alan Kaczander, Harriet Rubin and Mark Stern and Bev Kohn. Merritt attends Berkshire Middle School. Merritt is kind, emotional and an empathic person who loves to be with his friends and play video games. Merritt's most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been volunteering at Shoresh on Sunday mornings. It makes him feel like a leader when he's helping teach Hebrew. Throughout his studying to become a bar mitzvah, Merritt had a great experience. Merritt feels proud and more connected to his Jewish community. Merritt is grateful for his parents who have taken care of him throughout his life no matter what and supported him in everything he wants to do.

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A loss within our community is a loss no matter where it occurs, and we wish to extend our support and sympathy during this difficult time. All perpetual yartzeits (those with a *) are always read for kaddish. For all other family members' names you would like to have read during the Shabbat service and Sunday morning minyan of their yahrzeit, please go to www.shirshalom.org/form/shabbat-yahrzeits.

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Loss and Legacy

It's really hard to fully absorb the seemingly seismic shifts that have happened in our world since I wrote my last *Scribe* article. In case it wasn't obvious, I wrote my November/December *Scribe* installment in early October before Hamas's brutal terrorist attack on Israel. Given this, looking back on my past article, my thoughts on anti-semitism were definitely timely.



Allison Parr President

Yet, they also felt mild and resigned to our peoples' age-old struggle. Since then, my sadness, my outrage, and my fears have been amplified. I believe it is fair to say that unabashed Jewish hatred from so many surprising sectors of our society, often thinly veiled as "anti-Israel" righteousness, is weighing down upon each of us. I liken this spike in anti-semitism to a once nagging ache that has turned into a sharp pain that can't be avoided.

Compounding this grief, has been the sudden and tragic loss of our beloved Rabbi Dannel Schwartz. At a time when our world already feels so dark, this has been shattering for many of us, especially our clergy. Although Rabbi Dannel lived out of state, his wisdom and his vision remained an influential voice for our congregation. This past September, I received a handwritten note from Rabbi Dannel telling me how proud

he is of the job I am doing as Temple's President. He even made a donation in my honor. I was deeply touched by his approval and validation. When we lost Rabbi Dannel only a month later, his note took on new gravity. It now illustrates how much he still cared about and watched over Shir Shalom. It reminds me that I am lucky that my family has reaped the rewards of his vision. It also underscores for me that Rabbi Dannel's legacy is now ours to protect and his continued dreams are ours to achieve.

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Given all of this unforeseen tragedy in the past months, one part of my last November/ December *Scribe* article has proven especially relevant. More than ever, our Jewish community has turned inward towards each other for understanding, safety and support. It has never been more obvious that belonging to our Shir Shalom family offers us a place of strength and respite from the negativity and misunderstanding. Of equal importance, it offers opportunities to come together to uplift our spirits by finding joy and comfort within our Jewish community. This felt especially true, for example, at the twinkling candle filled Friday Night shabbat services this fall, the festive cocktail and food filled onegs, when I attended The March for Israel in Washington D.C. with Rabbis Mike and Daniel and fellow congregants, and at our new Women of Shir Shalom dinners where we all laughed and enjoyed the lighthearted camaraderie. With so many Shir Shalom programs, services and classes offered each month, I sincerely hope you join me by jumping into something. I feel confident that you will find something meaningful and joyful along with many friendly faces.

As always, I welcome your comments and feedback. I truly appreciate all of you who take the time to reach out to me. You can find me at alpart617@gmail.com

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