# Adar I - Nisan 5784 March – April 2024

## **Responsible for One Another**



Rabbi Daniel A. **Schwartz** 

While watching Israeli news in January, I saw a feature story from a hotel in Jerusalem that captured one of the qualities that makes Israel so special.

**Following** October 7th. thousands of Israelis from the South, and later the North, were evacuated from their homes towards the center of the country. Many found refuge in hotels. Evacuees brought little with them as they fled.

A problem that many faced was a lack of clean clothing. The hotel wasn't equipped to provide daily laundry services for all their new residents. And that's when Israeli society stepped in. Neighbors started organizing. They voluntarily picked up dirty personal laundry from the hotel, washed it, some even then ironed it, and brought it back folded so that it could be returned to the owners.

A donation room was also set up where neighbors stocked it with new and clean clothes, toiletries, school supplies, toys and anything else that might be needed by an evacuee or their family.

This didn't just happen at one hotel. It was happening all over the country. In Israel's darkest hours, its beauty was shining through. In these voluntary acts, Israelis were demonstrating a value that has been ingrained in them - "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh," or "All Israel is

owners.

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responsible for one another" (Talmud, Shevuot 39a).

The Talmudic idiom is often used to teach the concept of communal responsibility and, today, continues to serve as a reminder that we must be there for others in times of difficulty. Assisting those in need isn't just an opportunity, it is an obligation.

In January, I had the privilege to represent Temple and our community on a solidarity Mission to Israel. While there, that concept of communal responsibility was present in the testimony I heard from Israeli Jews, Muslims and Christians who didn't run away from the terror events on October 7, but ran towards it to help fellow human beings.

I heard it from the survivors of the Nova Music Festival and kibbutzim in the Gaza envelope. I heard it from active duty and wounded soldiers. I even heard it from my airport taxi driver. Each, in their own way, described the obligation they felt and their need to help anyone they could.

Our Temple community has felt and fulfilled that need too. From those who have traveled to Israel to volunteer to those who donated items for soldiers and civilians. From those who have reached out to Israeli friends to those who have shared images of the chairs on our front lawn raising awareness to the 134 hostages still being held.

Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh - All Israel is responsible for one another. May we see ourselves as carriers of this tradition and, in her hour of need, may we continue to be there for Israel and her citizens.



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1	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Congregational Shabbat Dinner \$18   Register at shirshalom.org/shabbat  CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	2	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online  Shabbat Morning Services In person only	
8	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	9	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online  Shabbat Morning Services In person only	
15	7:30 PM	5th Grade Honors Shabbat In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	16	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online  Shabbat Morning Services In person only	
22	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	23	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online  Shabbat Morning Services In person only	
29	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom	30	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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdu-pqTkuHdfmzBL41TVtyAlL5m6max6s">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdu-pqTkuHdfmzBL41TVtyAlL5m6max6s</a>



Enjoy a serene Kabbalat Shabbat Service while your 3 to 10 year old has fun at Shabbat Camp, where Camp Counselors lead age-specific games and activities in our new religious school area!

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# S·E·R·V·I·C·E·S

Friday			Saturday		
5	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening 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	6:30 PM	Shabbat Camp – kids 3–10 years old! In person only Register at shirshalom.org/shabbat	13	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Tish – In person & online  Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah of Leah Merahn
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		*Includes a special Adult Hebrew- naming Ceremony  Special celebratory oneg to follow services			
19	10:00 AM	Bim Bom Baby Register at shirshalom.org/shabbat	20	9:30 AM	Tish – In person & online
	7:30 PM	4th Grade Honors Shabbat In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom		10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah of Collette Mellon In person & online youtube.com/templeshirshalom
26	6:30 PM	CAYA Shabbat Services In person & online	27	9:30 AM	Tish – In person & online
		youtube.com/templeshirshalom		10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services In person only
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# Chair Campaign Opportunity



**Brian D. Fishman Executive Director** 

As I sit and write this article at the end of January, we are so close to using our new space. We are literally inches away and are waiting for the final work to be completed in the next few days and then final inspections will be scheduled. The Dedication event for Phases 1 and 2 held in December was a big success and we had nearly 600 people who attended and had an opportunity to see the progress.

As was discussed at the Dedication ceremony, we still have a need for more donations to fund the project. The goals of this campaign were to pay off the existing mortgage, completely cover all of the construction and related costs of the physical building and put some money in our endowment to help support the continued care and maintenance of the structure. When the plans were forming to build the original building in the early 90's, 200 seats were sold in the sanctuary for \$1,000/ each to raise \$200,000 for the initial deposit. In that same vein, we rolled out a program for chair sales in three different areas of our new space.

One of these areas is our Sacred Space. This multipurpose space will allow us the flexibility of having

alternate service to what is scheduled in the sanctuary. Since the space will be utilized for different purposes, the seating is not fixed like it is in the sanctuary and the chairs will be set up whenever they are needed. Each "purchased" chair will have a plague attached to the back with the tribute information.

Another area is the west patio that is adjacent to the newand-improved Social Hall. We are calling these "Ledge Seats," and sponsorship here will claim a space on the retaining wall that borders the area and will also include a plague. This patio is designed to provide a wideopen area for a variety of outdoor programming.

The last space to purchase a seat is in the Amphitheater that will be constructed on the east side of the building right across from the original entrance. We have all heard about Rabbi Dannel's (z"l) vision of completing the second scroll of the Torah and this is the spot. The Amphitheater will feature three concentric circles that will allow for a more enclosed space for smaller outdoor programming.

Here is the best part – they are a bargain! We are selling them at \$1,000 for one or two for \$1,800! What else can you buy for the same price as in the early 90's? And you can save money if you buy more than one!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the chairs or anything else at Temple.



#### 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.

Secure your spot at shirshalom.org/form/24-tss-italy-trip

# **Our Unique Curriculum**



Marsha Mitnick, MS. LLP Early Childhood **Learning Director** 

This time of year, at The Learning Center we are all very busy! The staff is getting prepped for Parent Teacher Conferences, kids busy mastering all kinds of milestones and I am working on Camp Teva to be ready to run in June. Some of our families are exploring the next step of sending their children to kindergarten. All this and working towards the move to our new building at Temple Shir Shalom.

The above is all very exciting and some of these moving parts can be unpredictable.

Yet, the most predictable piece I have found at this time of year is our parents that are sending their children to kindergarten. When they visit the kindergarten classroom for the first-time, kindergarten parents are shocked by what they often don't see. At times, they don't see healthy play areas in the classroom! They see lots of tables and chairs. They also become acutely aware of the limited time spent outside and recess!

Anyone that knows me knows that at The Learning Center one of our unique curriculum components is the awareness of the child's need for self-regulation in order to enhance learning. Selfregulation means that a child

"The function of play is to build pro-social brains, social brains that know how to interact with others in positive ways." — Dr. Jaak Panksepp

Neuroscientist & psychobiologist who coined the term "affective neuroscience," the name for the field that studies the neural mechanisms of emotion.

can focus, attend, manage their emotions and problem solve. In today's world most kids need help with this, especially preschoolers. At the preschool stage kids are learning these skills through play and movement.

Play provides countless opportunities to build these skills and there is great buy in for practicing when it is done through play. Physical movement helps the brain neural pathways, which increases cognition, improves memory, and helps kids organize to acquire knowledge faster. Add the relationship of an engaging, reflective teacher and our kids soar.

This formula is not just for preschoolers. children need the benefit of movement, play, and a safe connecting adult to boost the learning process. We get that at The Learning Center and Camp Teva...and we give that at The Learning Center and Camp Teva.

Enrollment is open and filling up for this summer at Camp Teva!

Enrollment for the fall 2024 at The Learning Center has begun!

Marsha Contact Mitnick marsha@shirshalom.org for more information.

# REGISTRATION OPEN! (amp Teva & Preschool

Our campers and students learn through everything we do: Playing, gardening, exploring and more! Our extraordinary staff support, nurture, teach and care for children in a dynamic environment and help them cultivate their confidence, skills and friendships.









# FIRST-TIME Parent Posse

FACILITATED BY:

**ELANA SCHWARTZ** 

DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST-TIME PARENT POSSE

MARSHA MITNICK, MS. LLP

DIRECTOR OF THE LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL

First-time parents of 3 to 6-month-old babies are invited to this FREE opportunity to meet fellow first-time parents and learn from specialists while enjoying light bites and beverages in a casual, comfortable environment. Babies welcome!

# Mondays FROM 6-8pm April I - June 3

Program is a total of 7 weeks and does not meet on April 22, April 29 and May 27.

First and last meeting at Temple Shir Shalom. Additional locations shared after registration.

PARENT POSSE CAN ACCOMMODATE 10 FAMILIES. ONE PARENT MUST IDENTIFY AS JEWISH.

### Topics

Adjustment to Parenthood
Sleeping
Common Illness
Feeding Your Baby
Play & Reading
Development & Temperament of Infants

### Educators

Lisa Gold – LMSW

Dr. Tarin Gitlin – MD, Pediatrics

Dr. Seth Faber – MD, Pediatrics

Jaclyn Grad – OT, CLC

Marsha Mitnick – MS. LLP

Laurie Leeb – Infant Mental Health Specialist

## Register at shirshalom.org/event/first-time-parent-posse









# SHABBAT SHINDIGS CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, March 1 • 6:30pm • \$18 • Shir Shalom

Join us for a congregational Shabbat dinner experience catered by Platinum Dish. Following will be our joyful, harmonious Shabbat Evening Service experience.

# BAMBA, BASEBALL & BEER SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 • 6:30 PM • SHIR SHALOM

Celebrating the joy of Shabbat, spring and Israel, join us for a Shabbat experience that includes the ceremony and celebration of those who participate in our adult Hebrew-Naming cohort with fun, seasonal light bites and beverages.

## TAGOS & TEQUILA SHABBAT

Friday, May 3 • 6:30pm • Shir Shalom

We invite you to a casual Shabbat service experience followed by a tasty oneg of tacos and tequila. Includes Rabbi Mike's Margarita Madness!





## **Open Arms**



Alisa Berke **SHORESH Associate** Director

Building inclusive communities creates a space where everyone is valued, and different perspectives and identities are honored and celebrated. It involves creating safe and brave spaces, ensuring everyone is treated according to their needs. Inclusive communities create an environment where everyone can be supported.

I just returned from a work conference focusing on inclusion and building community in our world today. I learned the difference between belonging and being welcomed. Belonging is a feeling. A feeling of one's physical and emotional well-being. Welcoming is an act. An act of behaving in a friendly way to a new arrival. It is quite amazing how people may feel welcomed in their space but not feel that they belong in that same space.

#### Welcoming is being invited to the party. Belonging is dancing with those around you.

As educators, it is our job to ensure that our students feel supported, heard, and not only welcomed, but feel as though they belong. One way to make someone feel welcome is to provide a safe space. This may come with uncertainty and vulnerability and vulnerability can feel dangerous and unsettling. If we open ourselves up with appropriate boundaries, it may open the door to conversation and inclusivity. Feeling attached, close, and accepting people are ways to make them feel as if they belong in a community. This may be attained by sharing the same beliefs and commonalities.

We all have the capacity to do this. Reach out to another and offer that sense of connection, of belonging and acceptance. Start a conversation. Ask them to join you for Shabbat Services or a program or even class at temple. Yes, it's a start. Our blessing is that I know we all can do this even more. Personally, I see this in what we celebrate every week at Shoresh – and what makes me proud of the community we continue to build.



FOCUSING ON CAMARADERIE AND COMMUNITY, WOMEN OF SHIR SHALOM GATHERS FOR SOCIAL OCCASIONS, SHARED MEALS AND A VARIETY OF OTHER EXCITING ACTIVITIES.

MARCH - BOOK SWAP! Wednesday, March 13 6:30pm • Temple Shir Shalom

APRIL - PASSOVER POTLUCK! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 6:30pm • Temple Shir Shalom

Pricing and registration at shirshalom.org/event/women-of-shir-shalom

## **Fruman Youth Program**





**Cady Tobias** Teen Engagement Director

SSTY has had an amazing kickoff to 2024! We started out the year by participating in our annual Tikkun Olama-thon. Our high school students had the opportunity to help at different stations at Temple Shir Shalom, as well as enjoy a fun brunch together. A week after Tikkun Olam-a-thon, the board planned an awesome event at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum. was a joy to have our high schoolers back together to start off the year.

On March 17 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 our SHORESH families come together for a day of fun at Temple Shir Shalom.

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









SSTY Presents

PURIM CARNIVA

Sun, Mar 17 • 11:30am-1:00pm • Shir Shalom

Join your Shir Shalom family for Purim with activities and merriment for all ages!



Commemorate how the Jewish people were miraculously saved from neartotal annihilation! Dress in costume, enjoy delicious food and drink and play carnival and inflatable games and more!

SHIRSHALOM.ORG/PURIM

WEEKLY				
WORSHIP				
Fridays				
Mar 1; Apr 5	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>	
Mar 8, 22, 29; Apr 12, 26; May 3	CAYA Shabbat Services	6:30 PM	In person, <u>Facebook</u> , <u>YouTube</u>	
Saturdays				
Every week	Tish	9:30 AM	In person, RSVP 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	RSVP to receive Zoom link	
GROUP MEETINGS				
Tuesdays				
Mar 5, 19; Apr 2, 16	Grief Support Group for Parents	7:00 PM		
Wednesdays				
Mar 6, 13	Introduction to Judaism			
Every week	AA, Al-Anon	7:00 PM		

MONTHLY				
GROUP MEETINGS				
Mondays				
Mar 25	Game Day	1:00 – 4:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events	
Apr 1, 8, 15	First-time Parent Posse	6:00 PM	shirshalom.org/event/first-time-parent-posse	
Tuesdays				
Mar 5; Apr 2	Book Club	7:00 PM	Email <u>barblevinson@gmail.com</u>	
Mar 12; Apr 30	Board of Directors Meeting	7:30 PM		
Apr 16	Trivia Night	7:00 PM	shirshalom.org/event/trivia-night	
Wednesdays				
Mar 13; Apr 10	Women of Shir Shalom	6:30 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events	
Mar 13, 27; Apr 10	Jewish Hot Topics	7:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events	
Mar 20; Apr 17	Brotherhood Dinner & Meeting	6:15 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events	
Mar 27; Apr 17	Tea, Talk and Torah	2:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events	
Thursdays				
Mar 21; Apr 25	Taste of Talmud	12:00 PM	shirshalom.org/adult-events	
Fridays				
Mar 15; Apr 19; May 3	Bim Bom Baby	10:00 AM	shirshalom.org/childrens-events	

ANNUAL / SPECIAL EVENTS				
Mar 1 • Fri	Congregational Shabbat Dinner	6:30 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat	
Mar 15 • Fri	5th Grade Honors Shabbat	7:30 PM	youtube.com/templeshirshalom	
Mar 17 • Sun	Purim Carnival	11:30 AM	shirshalom.org/purim	
Mar 20 • Wed	Purim Text Study & Whiskey Tasting	7:00 PM	shirshalom.org/purim	
Mar 23 • Sat	Purim Shpiel	7:30 PM	shirshalom.org/purim	
Apr 2, 8, 12	What's My Jewish Name?	Times vary	shirshalom.org/event/what-my-jewish-name	
Apr 9 • Tue	Reboot Evening program with Rebecca Soffer	5:30 PM		
Apr 12 • Fri	Shabbat Camp	6:30 PM	shirshalom.org/shabbat	

ANNUAL / SPECIAL EVENTS					
Apr 12 • Fri	Bamba, Baseball & Beer Shabbat Oneg	Following Shabbat Services	shirshalom.org/shabbat		
Apr 19 • Fri	4th Grade Honors Shabbat	7:30 PM	youtube.com/templeshirshalom		
Apr 22 • Mon	Erev Passover	Office closed at 12:30 PM	Office closed at 12:30 PM		
Apr 23 & 29	Passover	Office closed			
Apr 23 ◆ Tue	Congregational Passover Seder	6:00 PM	shirshalom.org/event/passover-seder		
Apr 29 • Mon	Passover Yizkor Services	10:30 AM <u>youtube.com/templeshirshalom</u>			
May 3 • Fri	Tacos & Tequila Shabbat Oneg	Following Shabbat Services	shirshalom.org/shabbat		



FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7:00 PM | ZOOM

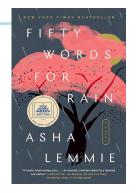
BOOK CLUB IS READING TWO FANTASTIC BOOKS FOR MARCH AND APRIL! BOTH BOOKS ARE ON THE LIST OF THE WEST BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK KIT.

BOOK CLUB WILL BE RETURNING FACE-TO-FACE IN MAY!

### March 5

#### FIFTY WORDS FOR RAIN BY ASHA LEMMIE

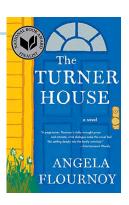
AN EPIC NOVEL ABOUT THE TIES THAT BIND AND THOSE THAT GIVE YOU STRENGTH. A HISTORICAL **FICTION** YOUNG BI-RACIAL GIRL. RAISED BY A DOMINEERING **CRANDMOTHER IN POST WORLD** WAR JAPAN.



## April 2

#### THE TURNER HOUSE BY ANGELA FLOURNOY

THE TURNERS HAVE LIVED ON YARROW STREET IN DETROIT FOR OVER 50 YEARS, RAISING 13 CHILDREN ALL GROWN AND CONE. NOW THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED HOME TO DECIDE THE FATE OF THEIR HOME. "THE EPITOME OF SUCCESS."



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#### **Leah Merahn • Saturday, April 13**

Leah is the daughter of Steven Merahn and CP Roberts. She attends South Hills Middle School. Leah is eclectic in her interests, very outgoing and expressive with a lot of creative energy. Her most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been her brother's bar mitzvah when he was at the podium explaining his mitzvah project. In reflecting on her bat mitzvah preparation, Leah was a bit stressed, but she found Riki, her Hebrew tutor, very helpful and comforting. Leah is grateful for her mother because she is someone she can always rely on. And, she is grateful for her father because he understands her feelings and her creativity.

#### **Colette Mellon • Saturday, April 20**



Colette is the child of Marla and David Mellon and the grandchild of Rochelle and Arthur Lieberman, Kim Mellon and the late Joseph Mellon, Jr. z"l. She attends Berkshire Middle School. Colette enjoys art, drawing, dancing, spending time with friends and summers at Camp Walden. She also has a passion for musical theater and loves taking part in community theater shows and musicals at school. Colette's most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been the retreat with Dan Nichols. It was fun to hang out with friends, play games and sing. Studying for her bat mitzvah was a very hard process at the beginning, but with all the support she received as the weeks went by, she knows she will be prepared and ready. Colette is excited to make her Papa Art proud by being his last grandchild up on the bimah. She knows it will add to this very special day for her and her family. Colette is grateful to her parents and sister for always being there for her and being awesome people that support and love her unconditionally. Colette is also so thankful for everyone that helped her get ready for her bat mitzvah, including her Hebrew tutor Yali, Cantor Penny, Rabbi Daniel and Rabbi Mike.

#### James Hawkins • Saturday, May 4



James is the child of Ashlee and Rob Hawkins and the grandchild of Sandy Cohen, Jody and Dr. Jim Hawkins and the late Harland Cohen z"l. James attends South Hills Middle School. As an athlete, James is involved in two team sports, tennis and swim. He is outgoing and social and enjoys hanging out with friends. His most memorable experience at Shir Shalom has been the Project All Together ceremony, which was exhilarating to see pictures, enjoy food and be with friends. For James, preparing for his bar mitzvah has been hard work and rewarding. For his mitzvah project, he volunteered with his grandmother at the Bloomfield Hills Nature Center. Additionally, he volunteered in Ann Arbor testing the rivers to see if the water was polluted. James is grateful for his grandmother Sandy who is always there when he needs her. James is thankful for his family because they make life more fun and interesting.

## 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 greener.

YOUR \$18 WILL BENEFIT OUR TEMPLE & THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

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



# Not-Ready-for-Primetime Shpielers Present

Saturday, March 23 - 7:30 PM - Shir Shalom

Must-see live performance of highlights through the years!













Cash Bar - Comedy - Community

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join your shir shalom family for our annual

# ongregational Passover Seder

tuesday, april 23 • 6:00рм • temple shir shalom

\$48 / adult | \$28 / child (5 - 12 years old) | no charge for children under 5 years old shirshalom.org/event/passover-seder

## ADULT EDUCATION

WWW.SHIRSHALOM.ORG/ADULT-EVENTS

#### **JEWISH HOT TOPICS**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 27 & APRIL 10 | 7:00PM | SHIR SHALOM

Explore contemporary hot topics through the wonderful world of rabbinic responsa literature. Learn how our sages answered life's toughest questions while gaining insights and knowledge from looking at modern issues through a Jewish lens.

Free for members and non-members.

#### PURIM TEXT STUDY & WHISKEY TASTING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 | 7:00PM | SHIR SHALOM

To the Bourbon, Rye and Purim enthusiast, Join us for Whiskies of Our Home as we explore whiskies of Michigan and Israel and The Megillah (Book of Esther). Must be at least 21 years old to attend.

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

#### TASTE OF TALMUD

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AND APRIL 25 | 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.

#### TEA, TALK AND TORAH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AND APRIL 17 | 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

#### WHAT'S MY JEWISH NAME?

APRIL 2 AT 12:00PM AND APRIL 8 AT 5:00PM | SHIR SHALOM

CEREMONY DURING KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES ON FRIDAY APRIL 12 | 6:30PM | SHIR SHALOM

You've heard of mass weddings? We're creating a mass naming ceremony! Don't have a Hebrew name? Learn about how we choose Hebrew names and then select the name that is right for you. This class will culminate in a special ceremony where you will formally be given a Hebrew name. Choose between the two session options.

FREE FOR MEMBERS.

# Israel Family Adventure DEC 22, 2024 – JAN 1, 2025



Join Rabbi Daniel and fellow Shir Shalom members as we partner with Temple Israel for an exciting tour of our holy land. See the "must-see" sites while also getting off the beaten path to tempt your palette with "out-of-this-world" cuisines and for a glimpse of more modern and ancient wonders. Build relationships with Israelis, develop or strengthen a connection to the land and celebrate with other Temple members on this incredible experience.

shirshalom.org/travel

## CHICKEN SOUP COOK-OFF

Thank you to everyone who supported our 11th Annual Chicken Soup Cook-off!

## The Winners

#### Professional Division

Val's Delicatessen

Best Chicken Noodle

Val's Delicatessen

Best Matzah Ball

Platinum Dish Catering

Best Creative/Contemporary

Amateur Division

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**Schwartz Family** 

Best Matzah Ball

Gabe & Mike Reamer

Best Creative/Contemporary

People's Choice

David Grossman

Matzah Ball Soup

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# **Allyship**

Scribe

Given the particularly heavy state of our world, I have had trouble articulating what I wanted to write about in this month's *Scribe* article. Undoubtedly we share a sense of sadness and horror that hostages still remain in Gaza. And it feels hard to ignore our collective fear, anger, and disbelief about the unabashed anti-semitism that is exposed in so many



Allison Parr President

unexpected places and institutions. This has caused me to think more about being an ally to others around me and, of equal importance, how crucial it is to receive allyship in return.

The word "allyship" is defined as "a practice of supporting people or groups who are treated unfairly without being yourself a member of that group." This precept always felt natural and straightforward. I believe it's basic to accept and embrace people's differences. What I had not given enough weight to is how hopeful it feels to be the recipient group of unwavering vocal allies.

Temple's recent guest speaker, the other Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, underscored the concept of allyship from a giving and receiving vantage point. In his lecture, moderated

by our own Rabbi Mike, he recounted his work as a tireless advocate for the LGBTQ Jewish community. The other Rabbi Moskowitz told us of how, as a heterosexual married rabbi, even in the face of backlash and personal consequences from his Orthodox Jewish community, he remains resolved in his work to create space for all Jews to be accepted, valued and free to practice Judaism. I sat in our sanctuary listening to his stories feeling grateful for his progressive work as an ally to all Jewish people and proud of Shir Shalom's efforts to align our work as an inclusive community.

At the same time, this other Rabbi Mike Moskowitz talked about cultivating joy even in the face of extreme difficulty. For his example, he explained that his New York synagogue enacted a "joy focused" policy during Shabbat services despite hardships happening in the world. It was his congregation's belief that in order to face the week's difficulties, they would strengthen themselves with a celebratory filled Shabbat service. I suspect you can imagine how these words resonated with me as I view Shir Shalom as a source of celebration, support and strength in our particularly heavy world.

I realize that over the past few years, in one way or another, my *Scribe* articles have focused on the meaning of community. I sincerely hope you are not tired of me and my message. Because to me, as president of Shir Shalom, I feel this is worth reiterating. Our close-knit community is part of our Temple's super power. And for our part, Temple is continually adding opportunities to come together. Our Shir Shalom calendar is impressively full and varied. From services, onegs, lectures, classes, trips, volunteer projects and social programs we are striving to suit everyone's tastes. If you let us, Shir Shalom will gift you and your family with an invaluable Jewish foundation, meaningful learning opportunities, joy filled traditions, close friends, and a circle of acceptance and belonging. Surely, in today's world, we all could use a "dome of happiness" that will fortify us to face the many challenges coming our way.

As always, please jump in and enjoy. Reach out with your comments, feedback or questions. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:alparr617@gmail.com">alparr617@gmail.com</a>.

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