

CELEBRATING
RABBI MICHAEL MOSKOWITZ



April 17-19, 2020

Fri April 17 Sat April 18 Sun April 19 Special Shabbat Service
Evening Gala featuring the Detroit Youth Choir
SHORESH Celebration

SERVICES

MARCH		
7:30pm Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Narens		
	9:00am Tish 10:30am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Aiden Binder	
6:30pm CAYA (Come As You Are) Shabbat Service Beer & Pizza Shabbat*		
	9:00am Tish 10:30am Shabbat Service 6:00pm Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of Josephine Samson	
6:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner* 7:30pm Shabbat Service 5th Grade Honors Shabbat		
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APRIL 7:30pm Shabbat Service 9:00am Tish 10:30am Shabbat Service 6:30pm CAYA (Come As You Are) 10 **Shabbat Service** 9:00am Tish 10:30am Shabbat Service 10:30am Yizkor Service 7:30pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Moskowitz's 25th Anniversary 9:00am Tish 18 10:30am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Julia Singer 7:30pm Shabbat Service 9:00am Tish 10:30am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Shapiro **MAY Shabbat Service** 7:30pm Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Cohen 9:00am Tish 10:30am Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah of Amanda & Justin **Acey**

Sunday morning Minyan meets at 10:00AM *Please RSVP for dinners by 5:00PM the preceding Tuesday.

From the desk of . . .



Brian D. Fishman EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One of my fondest and earliest memories after joining Shir Shalom was serving dinner at a shelter downtown. It was Christmas Day and my family met a bunch of other Temple members and Rabbi Mike for the ceremonial Jewish Christmas dinner at a Chinese food restaurant. After our early dinner, the group headed to I Am My Brother's Keeper shelter to finish preparing/assembling dinner and served

all of the people a nice, hot dinner. At the time, my kids were 11 and 8 and it was a very impactful experience. They had certainly seen homeless people before that but never interacted with any of them. What they found on this day was a group of very thankful people who truly appreciated our group of volunteers spending their time serving dinner. My kids saw people in need and felt good about the fact that they were able to help out.

Tikkun Olam, or repairing the world, is part of what it means to be Jewish. It is part of our mission at Temple and something that the clergy and Board of Directors feel very strongly about. It is built into the curriculum at SHORESH and we just (in January) held our 12th annual Tikkun-Olam-A-Thon at Temple. We had plenty of service projects and a few hundred people participating. This event was beautifully executed by Andee Liberman, Alyah Al-Azem, Julie Flashner and their team and there is no telling the actual number of people who benefitted in some way from our efforts. That is a really good feeling.

Our Social Action committee, led by Sallyjo Levine,

has been tirelessly spending time on a monthly basis at the Gary Burnstein Clinic handing out food to their clients/patients as part of a wonderful wellness program. The participants proceed through a number of health and wellness stations and the volunteers load the food in their cars as they are leaving the clinic. I have had the pleasure of volunteering with this group for the past few months and have seen so many be so thankful for the assistance. And I can tell you that even on the bitter cold days, it feels good (after you thaw out). Thank you so much to this group!

With this in mind, I encourage you to do two things. First, Social Action has always been a priority Rabbi Mike has brought to our community - just as he convinced my family to join so many years ago. Therefore, join me in celebrating him on this special weekend, Rabbi Mike's 25th Anniversary on April **17-19.** We are so fortunate to have him as one of our rabbis. He is truly one-of-a-kind. This is such a tremendous accomplishment and milestone and we have a fabulous weekend planned in such a way that will allow everyone to participate. You can read all about it in this issue of the Scribe. Next, volunteer somewhere doing something. Anywhere. The possibilities are literally endless. Someone out there needs your help. You can make it as easy or as complicated as you like and whatever you do will most likely be appreciated. And, it will make you feel good. Then do it again.

Feel free to contact me at **brian@shirshalom.org** if you need any suggestions of where to donate your time.

See you April 17-19 if not before!

Scribe Deadline

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PUBLICATION, all materials for the Scribe must be submitted to the office in Microsoft Word format as an e-mail attachment to scribe@shirshalom.org by the 25th of the month preceding the month preceding publication.





Rabbi Dannel I. Schwartz

It was about this time of year, 25 years ago. The fix was in. We had found just the right person for the position years before and the interviews with the other six candidates were

merely a formality. When we arrived at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, somehow another candidate was thrown into the mix at the last minute. To say that it was a bother and an inconvenience is an understatement. We had to make that interview early and before all of the others and to me it was a supreme waste of time.

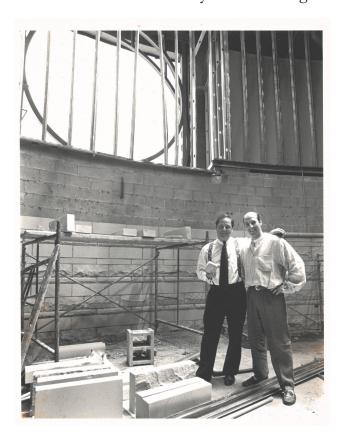
For him, it was a lark, a warm up – he already had made his pick of a pulpit but just wanted the practice of interviewing. Because it was a last-minute thing, the coordinators would squeeze it in early in the morning before all the other synagogues. He didn't have to impress or astonish. He could let his hair down (what little hair he had). He could be himself and have fun. After all, this was a new Temple who probably had no idea what they were doing and it would be a distraction.

And that is how it all began. By not trying to impress, student rabbi Michael Moskowitz was impressive. The entire atmosphere in the room became electric, astonishing and, most of all, fun. Because no one was expecting anything it literally turned into a match made in heaven.

To us he was this bright, energetic, enthusiastic, animated pied piper who was the perfect fit and foil for me... add to that his endless patience, complete with a willingness to try anything once, and then, of course, there was that easy sense of humor. To him we were not the same

old same old. We were just what he wanted: a brand spanking new and totally different model of a synagogue that was willing to experiment, to question, to create and literally build from the bottom up. He would have a chance to make something wonderful happen. And from that day until today... neither Shir Shalom nor Michael Moskowitz has disappointed.

Someone once said, "Life is what happens to you while you were making other plans." My guess is that the "fix" was in ... a mystical and magical

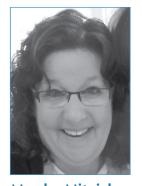


fix of a congregation and its rabbi to be willing to play and in the process fascinate and enthrall, letting the world see that faith can be fun... and that is the essence of Rabbi Michael Moskowitz.

While it still feels like this happened Yesterday, 25 years is a long time, for us, for him, for Temple Shir Shalom. We've grown and matured (a little maybe). But most of all this is a remarkable time in the life of a rabbi – so join me to celebrate and help honor him with a very special weekend, April 17-19.



TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM'S the learning center preschool



Marsha Mitnick EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING DIRECTOR

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." Plato

Twelve years ago, I was asked to start Temple Shir Shalom's Preschool: The Learning Center. I am a person that often thinks out of the box. I had experienced lots of changes in my life at that time. The thought of working in a Jewish environment was a lot to think about. Working closely with rabbis was A LOT to think about.

I met with Rabbi Michael Moskowitz. I believe my first thoughts were: "I better go get a butterfly net!" Working with preschoolers you need tons of energy. Working with Rabbi Moskowitz you need more. Working with preschoolers, the cup is always half full and Rabbi Moskowitz is one of the most positive human beings I have ever met. OK, this could really work, and it has for twelve years. Michael's energy and outlook are contagious. Just ask our preschoolers. Just ask their parents.

Over the years Rabbi Mike has spent EVERY other Friday morning with us celebrating Shabbat. His playful way has provided the connection our staff, kids and families love. Yes, he does rile up a crowd, but everyone responds well to calming strategies.

There is no doubt that it takes a village to raise a child. By having a preschool at Temple Shir Shalom our young families usually join the temple. Their next step is to enroll in Shoresh. Those Learning Center kids that do move forward to religious school appear much more comfortable when they start, especially when they see Rabbi Mike. In my networking with other Jewish preschools there is not one other preschool that the rabbis play such an important role.

Nothing illustrates this more than the following story. A little girl and her Dad had dropped off her older brother to attend SHORESH. As they were leaving the building, she noticed Rabbi Mike. She turned to her Dad and with excitement yelled: "Dad look! There goes Shabbat!"

To work with young children, you must be playful. We all know Rabbi Moskowitz is that. To really reach and connect with the young child you must see the world through their eyes. Rabbi Moskowitz does this with ease and has created a sense of spirituality and Judaism that fills the hearts of our youngest learners.

Working with Michael Moskowitz has been a gift. Confucius said: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." There are SO many days that Confucius was right!

Come join the fun! Enrollment for Summer Camp and Fall Preschool has started!



Questions? Contact Marsha Mitnick (248)406-4255 Visit our website: www.shirshalompreschool.com





BIM BOM BABY

BABIES-4 YRS. W/ SPECIAL ADULT

10-11AM

@TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM





RSVP: JULIE@ SHIRSHALOM.ORG OR 248-406-4255

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For more information: www.shirshalompreschool.com



FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS 0-7 YRS

Havdalah
Pizza & Play

2020

Sat April 25

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5-6pm



RSVP: Julie@shirshalom.org or 248-406-4255

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Andee Liberman
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Bring Kindness to the World

Bring kindness to the world is our theme this year at SHORESH. Our staff and our machonikim (classroom teen helpers) wear our "kindness" t-shirts and sweatshirts each week. We sing songs about kindness and we model being kind at SHORESH. To live this even more we have made dog cookies for a dog shelter, and winter scarves for those in need. This spring we will be making stuffed animals for police and firemen to take with them when they have the need to intervene with a family.

Kindness begins at home and boy did we show up at our home on Sunday January 19 for our 12th annual Tikkun Olam-a- thon! The challenging weather that day did not stop us. We were more than 300 strong together as a Temple Shir Shalom community doing, modeling and loving sharing the kindness with our community.

How did we share our kindness? We made over 500 toiletry bags, 125 snack bags, 125 snack mix cartons for local police and fire, 60 soups in a jar, 60 cookies in a jar, 20 kitty cat forts and 30 dog mats. We played bingo at Fleishman, we traveled to Repair The World Workshop to get books ready for children and families. We packaged toiletry boxes for the military in Afghanistan and made fleece blankets for those in need. We delivered food at Yad Ezra, made 25 new gifts bags for children at Children's Hospital. Families made dinner for Ronald McDonald House and for seniors at the Northwest Activities Center and everyone had an opportunity to make special cards to include in the meals that National Council of

Jewish Women deliver for Meals on Wheels.

This year the recipients of all the hard work and kindness were: La Sed: a Latino Cultural Center For Seniors • Heart 2 Hart: Serves the homeless in Detroit • Blessings in a Bag: serves under privileged and homeless in Detroit • Soup and Cookies in a jar went to Keller Elementary School in Royal Oak • Snack bags for children went to Gleaners • Detroit Dog Rescue • Michigan Humane Society • Children's Hospital in Detroit • NCJW and Meals on Wheels • American Soldiers in Afghanistan • West Bloomfield Police Department and Fire Department • the SKILL Program at The Avondale Meadows Center in Detroit.

Off Site Locations were: Repair the World Workshop • Fleischman Residence • Yad Ezra • Northwest Activities Center • Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to all volunteers, delivery families, TSS staff. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies through our wish list and beyond, and to our maintenance staff who helped make the day so successful!

Temple Shir Shalom stood up, showed up and shared our kindness with the world!

If you have any questions regarding SHORESH and our curriculum, please contact me at **Andee@shirshalom.org** or (248) 406-4255.



SHORESH Happenings



B'nai Mitzvah

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2020

Harrison William Narens_____

Harry is the son of Lea and William Narens and the grandson of Elizabeth and David McLaury and Edward Narens and the late Judie Narens. He is a student at West Hills Middle School. His most memorable experience at Temple Shir Shalom was traveling to Israel with his family and Rabbi Mike last year and having the opportunity to create the yad he will use to read the Torah on his bar mitzvah day. Harry is grateful to his parents who have blessed him with everything he has.



SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020

Aiden Leo Binder



Aiden is the son of Amy and Jonathan Binder and the grandson of Susan and Barry Winkler and Patricia Binder and the late Albert Binder. He is a student at Warner Middle School. His most memorable Jewish experience was at SHORESH in first grade when they stepped on grapes to make grape juice. Aiden believes Temple has become a holy community for him because it is where he can see many of his friends and other Jewish people in one place and makes him proud to be Jewish. He plans to travel to Israel and continue to volunteer at Temple in the future.

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020

Josephine Ella Samson _____

Josie is the daughter of Tami and Danny Samson and the granddaughter of Phyllis and Allen Rubin and Judy and Michael Samson. She is a student at Norup International School. She says her most memorable Jewish experience was celebrating her older sisters' b'not mitzvah. Josie is grateful for the bat mitzvah experience and all of the help the rabbis, cantor and Yali gave her during the process. She plans to continue to work with the younger kids at SHORESH in the future.



SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2020

Ava Renee Cohen



Ava is the daughter of Elyse and Rob Cohen and the granddaughter of Carol and Steve Cohen and Sue and Dan Stettner. Ava is a student at Norup International School. Her most memorable experience at Temple Shir Shalom was participating with her classmates at Jewish Family Service's Fall Fix Up helping an elderly couple with raking leaves. Ava is grateful to her parents for loving and supporting her always. She looks forward to continuing to be involved at Temple in the future.

B'nai Mitzvah

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2020

Jacob Adam Bloch

Jacob is the son of Stefanie and Dr. Alan Bloch and the grandson of Flo and Louis Bloch, Shelia Rose and the late Melvyn Rose. Jacob is a student at Warner Middle School. He says that his temple community has always made him feel welcome and it has made it a holy community for him. Jacob looks forward to traveling to Israel with his family in the future.



SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2020

Julia Danielle Singer



Julia is the daughter of Dawn and Michael Singer and the granddaughter of Beverly Fantich, Judy and Harley Faxon and Judith and Dr. Stanford Singer. Julia is a student at Warner Middle School. Her most memorable Jewish experience was participating on the retreats with her friends at Temple. Julia enjoys working with the second grade class at SHORESH and looks forward to continuing in the future.

FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2020

Madeline Ava Shapiro

Maddie is the daughter of Lainie and Michael Shapiro and the granddaughter of Stephen Margulis, the late Sharon Margulis, the late Toby Shapiro and the late Phil Shapiro. Maddie is a student at Warner Middle School. Her most memorable experience at Temple Shir Shalom was going on the retreats and doing fun Jewish activities. Maddie is grateful to her parents for keeping her safe and healthy. She is looking forward to traveling to Israel with her family again and continuing to participate at Temple.





B'nai Mitzvah

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2020

Amanda Juliette Acey



Amanda is the daughter of Dr. Alicia and Adam Acey and the granddaughter of Dr. Erika Singer and Robert Singer, Noni and Chip Acey and Lesley and Ted Schneider. Amanda is a student at Groves High School. Her most memorable Jewish experience was traveling to New York City with SSTY this winter. Amanda is grateful for the support she's received from Temple during her bat mitzvah preparations and she looks forward to staying involved with SSTY in the future.

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2020

Justin William Acey_____

Justin is the son of Dr. Alicia and Adam Acey and the granddaughter of Dr. Erika Singer and Robert Singer, Noni and Chip Acey and Lesley and Ted Schneider. Justin is a student at Groves High School. His most memorable experience at Temple Shir Shalom was his brother Jacob's bar mitzvah. Justin is grateful to his parents for what they have done to make sure he and his siblings have a great life. Justin looks forward to pursuing a career with animals and nature in the future.





Book Club

The TSS book club meets the first Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm in the Wally Sampson Memorial Lobby.

New readers are always welcome. We encourage you to join us!

Any questions call Judy Singer at 248-788-7752.

Brotherhood News

Michael Bellet

PRESIDENT

TSS Brotherhood has been busy planning several upcoming activities...

At the January 8 monthly Brotherhood meeting Amy Newman, Chief Development Officer from Jewish Family Services, came to speak and to thank us for the very generous donation we made in December. That money was used to help several people in need in our community. Brotherhood was happy to help and we expect to continue in the future. Amy filled us in on so many other excellent services that JFS provides.

Brotherhood was also very happy to help with the 10th Annual Chicken Soup Cook-off. It was a lot of fun helping and tasting some great soup.

We are planning another Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 31, from 10am to 4pm. More info will follow in the weekly emails from Temple. Signing up can be done online or call Michael Bellet at 248-885-0412.

Brotherhood meets the second Wednesday of most months. We start with a great meal prepared by our caterer Paul Wertz from Platinum Dish Catering. We would love to see some more new faces. Any questions contact Michael Bellet at mbellet@adt.com or 248-885-0412

Thank You

Thank you to The Cooper Music Fund and The Al & Lorraine Rohan Madrichim Fund for sponsoring our Musician-In-Residence weekend with Dan Nichols



Volunteers

Thank you to just a few of our volunteers over the past two months...

USHERS: Julie Blair, Katie Cassel, Yali Dvir, Carl Fischer, Elisabeth Garbeil Gaba, Lori Goldman, Allison & Dov Lustig, Dean Randall, Alan Rosenthal, Riki Wexler, Danette Wilner

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN LEADERS:

Ilysa Koltonow & Steven Reinheimer, Music by: David Hearshen

SHIVA CORPS: David Hearshen, Flo Paterni and Dean Randall

TEMPLE OFFICE HELPERS: Edie "Boo" Klein

SHORESH: Monica Anglin, Stacy Brand, Alicia & Casey Clement, Sallyjo Levine, Amy Liefer, Micki Rubenstein, Kate & Michael Weinberger

Social Action

Sally Jo Levine

CHAIR

What a day! The weather tried to scare us away but Temple Shir Shalom members came out in force and supported the Tikkun Olam-a-thon. Each year we celebrate a day of service on the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It brings us together as a congregation and allows us the opportunity to give back to our greater community.

We made blankets and kitty forts. We packed bags filled with healthy foods, toiletries, washcloths and socks to donate to several different organizations. We had people making both soup and cookies in a jar to donate to those in need.

The high schoolers, planning to go to Coleman A. Young Elementary School to have fun with the students, had their plans changed due to weather and instead helped out at Repair the World workshop. Kosher Meals on Wheels had cards made by some of our younger children and the cards will be in the Friday bags that are delivered.

Dinner was made for Ronald McDonald House and lunch for the Northwest Activity Center......and then there was even more! A giant shout out to those who participated, either by donating or by showing up.



Dates to Remember

WEEKLY WORSHIP		
FRIDAYS		
7:30 pm	SHABBAT SERVICES	
6:30 pm	CAYA "Come As You Are" SERVICE Mar 13 & Apr 10	
SATURDAYS		
9:00 am 10:30 am		
SUNDAYS		
10:00 am	MORNING MINYAN SERVICES	

WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS	
Wednesdays 8:00 pm	AA, ALANON

MONTHLY GROUP MEETINGS		
Mondays 11:00 am	GAME DAY Mar 23 & Apr 27	
	RSVP to the Temple office at (248) 737-8700	
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	BOOK CLUB Mar 3 & Apr. 7	
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Mar 24 & Apr 28	
Wednesdays 6:30 pm	BROTHERHOOD Mar. 11	
Fridays 10:00 am	BIM BOM BABY ART Mar 20 & Apr. 24 RSVP to Julie at (248)406-4255 or at julie@shirshalom.org	
Saturday 5:00pm	MA'AT SHABBAT Apr. 25 RSVP to Julie at (248)406-4255 or at julie@shirshalom.org	

ANNUAL & SPECIAL EVENTS	
Saturday, Mar. 7 doors @ 6:00 pm	PURIM SHPIEL: THE MEGILLAH MAN
Sunday Mar 8	SSTY PURIM CARNIVAL
11:30 am	Purchase tickets and more information: <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>TSSPurim2020</u>
Monday, Mar. 9 7:00 pm	TASTING HISTORY: THE JEWISH ORIGINS OF AMERICAN WHISKEY RSVP to Audrey at (248)737-8700 or at audrey@shirshalom.org
Friday, Mar 13 6:30 pm	BEER & PIZZA SHABBAT RSVP to Audrey at (248)737-8700 or at audrey@shirshalom.org
Friday, Mar 13 &	SHORESH 4 TH GRADE RETREAT
Saturday Mar 14	RSVP to Julie at (248)406-4255 or at julie@shirshalom.org
Friday, Mar. 20	5 TH GRADE HONORS SHABBAT
6:30 pm	\$18/adult, \$12/child (ages 5-12), under 5 & 5th grade student complimentary, RSVP (248) 737-8700
Wednesday, Mar. 18	TASTE OF PASSOVER
7:00pm	\$30/adult. RSVP to the Temple Office at (248)737-8700
Thursday, Apr. 9 6:00 pm	CONGREGATIONAL SEDER \$40/adults (13+), \$22/child (5-13), RSVP before Mar. 23, prices go up after
	RSVP to the Temple Office at (248)737-8700
Friday, Apr, 17- Sunday, Apr. 19	CELEBRATING RABBI MICHAEL MOSKOWITZ 25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP & LOVE
	To RSVP or for more information call the Temple Office at (248)737-8700

HOLIDAYS	
Tuesday, Mar. 10	PURIM
Wednesday, Apr. 8 -Wednesday, Apr. 15	PASSOVER begins at sundown on Apr. 8 Temple Office closes at 12:30pm the Temple Office will be closed on Wednesday, Apr. 15

Chicken Soup Cookoff

Congratulations to our winners

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: Val's Delicatessen's Matza Ball Soup MATZAH BALL PROFESSIONAL: Val's Delicatessen CHICKEN NOODLE PROFESSIONAL: Val's Delicatessen CREATIVE/CONTEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL: Lulu's of Commerce

MATZAH BALL AMATEUR: David Grossman
CHICKEN NOODLE AMATEUR: The Halprin Family
CREATIVE/CONTEMPORARY AMATEUR: Gabriel and Michael

Reamer



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ENTERED

Aldi, Beau's, Ciao, Costco Wholesale, Cutting Edge Cuisine, Jennifer's Café, John's Café, Lulu's Coney Island, Napoletana Classic Italian, Platinum Dish Catering, Tony's Deli, Val's Delicatessen, Victoria Green, David Grossman, The Halprin Family, The Perov Family, Gabriel and Michael Reamer, The Schwartz Family, SSTY
- Shir Shalom Temple Youth (Jake Witus, Rachel Nakisher and Maya Contorer), Joanie Adell Tringale, The Learning Center Preschool and Melanie West

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Fran and Gary Grossman, Best Homes Title Agency, Cutting Edge Cuisine, Pegasus Entertainment, Platinum Dish Catering, Schneiderman & Sherman, PC, The Sherbin Family, Steve's Deli, Tony's Deli, Detroit Jewish News, Franklin Village Boutique, Harris Altman Injury Lawyers, Sallyjo and Barry Levine, The Art Fishman Burning Bush Fund, Sweet Spots, Panera Bread, Temple Shir Shalom Brotherhood

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & STAFF:

Alan Abrahams, Amanda Acey, Alyah Al-Azem, Betsy Appleton, Ada Bandalene, Michelle Bayer, Gayle Beck, Michael Bellet, Amy Binder, Keith Black, Julie Blair, Audrey Bloomberg, Jan Brody, Aaron Brooks, Rochelle Brooks, Brotherhood, Katie Cassell, Izzy Cimmino, Gary Cooper, Ellie Farber, Carl Fischer, Brian Fishman, Art Fishman, Julie Flashner, Richard Gautreau, Ashley Gold, Gayle Gold, Sophia Guralnick, Catherine Hoffman, Ruth Holcomb, Lissa Hussian, Annabelle Hussian, Jan Jacobs, Barbara Levinson, Barry Levine, Sallyjo Levine, Andee Liberman, Ainsley Liefer, Sy Manello, Rhonda Merzin, Eric Mintz, Jennifer Moore, Nathan Moskowitz, Allison Parr, Chief Michael Patton, Jan Pedersen, Melanie Pohl, Ian Rosenberg, Jill Rosenthal, Hilaree Tarr, Laura Varon-Brown, Libby Welch and Melanie West







Mishkan Ha-Nefesh

As we shared in the last Scribe, with the introduction of our new High Holiday Prayer Book, *Mishkan HaNefesh* (Sanctuary of the Soul) this September, in each issue of *The Scribe*, we will share some of the highlights of the new *machzor*.

One thing we think you will appreciate of the prayer books is the new layout and features. As you open the book, there will be a two-page spread. On the right side, will be the traditional Hebrew prayer in both Hebrew and with English



transliterated letters. There is also a faithful translation of the Hebrew into English.

On the opposite page, on the left side, there are alternative readings to the prayer on the right. Sometimes there we be a poetic translation of the words on the right, other times there will be a poem or a reading that will enhance our understanding of the prayer.

For example, in the Morning Blessings of our Daily Miracles that are recited as part of our morning prayers, one of the prayers thanks God for having the power to lift up the fallen.

The left side contains a teaching by Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935):

"It is written in our blessings: 'Your great power lifts up the fallen,' But what of those who cannot stand up? The Hebrew letters vav appears in the world zokeif (lifts up) Vav is also a connection word, meaning "and": It signifies the link between heaven and earth, between human and divine. Those who stand up straight align themselves with heaven, Signifying their aspiration to stretch upward and fulfill their highest potential. Yet the letter vav appears also in the word k'fufim (the fallen, the bent). Those whose bodies cannot rise possess the same divine essence, the same potential. Despite their physical limitations, they can rise within- In their hearts and in their minds."

What a wonderful teaching and new way to look at and understand this prayer!

Interested in thumbing through the prayer books or reading more? During March and April, we will have a number of copies in the office for you to come and read at Temple. Come check them out, learn something new and be inspired!













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YEARS

OF LEADERSHIP AND LOVE

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY APRIL 17 • TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM

Shabbat Service

BEGINS **7:30 PM**Followed by a Special Oneg
Open to the entire community!

SATURDAY APRIL 18 • TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM

Soul, Spirit Soar with Rabbi Moskowitz {PARTY ATTIRE}

DOORS OPEN **6:45 PM**BEGINS PROMPTLY **7:00 PM**

Evening Gala with Strolling Dinner, Dessert and Silent Auction

Detroit Youth Choir & Special Guests

SUNDAY APRIL 19 • HILLEL DAY SCHOOL

SHORESH Celebration

BEGINS 11:30 AM

Sponsorship Opportunities available

Please contact the Temple Office: (248) 737-8700 Sponsorship Due Date: Monday, March 2, 2020



PROJECT HD 17
People who care, people who listen
National Suicide Hotline
1 800 273-8255
Available 24 hours everyday

On January 17, 2018, our beloved older son took his own life. It was a year before I could type that sentence.

Josh was a father, a husband, a brother, a son, a cousin and a generous, giving friend to many. He was an artist, a musician, and a luthier whose brand was HD Custom Guitars (Homeless Dog Guitars).

He was also a creative, gifted knitter.

In January 2019, I launched **Project HD 17** to collect handcrafted hats into which labels with the National Suicide Hotline number would be sewn. In 2019, over five hundred hats, created by generous friends and strangers, were donated to schools and shelters.

Please consider knitting or crocheting a hat for this ongoing project.

Hats will be collected throughout the year to be given to shelters or anyone who might need one.

So that labels* can be sewn in, hats may be left at Temple Shir Shalom or Project HD 17 Ewe-nique Knits 515 S. Lafayette Avenue Royal Oak, MI 48067

If you wish the hat returned to you for your personal gifting after the label is sewn in, please include the return information with the hat.

*The label will be updated when the three-digit number is fully activated.

MarySue Munter projecthomelessdog17@gmail.com











A Guide to Passover

Helpful Hints & Seder Tips

The Seder is supposed to be a joyous and inspiring event, but all too often, it ends up complicated and boring. Whether your Seder is traditional or modern, or, as is often the case these days, a bit of both, it can benefit from forethought. Here are some tips that you might like, love or forget...but most of all you should enjoy!

The Boy Scouts are right: you should always "Be Prepared." This does not mean that a detailed script should be written. It does mean that the Seder can be treated as a major event. Would you prepare a bar or bat mitzvah celebration without hours of planning? Some time spent in family meetings can lend importance to the occasion, as well as help you to put your distinctive imprint on the celebration. We do not merely lease the holiday for an evening, to return it undamaged; we won it and have the right to decorate, expand and shape it to our needs.

Planning can include preparations as well. Have everyone help. The charoset does not have to be phenomenal, but you should make it yourself. Children can help with boiling the eggs and setting the table. Ask friends to bring Passover themed table decorations. The place for hiding the afikomen should be thought out. Plant vague Jewish or Biblical clues along the way. Everybody should be doing something. Invest everybody and make Passover a memory trigger...after all, that's what it's all about.

The mix of guests is very important. Some people prefer a small, intimate Seder. Others want a mix which allows for some guests who have special skills, rich memories, good voices, good stories, or for whom an invitation to a well-run Seder will be a learning experience. Do not be afraid to invite non-Jews, or out-of-towners who have no other Seder to go to. Most of all, do not forget that empty chair for Elijah.

Anything you can do in the course of planning and preparing which will evoke questions is a benefit. You can have your own Tish...you will wow 'em...they will think you are becoming a rabbi. (And if you are not sure of the answer, just ask Siri or any of us rabbis.) Natural questions include: the empty chair for Elijah, or the reason for four cups of wine, four children, four questions--could the four mean something? The kashes (questions) will come naturally and there is no need for long lectures, just short, brilliant answers. Then again, there may be some questions without answers.

The Haggadah tells the story of the four children, one of whom does not know which question to ask. If you need help with the basics, such as how to set a Seder table, how to prepare the Seder plate, or what an appropriate menu item might be, you should know that most Haggadot and Jewish cookbooks include this information. Recordings of the traditional Passover melodies are available at Jewish bookstores and online. There are a lot of "how to" guides, such as <u>Living a Jewish Life</u>, by Anita Diamant with Howard Cooper, <u>The Art of Jewish Living</u>, by Dr. Ron Wolfson and <u>Living Judaism</u>, by Wayne Dosick—all of which include helpful material. Of course, the web can be a great source for information from http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewish-Holidays/Passover.shtml to games to games and puzzles for children at www.babaganewz.com and www.babaganewz.com and http://www.gewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewish-Holidays/Passover.shtml to games to games and puzzles for children at www.babaganewz.com and www.gewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewish-Holidays/Passover.shtml to games to games and puzzles for children at www.babaganewz.com and http://www.gewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewishlearning.com/holidays/Jew



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A Reform Perspective

As Reform Jews, many of us choose to observe Passover in a variety of ways. Some are very strict in making their home Kosher L'Pesach; others are not. Some choose to follow the laws as they are prescribed in the Torah--no leaven, plain and simple. Others want to follow Jewish tradition according to Orthodox today. Whatever you decide, make your Passover observance special.

Still, every year congregants ask questions regarding the strictest interpretation of the law. Therefore, we have included this traditional guide concerning what can and what cannot be eaten during this holiday. We hope this helps, but if you have any questions in creating your own level of observance, give us rabbis a call or send us an e-mail (mikem@shirshalom.org or daniela@shirshalom.org) – we are always glad to help.

Seder symbols, laws, legends & facts

Select a *Haggadah* that you like the best which is suited for the participants. Make sure that everyone has the same *Haggadah*. You can even call the office to purchase Shir Shalom's *Haggadah*. There is nothing so boring as losing your way before the Seder has begun when everyone is using a different version. The Seder has been characterized as a "hurried trip through Jewish history via the Haggadah." Everybody should be on the trip.

Do not feel that your Seder must be too formal. You may talk in-between, but keep the service moving. Do not feel this has quite the same formality as a synagogue service.

Study the *Haggadah* before the Seder itself. Decide in advance which parts you can do in Hebrew and which in English. Have as many blessings in unison as possible. Rotate the reading of the parts of the *Haggadah* among those at the table. Some will read in English, others in Hebrew. Some will sing the songs in one style, others in another...it is part of the pleasure of it. Nonetheless it makes everybody pay attention, simply because they don't know when their turn will come.

Passover Foods

Permitted Foods

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Passover use are also permitted in their frozen state. The following foods are permitted and require no Kosher L'Pesach label: natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper and vegetables with the exception of peas and beans. String beans are permitted. An even stricter interpretation requires that these foods must be in unopened packages or containers until Pesach begins.

Forbbidden Foods

Certain foods are forbidden for use on Passover. They are bread, biscuits, crackers, cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, peas and beans, ice cream, syrups and certain candies, the last three because they may contain corn syrup. Foods which require a reliable Kosher for Passover label are candies, milk, butter, cheese, soda water and soft drinks. Some even prohibit the eating of all canned or processed foods because, indirectly, these foods have come in contact with leaven or with utensils that have been used for leaven.

Dishes & Utensils

Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Passover should be used, with the following exceptions: Silverware, knives, forks and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Passover if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thorough scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not previously used for a year, is permitted.

Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only, but not for baking, may be used on Passover if made wholly of metal and if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

Remember, the rules in the above section are according to the strictest interpretation of the law. Choose what is going to be meaningful to you.



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What's on My Mind?

Before there was Facebook there was the "face book," the hardback physical book, full of my 1500 new classmates' faces, which we all received during freshman orientation at Duke University in August 1986. I still have my copy and pulled it off my shelf last night. Name, city, state, two personal interests, and expected major, accompanied by the Jostens photographs we each submitted as



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part of our original college applications. And then, over the subsequent four years, I diligently wrote personal comments in the margins to remind my future self exactly who I knew and from where.

Right between engineer Annette Mortick and mathematician Stefanie Moss (and, bonus for those of you political news-followers: the very page after former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe), is one Michael Moskowitz, of Creve Coeur, Missouri. Interests: Piano and Running. Expected major: Political Science. (For the record, Rabbinic Studies was not an option.) Along with the same toothy smile, he even showed a pretty full set of hair! Honest. Check out the picture below.

My contemporaneous chicken-scratch notes reveal that Mike was a member

the anti-fraternity BOG ("Bunch of Guys," whose members were affectionately known as "Boggers," and





whose legendary tales of clever antics are well-documented

on any cursory Google search). And he reminds me how back in these days, even during freshman year, he initiated the group Duke Students for Soviet Jewry to advocate for freedom for our family stuck behind the Iron Curtain. Though not particularly close during college, Mike and I were certainly friendly with each other. And given his personality, he was easy to remember. I clearly recall the same authentic enthusiastic magnetic extroversion, and the proud love of Judaism that we see today.

The Rabbi Mike Moskowitz that Temple Shir Shalom brought in nearly a decade later required no front. He didn't need to create any assumed characterization as a mask for his true self. What you see in him now is the same joyful caring person who has helped lead our congregation over these past 25 years – a beloved rabbi with authentic enthusiastic magnetic extroversion, a proud love of Judaism, and not too holy for clever antics.

We are thrilled to celebrate Rabbi Mike's 25 years at Temple Shir Shalom next month, April 17-19, as you see elsewhere throughout this Scribe. Come join us. It'll be awesome, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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