



Temple Sholom
Celebrating **100** Years

Centennial Keepsake Journal

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Temple Sholom History

Beginnings

One hundred years ago, ten Jewish families made up of mostly shopkeepers and merchants, who lived and worked in Greenwich, came together to create a center of worship and a spiritual home of their own. At that time the nearest synagogue was located in Port Chester.

They founded a synagogue with the intention that it would be a visible center for the community, where Jewish people could come together and maintain their Jewish heritage.

The Founders were:



Mayer Bennett



Samuel Bennett



Mayer Cohen



Jacob Dworkind



Nathan Kletz



Sarah Tunick



I.J. Weiss

Not Pictured:
Harry Friedlander
Philip Marks
Joseph Miller

They began by renting Abrams Hall at 225 Greenwich Avenue, where Jewish education was offered to the children and High Holiday services were conducted. This was achieved by hiring two cantors who were counted as members of the congregation to make a minyan.



Original Sign from 23 East Elm Street

In 1919, the state of Connecticut granted a charter thereby allowing the founders to incorporate the Greenwich Hebrew Institute, the precursor to Temple Sholom, and by 1921, there were sufficient funds to purchase their first building located at 23 East Elm Street.



Hebrew and Religious School, 1920

The Ladies Auxiliary, forerunner to the present day Sisterhood, was formed in 1924.

Regular Shabbat services began in 1925, led by Rabbi Morris Lazowick. In 1931, a constitution was adopted and the cemetery on Riversville Road was purchased.



Women's Auxiliary, 1938

Left to right, rear: Mrs. I.J. Weiss, Mrs. Edward David, Mrs. M.F. Steinberg, Mrs. M.H. Cohen, Mrs. Irving Marks, Mrs. Louis Cohen. Front: Mrs. C.H. Miller, Mrs. Benjamin Elders



Religious School, 1940



Confirmation Class, 1941



Passover Seder



Bruce, Rose and William Gordon at their store on Mason Street, circa 1947.



Board of Trustees, 1955

Left to right, seated: Milton Breslaw, Archibald H. Tunick, Mrs. Sidney Grossman, Albert A. List (chariman), Mrs. Albert A. List. Standing: Samuel Friedenberg, I.J. Weiss, Rabbi Hertzel Fishman, Morris F. Steinberg, Samuel Bennett. Absent: Harry Jurman.

Sisterhood Board, 1955

Left to right, seated: wives of: Arthur Gross, Morris Steinberg, William Steinman, Albert A. List (president), Samuel Feldman, Eli Bennett, Milton Parker, Sidney Grossman. Standing: Sidney Eskowitz, Burton Welk, Herman Bergins, Joseph Lichtenstein, Samuel Friedenberg, Samuel Goldman, Samuel Blacher, David Albert, Herbert Zavidow, Emanuel Pearlman, Harry Jurman. Absent: Leonard Howard, Irving Grannick, Murray Wertheimer, Harold Rosenberg, Emanuel Weiss.



Post-War Era

By the post-war era, the Jewish population of Greenwich had grown and the Elm Street home had become too small. Once again, the leading families responded to this growing need, and a building fund was created in 1948.



Charter Members, circa 1948



Laying the Corner Stone

Albert and Vera List, who joined the congregation at the time, became active participants in the building fund and the goal to build the temple debt-free was realized. Every member of the congregation contributed, amounting to nearly half-a-million dollars, which allowed for the purchase of the current property at 300 East Putnam Avenue.

called “Putnam Hill,” because of its visibility on the Post Road and its significance that our congregation was an accepted member of the Greenwich community. In 1955, in time for the High Holidays, Temple Sholom was dedicated with Rabbi Hertzel Fishman at the pulpit.

The property was affectionately



1955 Drawing of the Building

1960-1980



300 East Putnam's First Chapel



Rabbi Thomson



Sisterhood Gift Shop, circa 1970's



*Ruth
Albert*

Temple Sholom to install woman as chief officer

Mrs. Ruth Albert of Cos Cob will be installed as the first woman to hold the office of president and chairman of Temple Sholom's board of trustees during ceremonies at the temple, 300 East Putnam Ave., at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Albert has served as president of the Greenwich chapter of Hadassah, president of the Sisterhood of Temple Sholom, chairman of the temple's Board of Education and the temple's Evaluation Committee.

Mother of three daughters, she is active in Girl Scouts. She is a member of the board of the Southwestern Connecticut Girl Scout Council and serves as the council's cookie sale chairman. Her husband is David Albert, a Greenwich lawyer.

Rabbi Malcolm Thomson praised Mrs. Albert's election. He said women gained the right to vote at the temple in the mid 1960s and that there is "total equality" with regard to ritual and to holding of office.

"It was natural, therefore, to have a woman selected as president of the congregation," he remarked.

To be installed with Mrs. Albert are Marshal Elovich, Marilyn Cantor and Bertram Bildner, vice presidents; Phyliss Rakowitz, treasurer; Robert Nossen, financial secretary; and Myron Hibbel, recording secretary.

Trustees elected for three-year terms are Lea Bennett, Sidney Fetner, Henry Gunders, Jesse Meyers, Joan Orlovitz and Jay Schondorf.

The new president of the temple's Sisterhood is Mrs. Alan Goldsamt. Serving with her are Joan Abrams, Susan Davis, Joanne Strauss, and Linda Baulsir, vice presidents; Sondra Fetner, treasurer; Joanne Shapiro, financial secretary; Marlene Adeberg, recording secretary; and Shoshana Greenberg, corresponding secretary.



*Norma Perlstein,
Cantor Josh Konigsberg*



TORAH INSCRIPTION — In the spirit of the Bicentennial, Rabbi Malcolm Thomson (second from left) points out the verse "Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land" (Leviticus 25:10) as it appears in the Torah scroll. The inscription will be displayed at a Bicentennial service to be held at Temple Shalom Saturday at 8 p.m. Flanking the Torah are Judith Blumberg, president of Greenwich Hadassah; Robert Driesen, president of Temple Shalom; and Milton Sutin, co-chairman of the Greenwich Jewish Federation. — Head Photo

*Greenwich Times Temple Shalom
Bicentennial article, 1976*



Purim Carnival, 1979

1980-1999



*Rabbi Silverman joined
Temple Sholom in 1981.*



Confirmation Class, 1989

In 1990, to once again accommodate the congregation's growth, the current building was constructed, and the Selma Maisel Nursery School was established.



Temple Sholom Religious School Through the Years



Religious School Kindergarten Class, 1910



Religious School, 1955



Religious School, circa 1970



Religious School, 1977



Religious School Hay Class, 1979



Religious School, 1996

First Torah Project 1996

In 1996, the first Torah Project was launched, giving families the opportunity to participate in the writing of a new Torah, chaired by Milt Sutin and Malka Kravitz.



The Davidow Family



Milt & Evelyn Sutin



The Schneider Family



Bob & Iris Driesen



The Levy Family



The Hindman Family



Barbara & Rick Levy and Family



Four generations of the Bernstein Family



Suzanne & Stuart Katz and Family



Rabbi Mitch, Assistant Rabbi at the time of the Torah project, also served as the Director of the Temple Sholom Religious School.



Temple Sholom held a big celebration to dedicate the new Torah.

Interfaith Community

In 1938, the first interfaith program was created. Reverend Daniel Bliss spoke at a Shabbat evening service. Shortly thereafter, an ecumenical Thanksgiving program began with the local Protestant Churches.

During the transition to Putnam Hill, our Christian neighbors welcomed us in, allowing for Hebrew school classes to take place at First Presbyterian Church and religious services were held at the YMCA.

Once established, Temple Sholom's clergy broadened its focus on our community's interfaith programs. During the 1960's, Rabbis Hertzel Fishman and Moshe Davidowitz served as presidents of the Fellowship of Greenwich Clergy.

In the 70's, Rabbi Malcolm Thomson continued these efforts, most notably by leading interfaith trips to Israel.



Temple Sholom Interfaith Israel Trip, 1972



*Interfaith Tea at Temple Sholom, 1978
Left to right: Rabbi Malcolm Thomson,
Barbara Goldsaint, Rev. Paul Fraser,
Mrs. William Zales, Msgr. J. McLaughlin,
Rev. Vincent O'Connor*



*Temple Sholom and Christ Church remove
the boulder separating the parking lots, 1985*

Building on that legacy, in the 1980's Rabbi Hillel Silverman broke down physical and symbolic barriers between the Temple and Christ Church. Rabbi Mitch has continued in this fashion with his leadership of the Fellowship of Greenwich Clergy. Additionally, Rabbi Mitch and Reverend Dr. James B. Lemler founded the Sholom Center for Interfaith Learning and Fellowship in 2010.

The Sholom Center

Co-founded in 2010, the Sholom Center for Interfaith Learning and Fellowship was established as a formal branding of the ongoing interfaith relationship between Temple Sholom and Christ Church Greenwich.

The Sholom Center is an auxiliary organization, and expands the opportunities for clergy, lay leadership and people of all faiths to learn, study and socialize in meaningful ways. One of our most popular annual events is the Interfaith Holiday Lighting, which takes place during Chanukah and Christmas and celebrates the spirit of community and fellowship. Every couple of years Rabbi Mitch and Reverend Lemler lead Interfaith trips to Israel.



*Rabbi Mitch & Reverend Lemler
teaching Lunch 'n Learn together*



Interfaith Trip to Israel



Annual Chanukah Sholom Center Interfaith Lighting, 2015

Congregant Snapshots of Time Spent at Temple Sholom



Laurie & Barry Siegel Wedding, 1992



*Debbie Morris Daum
Bat Mitzvah, 1987*



Danielle & Emily Jedda, 2000



*The Hochman Family participating
in the new Torah project, 2015*



*Laura, Leo, Hank, Melanie &
Danielle Kornfeld, 1964*

Temple Sholom Past Presidents

I.J. Weiss
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Ariel Manacher
Daniel Green



Officers of Temple Sholom, 1953



Past Presidents Honored at our 2008 Gala

Temple Sholom Today

Today, Temple Sholom is a thriving hub of Jewish activity and community. In addition to weekly services, we have programs for every demographic group. Our weekly Itsy Bitsy Playgroup brings in moms with their infants for a place to gather and socialize. Lunch 'n Learn continues the tradition of providing an hour of teaching with a kosher lunch for all. JNYC, the Jewish Network of Young Couples provides social opportunities and a great way for new people to the community to meet.

Temple Sholom hosts two BBYO chapters for Jewish teens. Our younger kids have monthly programs such as Portrait Painting, Challah Baking and Video Olympics. Cantor Asa leads successful choirs: Junior Choir, Youth Choir, Teen Choir and the Chamber Singers. The Sunday Minyanaires keep our Sunday morning minyans running weekly and our Saturday morning study group is a committed group of adult learners. There are ample social action opportunities including cooking Thanksgiving meals for those less fortunate and hosting local seniors for bingo.



Itsy Bitsy



Little Explorers



Lunch 'n Learn



Sunday "Minyanaires"

Temple Sholom Today



Shabbat on the Sound



Annual Golf Outing



Sukkah Decorating



Brotherhood



Sisterhood



Sisterhood

Temple Sholom Today



Simchat Torah



Interactive Youth Programs



Field Day



Building Jerusalem with Legos



Musical Seder

Temple Sholom Today



Jewish Network of Young Couples



BBYO



*Teen Choir sings the
National Anthem at CitiField*



Chamber Singers



Summer BBQ



Teen Thanksgiving Cooking

Temple Sholom Today



Centennial Speaker Bill Clinton



Centennial Speaker Eric Cantor



PJ Tot Shabbat



Women's Paint Night



Senior Bingo

Temple Sholom Today



Tashlich



Youth Choir



Eastern Europe Trip, 2014



Israel Trip, 2014

We've come a long way in 100 years. Our Temple Sholom community has grown. Today, we have over 650 member families and we celebrate more than 60 b'nai mitzvahs each year. While we are the largest Jewish organization in Greenwich, we draw members from area towns including Stamford, Rye Brook and Armonk, NY. We come together as a community to share in each other's joys and sorrows. From baby namings to weddings and family loss we celebrate, support and comfort each other. Our doors are always open to the community at large.





Temple Sholom

Selma Maisel Nursery School

*by Phyllis Lyons,
Director*

The Selma Maisel Nursery School (SMNS) was started in 1991, under the umbrella of Temple Sholom. Selma's dream was to create a nursery school that would provide a strong foundation for a lifetime love of learning, within a Jewish environment. Today, we keep this vision central to our program by imparting skills and knowledge in an environment that holds kindness, mutual respect and cooperation as important values.



Chanukah

Our philosophy promotes "Learning Through Experience and Self-Discovery," and comes from our desire to accommodate each child's individual pace of development. The teachers, all professionally qualified to work with preschool children, present a creative and challenging school day using a thematic approach to help children make choices and conclusions through exploration. This allows each child to reach their maximum potential in a way that builds self-confidence, creativity and encourages a smooth transition to Kindergarten.



Discovery Room



3's Go Exploring



Outdoor Play Area

Our window-filled classrooms are spaces of natural light, bursting with color. Our walls and displays are print-rich, providing exposure to words and labels, songs and poems. Our multi-level outdoor play area stimulates imaginative play in a “child-size” town, while our Discovery Room contains live, semi-exotic animals from the Stamford Museum and Nature Center who the children learn to feed and care for.

We take great pride in our diverse after-school enrichment programs, which complement the curriculum through the senses. Programs in music, dance, culture, foreign language, cooking, “mad science,”

arts and crafts and sports foster hands-on learning through fun activities.

Our goal is always to welcome new ideas that can improve the knowledge and growth attained by our children. We remember that they are toddlers and small children, but utilize these formative years to instill good habits and a desire to look and learn.

Knowing that religious identity develops during this time, we have incorporated Jewish heritage, culture and spirituality into our curriculum. Drawing from the resources of our very own Temple Sholom synagogue, including Rabbi Mitch and Cantor Asa, our children enjoy the wonderful richness of Jewish



Cooking Enrichment



Music Class

traditions, Shabbat and Jewish holidays through singing, stories and creative activities. While our program is driven by Jewish values, we continue to welcome families of all faiths, ethnicities and backgrounds.

Parents are also highly encouraged to be active participants in their child's early childhood development at school. From participating in the classroom, or overseeing the administration, management and operation of the Nursery School Education Committee, they are a central component to the ongoing success of the Selma Maisel Nursery School.



*Temple Sholom
PJ Shabbat Services*



Donating Food to Neighbor to Neighbor

When
the time
comes

for our SMNS families to leave, we can proudly say that we have fulfilled Selma's dream by giving them one-of-a-kind experiences, countless memories and friendships and the proper tools and resources to continue to the next step in their exciting educational journey.



Learning to Blow Shofar



Passover

The Children Speak About Their School

What is the best thing about SMNS:

1. I love lunch time in the classroom because I get to eat lunch with my friends. –*Avianna*
2. I have so much fun making Shabbat dinner in the kitchen for my friends. –*Bella*
3. I love that there is always music playing in the classroom. –*Emma*
4. I get to dress up and be a princess at school. –*Ally*
5. I met 8 new friends at school this year and they will always be my friends. –*Ryan*
6. We go to the playground every day and get to ride bikes, climb and slide on different slides. –*Ollie*
7. At school I get to wear a fireman uniform and pretend that I'm a real fireman. –*Simon*
8. I have so many friends at school and I get to play with all of them. –*Serena*
9. I like dressing up like a princess and playing doctor like Eli did when he was in preschool. –*Dalia*

What I have learned at SMNS:

1. I learned how to make really big structures with magna-tiles. –*Tyler*
2. I love all the things we learned about the Jewish holidays. –*Harper*
3. I learn lots of new songs and teach them to my brother Jakey on the way home. –*Emma*
4. I learned to read books at school. –*Mila*
5. I learned to be nice at school. –*Serena*
6. I learned to put the placemats and napkins out for snack. –*Mark*
7. I learned to say the Brucha before snack and lunch at school. –*Jacob*
8. I learned to play the drums at school. –*Loren*
9. The teachers tell us interesting stuff at circle time. –*Alex*

Stories From The Teachers

1. When dressing to go outside to the playground one winter afternoon, I mentioned that I forgot my gloves and Ruby came up to me and asked "Do you want to wear mine?" –*Mrs. Granelli*
2. During lunch, we were chatting and Brandon asked "What are you allergic to Mrs. Kellman?" I answered "Medicine, grass and trees. Are you allergic to anything?" Brandon replied, "No, but my mom is allergic to whining!" –*Mrs. Kellman*
3. One day, a child was crying and another child asked her why she was crying. Her response was that her mother wouldn't let her have any gummies. He then asked her why her mother wouldn't let her have gummies. The child said she didn't know why she wasn't allowed to have gummies. The second child responded "I bet it's because they aren't kosher." –*Miss Robin/Miss Jill*
4. While out on the playground Jacob came running by me and shouted "I just love school." –*Mrs. Shaffer*



Temple Sholom

Learning Center

Jewish Education Reimagined

*by Barry Gruber,
Director of Education*



Vav – 6th Grade

Engaging. Interactive. Relevant. Social. These are just a few words to describe the newly reimagined Temple Sholom Learning Center.

Open to students pre-kindergarten age through seventh grade, the mission of the Temple Sholom Learning Center is to provide students a joyful and spiritually-rich educational experience. Our diverse curriculum is designed to nurture our students' love

of learning and create pride in their Jewish identity.

Our Kindergarten through second grade students connect primarily through music, activities, play and arts and crafts. They enter third grade with knowledge of Hebrew vowels and consonants, a basic understanding of Jewish holidays and



Gan – Kindergarten

Shabbat, a strong sense of ethics through Bible stories, and an introduction to mitzvot.



Hey – 5th Grade

In the upper grades, students learn to read Hebrew through prayer, and receive individualized attention in small classes of ten or less. They explore Jewish studies (such as Bible,

Israel, Traditions, etc.) through fascinating weekly rotations, in which half of their time is dedicated for experiential activities.

Perhaps the most exciting and most forward-looking element of the program is our emphasis on *Kehilla*, or community-building. On Sundays, students spend time with their entire grade, to work together on projects or participate in engaging lessons. During the week, all students spend a half hour in a large group setting, learning about one another and discussing topics that complement the classroom curriculum.



Bet – 2nd Grade



Vav – 6th Grade

it has already garnered lots of support from both students and their parents. Each day, we receive great feedback of how much the students are learning and how pleased everyone is with the program.

We will continue to fine tune the Temple Sholom Learning Center, but the future truly looks bright!

Knowing that our children have a variety of commitments – academics, athletics, school clubs, etc. – we strive to make religious education not only fun, but a valuable aspect in their weekly schedule. While this new program is less than a year old,



Hebrew Twister



GREETING FROM RABBI HILLEL E. SILVERMAN

One hundred years is a great milestone for a synagogue.

Bobbie and I arrived in Greenwich in 1981. We will never forget our first dinner in a local diner. We were served by a pretty blond waitress from Smith College. I asked her, "What kind of town is Greenwich? We have just moved here." She replied, "Greenwich is wonderful in every way. I was born and raised here. But too many Jews are moving in!"

I was flabbergasted. "Really," I responded, "I am Jewish!" Her reply was, "Also many Japanese are making their homes here."

Our daughter Arona exclaimed, "Why are we moving here?" Obviously the waitress met very few Jews.

Prejudice and discrimination stem from ignorance and fear of others who are different. Bobbie and I resolved that our mission in Greenwich would be to bring Jews and Christians together in fellowship and understanding. We must break down the barriers of religion and race.

And how did we realize our mission? By establishing a warm relationship with our next door neighbors at Christ Church; with media coverage tearing down the three huge boulders which divided our adjacent parking lots; by service with the Greenwich clergy; by speaking at almost every church; by organizing the first trip to the holy places in Israel with sixty-seven pilgrims from our two congregations; by serving on the boards of many Greenwich charities and civic organizations; by canceling public school every Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for the benefit of Jewish children; by establishing intimate friendship with Rev. Jack Bishop from Christ Church and long serving First Selectman John Margenot; by my wife Bobbie bringing joy to thousands of children and adults, Jewish and Christian, by teaching them Israeli folk dancing; and more and more.

Twenty years passed by swiftly. Synagogue membership tripled. School enrollment jumped four hundred percent. We erected a magnificent six million dollar mortgage free synagogue building. I enjoyed every moment. I retired in 2001 and became Rabbi Emeritus.

May Temple Sholom continue to thrive, prosper and continue to be a force for good under the guidance of Rabbi Mitch.



RABBI MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

Dear Temple Sholom Family,

Tonight, we engage in the mitzvah of celebrating our Temple Sholom Centennial. The many lay volunteers' efforts have been amazing. I'd like to especially thank our Centennial Gala Chairs: Travis Azous, Alexandra Hochman, Alisa Savitz, Marlene Gilbert, Carol Asness and Heather Friedman for their significant time and effort. To the many other Temple Sholom volunteers, and to our entire staff, we are very, very grateful.

Tonight, as we celebrate, we should also imagine our Jewish future at Temple Sholom a hundred years from now.

There is, for some Jews, a "worry" for the Jewish future. However, in every century of Jewish history this worry existed amongst some. The Jewish scholar, Simon Rawidowicz, called the Jewish People the "Every-Dying-People."

Temple Sholom has at its core a commitment to Jewish renewal, continuity and diversity. With our constant religious, cultural and social programming we regularly produce the creative sparks that will keep our Temple active, growing, and seriously engaged with Jewish tradition, spirituality, and both our Jewish and Human family.

At our congregation, individuals who were born Jewish, have chosen Judaism for themselves, or have committed to raising their children Jewish, are indistinguishable from one another. The common denominator for all Temple Sholom households is that we seek to be Jewish "meaning-makers" and "memory-makers."

As we, together, move forward, we can establish the goals and measurements that will assure our continued engagement with Jewish communal "Best Practices."

Five pillars by which we will assure our continued success:

- We welcome all forms of Jewish engagement in the way that best works for individuals and their families.
- We spark active engagement with our Temple that calls upon our time and resources.
- We guarantee multiple gateways by which everyone can access their Jewish spirituality.
- We always nurture significant intra-Jewish and inter-faith connections as developed locally, nationally and internationally.
- We maintain an inseparable connection with the Holy Land and the Citizens of Israel.

A 100 years ago, there were barely enough Jews to make a minyan. Today, we number in the thousands when we attend the different High Holiday services that we offer. We are a Jewish communal paradigm of success. But, we never rest on the past, or be content with the present. We actively seek to further enrich and enliven our Jewish communal tapestry; L'Dor V'Dor.

Together, let's travel into the future as we dream about what we can yet become over the next 100 years for our Temple Sholom family. Let's build together our Jewish future and embrace our sacred responsibilities. Let's embrace our diversity and keep our Temple's gates wide open. With these sacred acts, we will continue to forge the bonds that forever will deepen our spiritual Jewish experiences on all levels.

Let us continue, as our Hebrew Scriptures proclaim: "to go from strength to strength".

Love,
Rabbi Mitch



**DAN GREEN
PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dear Members of the Temple Sholom community,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President of the Board of Trustees for the past three years. The fact that my term coincides with our Centennial celebration has made my experience so much more exceptional.

For one hundred years, Temple Sholom has served the Jewish community in Greenwich, Rye Brook and the surrounding areas. This year, we celebrate the sacrifices and dedication of the generations that preceded us. Their resolve to create a center for Jewish life in our community is an inspiration to us all. We honor their memory and commitment with each simcha celebrated, child educated and holiday commemorated. I am certain the ten founding families would be proud and amazed by all that we have accomplished together.

Our Shul has a wonderfully diverse membership of over six hundred and sixty families. Our members include the young and the young at heart. We welcome traditionalists, liberals and conservatives. We are proud to welcome our many interfaith families, especially those spouses who are not Jewish but wish to raise their children as Jews. Temple Sholom truly offers a “Big Tent” approach where all are welcome who share our beliefs, values and customs.

Our outstanding staff work tirelessly to provide thought provoking programs, fulfilling religious services and the religious education that we all want for our children. I am also so very grateful for the many volunteers, committee members, trustees and officers that give so much of their time and talent towards the success of our Shul. Because of the devotion of these generous volunteers our Shul remains the center for Jewish life in our community.

Enjoy the Centennial celebration.

B'Shalom
Dan Green
President of the Board of Trustees



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

January 30, 2016

Dear Friends,

My sincerest welcome to the 2016 'Golden' Gala and Auction event hosted by Temple Sholom of Greenwich! Please join me in congratulating Temple Sholom and its congregation on celebrating 100 years of extraordinary devotion to the people of Greenwich and the Jewish community.

Beginning with a gathering of ten Jewish families in 1916, Temple Sholom has become an integral presence in our community – uniting Jewish residents in a place of friendship and spiritual togetherness. From humble beginnings, Temple Sholom has emerged as an energetic congregation with more than 650 families committed to its mission. New programs and expanded facilities have allowed the Temple to serve the needs of an ever-growing and vibrant community, while the extraordinary leadership of Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz and his predecessors guided the congregation through countless challenges and hardships. Today, we gather to remember the hard work and sacrifices of those who helped build this wonderful institution – and to look ahead to a bright and promising future.

To celebrate 100 years in the community is a truly historic and momentous occasion, and I am honored to join you in recognizing this milestone. It has been a privilege to witness Temple Sholom grow and thrive during my lifetime, and I know those in attendance will continue to ensure the Temple and its congregation have a place in our community for another 100 years.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate

State of Connecticut



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The Connecticut General Assembly
hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to:**

Temple Sholom

In recognition of

The Joyous Occasion Of Your 100th Anniversary Of Dedicated Service And Commitment To The Jewish Community In Greenwich And The Surrounding Fairfield And Westchester Communities. We Commend You For Your Extraordinary Devotion And Your Hard Work In Providing A Spiritual Home While Remaining Vibrant, Energetic And A Committed Congregation To More Than 650 Families. May Your Celebration Of This Historic Day Be Filled With Joy And Time Well-Spent With Friends And Family As Well As Honoring The Past, Embracing The Present And Envisioning The Future. Best Wishes For The Next 100 Years!

**The entire membership extends its
very best wishes on this memorable occasion
and expresses the hope for continued success.**

**Given this 30th day of January 2016
at the State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut**

by

Martin M. Looney
President Pro Tempore

Joe Blawie
Speaker of the House

Dennis W. Merrill
Secretary of the State





Dannel P. Malloy

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January 30, 2016

Temple Sholom
300 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, it is my pleasure to welcome all who are gathered for the Temple Sholom Centennial Anniversary Gala.

Since your founding one hundred years ago, the Congregation of Temple Sholom of Greenwich has been an important part of the community. I applaud the leaders of Congregation Temple Sholom for their dedication to their congregation and community. The Temple Sholom community continues to honor the past, embrace the present and envision the future through special projects and events throughout their centennial year.

Congratulations to the congregation and community of Temple Sholom, and thank you to all those who worked to make this night possible. You have my best wishes for a happy and successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Dannel P. Malloy in black ink.

Dannel P. Malloy
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January 25, 2016

Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz
Temple Sholom
300 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

Dear Rabbi Mitch:

On behalf of the Town of Greenwich I extend my congratulations to Temple Sholom on their 100 years of service to the Greenwich community.

Temple Sholom continues to provide a welcoming atmosphere for individuals and families supporting meaningful fulfillment and friendship through the Selma Maisel Nursery School, the Temple Sholom Learning Center and other sponsored groups.

Best Wishes for continued success in your mission of spiritual fulfillment and service to our community for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Tesei
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January 12, 2016

Daniel Green, President
Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz
Temple Sholom
300 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

Dear Dan and Rabbi Mitch,

One has to wonder what was in the imagination of the ten Jewish families who established the Greenwich Hebrew Institute, holding Shabbat Services in a small house on East Elm Street in 1916. Could they have imagined a Greenwich Jewish community bursting with activity, learning opportunities, multiple synagogues, a UJA, JCC, JFS and a day school? It is precisely because they dared to dream, that the synagogue they founded, now called Temple Sholom, is celebrating 100 years, serving its members with weekly services, classes, programs, a religious school, the Selma Maisel pre-school and so much more.

We wish the entire Temple Sholom family a hearty Mazal Tov and a Yasher Koach! We look forward to the special events planned for the community this year in honor of the Centennial and to another 100 years!

May you continue to go from strength to strength!

Sincerely,



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Dear Rabbi Mitch,

*Just as my ancestors planted for me, so I will plant for my children -
Babylonian Talmud, Ta'Anit 23a*

On behalf of Jewish Family Services of Greenwich, we congratulate you on your *Centennial* year. Over the past 100 years Temple Sholom has consistently provided a warm, welcoming community where individuals and families find fulfillment, meaning, and friendship through the Selma Maisel Nursery School, the Temple Sholom Learning Center and the successful member-run groups of Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Jewish Network of Young Couples, Social Action and the new BBYO chapter for teens. Yasher Koach!

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Mitch, Cantor Asa and the wonderful staff who comprise Temple Sholom's significant workforce. Over the years, JFS of Greenwich and Temple Sholom have developed an excellent partnership, offering joint programming and services to the entire community. Some of our most successful collaborations include *Temple Sholom/JFS on Wheels*, which provides counseling and support to congregants, *Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!* teen programs, and recently, college planning events. We are grateful for the clergy's ongoing participation in helping lead our *Bereavement Support Groups* and *Friendly Visiting Jewish Holiday* events at area nursing homes.

Here's to another 100 years!!

B'Shalom,

Lisa Lorraine Smith, LCSW
Executive Director

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January 10, 2016

Dear Friends,

The Westchester Jewish Council is delighted to welcome all those gathered here this evening to celebrate Temple Sholom's Centennial Anniversary.

We pay tribute to Temple Sholom ---its professional and lay leaders on this milestone Anniversary as a caring community that strives to inspire and nurture its members as they explore, enrich and discover their Jewish selves. Our community is fortunate to have a sacred community that reflects central Jewish values: justice, freedom, concern for our less fortunate neighbors, compassion toward each other and care of our natural world.

If ten people sit together and engage in Torah study, the Divine Presence rests among them ... How do we know this even of one? For it is said, "In every place where I cause My Name to be mentioned, I will come to you and bless you" (Shemot 20: 21).

As the central coordinating, resource and advisory body to the eighth largest Jewish county in America, the Westchester Jewish Council salutes you as we continue to work to unite Westchester area Jewry with the State of Israel, foster communication among Jewish organizations, and cultivate and strengthen relationships with other ethnic and religious groups, elected officials and the community at large. Our over 160 member organizations, synagogues and schools are anchored by passionate and caring volunteer leaders.

We wish Temple Sholom, along with its members, continued success.

Enjoy this special evening!

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From Generation to Generation

May Temple Sholom
continue to honor our past
and bless our community
with strength for all of
our future generations.

*We should know from where we come,
celebrate who we are and
look ahead to where we are going.*

Rabbi Mitch & Roseanne

Mazel Tov to Temple Sholom on its 100 years of strength and excellence.



To Rabbi Mitch and the staff: Thank you for
all of the love and guidance you have given us.
Temple Sholom is a second home for our family and
we are so fortunate to be a part of this community.

With love,

*Alexandra, David, Solomon,
Hannah and Judah Hochman*

**THANK YOU
TO ALL THOSE
WHO HAVE PAVED THE WAY
HAPPY 100 TEMPLE SHOLOM!**

THE KALLMAN FAMILY

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Congratulations to our Temple on its 100th Birthday.



Thanks to Rabbi Mitch and everyone at the
Temple for sharing all of our simchas!

*Debbie and Cliff Robbins
Dylan, David and Reid*

The Greenwich Jewish
community is so fortunate
to have Temple Sholom
and Rabbi Mitch here.

Mazel Tov
on this
special anniversary.

Selma and Marc Maisel

What a wonderful milestone for Temple Sholom!

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*Blessed art though, Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us
and enabled us to reach this season.*

With gratitude,

Alma Rutgers and Don Snyder

Dearest Alexandra,

Over the past 100 years, Temple Sholom has become a lifeline of worship, community and friendship from generation to generation, l'dor v'dor.

You have captured this so meaningfully in tonight's video. The very essence of Temple Sholom, from its early founders to today's congregation and clergy, comes alive in the snapshots, documents and interviews that you seamlessly put together.

You have so much to be proud of! You are a marvel of efficiency and dedication, a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, friend and, most of all, human being.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Enormous gratitude to the pioneers
who had the foresight a century ago
to envision a thriving Jewish community
in Greenwich, Connecticut.

**Congratulations to
Temple Sholom
for continuing the dream.**

The Levine Family
Jay, Tammy, Robert, Lauren & Brandon

*Congratulations to Temple
Sholom on reaching this
milestone birthday.*



With sincerest thanks to Rabbi Mitch and
Temple Sholom for giving us a community
and being part of our family's simchas.

*The Asness Family
Carol, Brad, Will, AJ, Tess and Melanie*

*Congratulations to
Temple Sholom for 100 years
of bringing joy, blessings and
education to hundreds of families,
my grandchildren included.*



Carole Hochman

In 1916, ten Jewish families met so as to establish a Jewish House of Worship in Greenwich, CT.

In 1917, they formally founded the Greenwich Hebrew Institute, which would become the leader within the greater Greenwich community and home to generations of Jewish families.



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If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.
– Confucius

May Temple Sholom continue to
teach people for generations to come.

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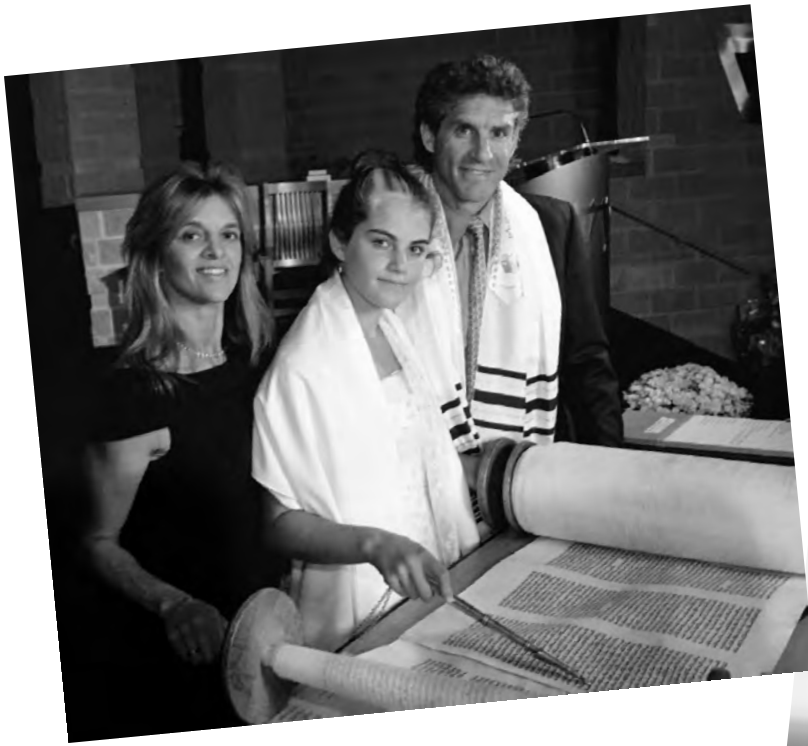
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With sincerest thanks for all of the hard work
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Here's to the next 100 years!

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Happy
100th Anniversary
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*The Sisterhood of Temple Shalom
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– past, present, and future –
for their unwavering dedication
to this congregation.*

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*Congratulations to our Temple
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to our Temple
on its
100th Birthday!

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Happy Birthday
to Temple Sholom!



Here's to the next
100 Years of
Faith and
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The Milgrams



Thank you to all
who have helped
Temple Sholom
reach this
milestone.
Mazel tov!

Ira, Susan, Ethan, Charlotte and Alex Cohen

Congratulations to Temple Sholom on reaching 100!

With heartfelt appreciation to
Rabbi Hillel and Bobbi Silverman
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Mary & Richard Brauer
& Family

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We look forward
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Mazel Tov on your **100th Birthday!**

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the generations
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L'dor v'dor
Eileen Robin

We, the committed students of
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our Torah

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people's history

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Jewish heritage



We are happy to have
been part of the journey.

Here's to another 100!

Margie, Steven,
Sarah & Justin Black

*Thank you Temple Sholom
for the warmth with which you
have welcomed me, and the
trust you have placed in me.*

Mazel Tov
on the first 100—
may the next 100 be
equally successful.

Barry Gruber



Mazel tov to Temple Sholom,
where we have celebrated
many simchas and look
forward to many more.

The Wolansky Family

**All Our Best
for Another
100 Years!**

Mazel Tov

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our Temple on its
100th birthday.

*May you enjoy
much success
in the next 100!*

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Temple Sholom for
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*Evelyn and Milton
Sutin*

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on the celebration
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Norma Perlstein

In honor of
Temple Sholom's
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who gave and give so
much to us personally.

With deep gratitude
and affection,

*"Mugs" and all of the
Zales Family
and always, Billy, too*



From our wedding, to Bar and
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torah writing, we are proud to be
a part of the first 100 years.

May your next 100 surpass the first!

Barry and Laurie Siegel and Family

Mazel Tov
Temple Sholom
on your 100th
Anniversary!!



The Steinberg Family

Mazal Tov!

**All our
best wishes
for another
hundred years!**

*Michael, Hillary and
Jordan Rosenthal*



**Congrats to our
Temple on its
100th Birthday!**

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"Mankind must remember that peace
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