

SD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

*A sacred community that
embraces, inspires, and matters*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

SPECIAL 5784
OVERVIEW
EDITION



Senior Rabbi
**Shoshanah
Conover**

During this year of 5784, Temple Sholom will peer into the future with courage and vision. We will do so by gathering strength from the minor prophet Joel. In his own turbulent times, he encouraged the Israelites:

*In the future,
I (God) will pour out My spirit on
everything that breathes;
Your children shall prophesize,
Your elders shall dream dreams,
And your youth shall see visions
(Joel 3:1).*

You might know this version popularized by the music of Debbie Friedman:

*And the old shall dream dreams,
and the youth shall see visions,
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky.
We must live for today; we must
build for tomorrow.
Give us time, give us strength, give us life.*

By only picking up the last two phrases of Joel's prophecy, Debbie conveniently left out the part that can ruffle our contemporary Jewish sensibilities. What does Joel mean that the "children shall prophesize"? Most of us associate the

idea of prophecy with fortune-telling and crystal balls. However, the point of prophecy in the Hebrew Bible is not to predict, but to change — specifically, to change the actions of a people gone astray.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote in his evergreen book *The Prophets*:

*The prominent theme is exhortation,
not mere prediction...
To the prophet, God is a challenge,
an incessant demand...*

As a people who have gone astray in the past year in ways big and small, how do we make the change that God demands of us? Well, our sages had an idea. Every year we gather together our children and youth with our elders. We sing songs and prayers that evoke a distant past that holds within it our ancestors' powerful dreams. We think big thoughts about the possibility of our future. Instead of avoiding our greatest fears and sources of guilt, we face them... together. And somehow, we feel a little less afraid, less ashamed, a little more brave... even more hopeful. This is what we'll do together beginning on *Rosh Hashanah*.

May 5784 be a good year for you and yours — for all of us!

Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

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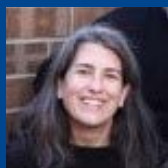
WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

*Judaism in a
Digital Age*

By Danny Schiff



The dramatic changes of recent decades invite us to explore what role Judaism is to play in this new era. As the digital future becomes the present, Danny Schiff makes the case that the period known as "modernity" has come to an end. He marshals the thought of well-known futurists such as Ray Kurzweil and Yuval Noah Harari to forecast the exponentially larger shifts in the human condition that lie ahead, and proposes that a countercultural Judaism could have renewed relevance in addressing some of the pressing issues that confront humanity in the twenty-first century.



President
**Elizabeth
Samuels**

With a new year upon us and a time of new beginnings, we are thrilled to welcome our new Executive Director, Maureen Larkins, and our new Director of Education, Lori Kramer.

As we prepare to celebrate the High Holy Days, I am reflecting over the past year and

am reminded about the importance of the Temple Sholom community and how we all can benefit from having access to the many resources that our community provides.

I personally experienced the value and benefited from being part of our community when there was a health crisis with a close family member this past spring.

When the crisis occurred, I was out of the country in an area without consistent cell service or internet. As I scrambled to find resources to help navigate uncharted waters, I reached out to our clergy to see if

Temple Sholom could help. I was connected with our Jewish Community Liaison, who gave me direction and guidance on who to contact and how they could help. Temple Sholom provided me with the tools to navigate this crisis. The individual followed up a number of times to see how I was doing.

Most importantly, I didn't feel alone during a very scary time. The Temple Sholom community gave me support and direction I would not have otherwise had.

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Luckily we made it through the crisis and my family member is doing very well. And I feel even more connected to this special community.

Temple Sholom is here to celebrate with us our important moments - births, *B'nai Mitzvah*, weddings as well as illnesses and deaths. The community is here for fun and learning at all ages. We provide ways

to help you repair the world. There are also many avenues for you to share your skills and expertise through volunteering with the temple.

If you ever find yourself in need of support - or want to find ways to become more involved in the community - please reach out to our clergy, Executive Director or staff. You can also contact me through president@templesholom.org.

I want to thank you, our membership, for all you do to support Temple Sholom and our goal to embrace, inspire and matter.

Warm wishes for a healthy, happy, and sweet New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah

Elizabeth

Of Blessed Memory

JUNE 26

Diane Felber

Longtime Temple Sholom member

JULY 1

Howard Nagelberg

Father of Ali (Danny) Shapiro, grandfather of Ella & Jack

JULY 1

Frances Eaton

Long-time Temple Sholom member

JULY 3

Stevi Marks

Daughter-in-law of Cookie Marks

JULY 4

Irma Schwartz

Wife of Ed Schwartz, mother of David Schwartz, Michael Schwartz and Lisa Stein

JULY 16

Peter Conover

Father of Damien (Rabbi Shoshanah) Conover, grandfather of Eli & Ben Conover

JULY 21

Susan Levine

Wife of Marc Levine, mother of Stephanie Levine and Jeremy Levine

JULY 20

Renee Bank

Mother of John (Ellyn) Bank

AUG. 4

Sandra Cain

Mother of Linda (Richard) Arrandt

Yahrzeits / First Year

SEPT. 7

Jean Terrien

Loved one of Beth Snyder

SEPT. 17

Philip Abramowitz

Brother of Helen Brown

SEPT. 18

Carlos Guillermo Rizowy

Brother-in-law of Robert Gordon

SEPT. 18

Roger Appell

Father of Marcy Fortnow

SEPT. 19

Victor Krupman

Father of Marla Krupman

SEPT. 28

Ralph L. Arnheim, Jr.

Father of Marci Levine

SEPT. 30

Bella Rose Neuman

Grandmother of Melissa Pessin

OCT. 6

Norman Lasko

Husband of Nettie Lasko

OCT. 11

Roger Greenberg

Father of Emily Greenberg

OCT. 14

Edward Hoffman

Uncle of Andria Winters

OCT. 30

Tony Guzman

Cousin of Ilene Goldman

Mazal Tov

JUNE 24

On the wedding of Danielle Stoler and Ryan Frank

JULY 8

On the wedding of Elisabeth Mayer and Zachary Friedlander

JULY 22

On the wedding of Jackie Quartner and Richard Day

JULY 30

On the wedding of Laura Sanders and William Beam

If you have experienced a life-cycle event recently (marriage, birth of a child, etc.) we would like to know about it! Please email **Lori Curtis** at lori@sholomchicago.org to share the news with us. *Thank you!*

New Members

Membership is how our sacred community grows! Know somebody who is interested in membership? Connect them with Jude Kamler at jude@sholomchicago.org or visit sholomchicago.org/membership

MAY 5
David & Andrew Davidson
Elijah, Kaelyn

MAY 12
Sarah Zimmerman

MAY 28
Jay & Lorraine Jaffe

JUNE 6
Lisa McGuirt

JUNE 7
Ann Brownfield Meara

JUNE 11
Lauren & John Gleaso
Parker, Maxwell

JUNE 12
Maribel Weisz

JUNE 26
Caroline Teichner & Andrew Phalen
Theo, Sloane

JUNE 27
Jon Roller

JUNE 28
Libby & Avi King
Melody

JULY 4
Carrie & Andrew Gildin
Theo

JULY 5
Lori Kramer

B'nai Mitzvah

AUG. 26
Stella Berkelhammer

AUG. 26
Samantha Kovler

SEPT. 2
Lylah Robinson

SEPT. 9
Juliana Simons

SEPT. 30
Elly Weinstein

SEPT. 30
Sawyer Alexander

OCT. 7
Lilah Rosenberg

OCT. 14
Sam Jacobson

OCT. 14
Annabelle Gussis

OCT. 14
Andrew "AJ" Schwartz

OCT. 21
Avigail Bernstein

OCT. 21
Evan Gourdji

OCT. 28
Brandon Grodsky

OCT. 28
Issac Lewis

OCT. 28
William Wasserstrom

OCT. 28
Hugo Wasserstrom

Worship Schedule

FRIDAY | SEPT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

FRIDAY | OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | SEPT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

SATURDAY | OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

See sholomchicago.org/hhd or the back page of this D'var for details on whether these services are in person or online.

FRIDAY | SEPT. 8
5:00 PM **Rosh Hashanah** & Welcome
Back Tot Shabbat

SATURDAY | SEPT. 9
8:00 PM **Selichot** Study Session
9:00 PM **Selichot** Dessert Reception
9:30 PM **Selichot** Service

SUNDAY | SEPT. 10
4:00 PM **Shofar** in the Park

FRIDAY | SEPT. 15
7:30 PM **Erev Rosh Hashanah**
Congregational Service

SATURDAY | SEPT. 16
9:00 AM **Rosh Hashanah** Family Service
11:00 AM **Rosh Hashanah** Congregational Service
4:00 PM **Tashlich** (Lakefront)

SUNDAY | SEPT. 17
10:30 AM **Second Day Rosh Hashanah** Congregational and Community Service

SUNDAY | SEPT. 24
7:30 PM **Kol Nidre** Congregational Service

MONDAY | SEPT. 25
9:00 AM **Yom Kippur** Family Service
11:00 AM **Yom Kippur** Congregational Service
1:30 PM **Yom Kippur** Learning Sessions
3:00 PM **Yom Kippur** Yizkor
4:00 PM **Yom Kippur** Afternoon Service

5:15 PM **Yom Kippur** Neilah Service
5:45 PM **Yom Kippur** Havdalah

FRIDAY | SEPT. 29
5:00 PM **Sukkot** Tot Shabbat
6:15 PM Congregational **Sukkot** Event

SATURDAY | SEPT. 30
9:00 AM **Sukkot** Festival Service
as part of Shabbat Morning Minyan

FRIDAY | OCT. 6
6:15 PM **Simchat Torah** Congregational Celebration/Consecration

SATURDAY | OCT. 7
9:00 AM **Simchat Torah** Festival Service & Yizkor
as part of Shabbat Morning Minyan

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Maureen Larkins & Lori Kramer!

Temple Sholom of Chicago is excited to begin a new chapter with the addition of two key staff members to our dedicated team. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Maureen Larkins as our Executive Director and Lori Kramer as our Director of Education. Their diverse skills, wealth of experience, and passionate commitment to community service signal a promising future for our institution.



Maureen Larkins arrives with an admirable career filled with remarkable achievements and an unwavering commitment to community development. Her professional journey spans over 25 years in key

sectors including healthcare, higher education, and non-profit organizations. Notably, Maureen played a crucial role in reconstructing the healthcare infrastructure following the devastating Hurricane Katrina. Her efforts widened the access to healthcare for over 25,000 individuals in her home city, New Orleans. Maureen's leadership has been rightly honored with prestigious awards such as the Businesswoman of the Year (2001) and Healthcare Hero (2012) by New Orleans City Business.



Entering her role as Director of Education in 2023, Lori Kramer is truly enthusiastic about being a part of Temple Sholom. She has dedicated many years to educating various age groups, from infants to adults, across a

range of settings. Lori harbors a deep passion for Judaism and Jewish Education.

Lori's academic background includes a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Jewish Studies from American University in Washington DC, as well as a master's degree in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. She is also an alumna of the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute, a two-year program aiming to enhance the Jewish educational system in North America. As a published author, Lori's work has been featured in *Lilith* and *Moment Magazine*, and she has also co-authored the activities in *Hineni: Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults* [Behrman House].

The collective experience, passion, and dedication that both Maureen and Lori bring with them will undoubtedly benefit the Temple Sholom community. As they join our team, we look forward to the remarkable advancements we'll achieve together for our beloved institution.

Becoming B'nai Mitzvah!

Becoming *B'nai Mitzvah* is a sacred journey full of robust learning of Torah, Judaism, and a deeper exploration of identity and faith. The path to becoming an adult in the Jewish community offers great wisdom while building character through social justice work. Our students blossom into the Jewish leaders of tomorrow on our *Bimah* leading our community in prayer, Torah reading, and learning. Each family includes their loved ones in our beautiful *B'nai Mitzvah* services, focusing on their children and prioritizing family, faith and community. May this year bring continued growth, learning, and inspiration.

For more information about our multi-year **B'nai Mitzvah** program, led by **Cantor Sheera Ben-David**, that includes *Torah* study, *Avodah* (leading the congregation in prayer), *G'milut Chasadim* (learning to be part of a community through contributing to it through *Mitzvah*), and preparation through Religious School, contact **Patrick Graney-Dolan** at patrick@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1551**

Your Annual Fund Support

While membership commitments cover a significant portion of Temple Sholom's operating expenses, they do not cover everything. Therefore, to further our sacred mission, we ask for donations to the Annual Fund. Temple Sholom's Annual Fund creates opportunities for us to be flexible in supporting the greatest needs of our community at any given time.

Year to year these needs vary and often relate to worship, education, member support, and

new programming. In the upcoming membership year, our greatest need will be expanding our community's ability to matter to one another. As we continue to create smaller communities of meaning and friendship in our post-pandemic world, we anticipate the necessity of structural and physical updates to our spaces to accommodate this commitment to our mission. We hope you will consider making an additional donation to the Temple Sholom Annual Fund as we begin year 5784.

Thank You to Our Temple Sholom Donors!*

In Memory of Norma Adler
In Honor of Julie Adler
In Memory of Ralph B. Billingham

In Honor of Mitchell Brown

In Memory of Blanche Cargerman

In Honor of The Church Bus Tour
In Memory of Peter Conover

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In Memory of Roberta Gilbert
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In Honor of Toby Sanders
In Honor of Jack & Judi Schindler
In Memory of Alan Schlossberg
In Honor of Rabbi Rena Singer
In Memory of Yuzya Sirota
In Memory of Sandra Sterling
In Honor of Temple Sholom

In Honor of The Tranen Family
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In Honor of Barbara Turner

In Honor of Victims
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*Gifts listed represent honorific giving from June and July 2023

These thoughtful gifts to Temple Sholom, in addition to membership contributions, enable us to further our sacred mission and support the greatest needs of our community at any given time.

If you would like to make a special honorific gift to Temple Sholom, please visit www.sholomchicago.org/donate.

Questions? Contact **Patrick Graney-Dolan** at patrick@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1535**.

Lifelong Learning

In the future,
A Divine spirit will inspire everything that breathes;
Our children shall prophesize,

Our elders shall dream dreams,
And our youth and teens shall see visions.
Joel 3:1



I love the fall. The High Holy Days, the beginning of a new school year, and that hint of crisp air all help to create the sense of a fresh start and infinite possibility.

I come into my new role as Director of Education at Temple Sholom with much excitement. I look forward to working with our teachers, parents, students, and teens to help further develop educational opportunities that will continue to create a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge, a deep love of our religion, as well as an ongoing spark of curiosity and desire to learn throughout our lives.

One of our great teachers, Hillel, taught, "Do not say 'When I have leisure time, I will study,' for you may never have leisure time" (*Pirke Avot 2:5*). He conveys an important and timeless message about Jewish education. Although kids are busier today than ever before with a heavy academic load and a slew of extracurricular activities, it is vital that we demonstrate the importance of Jewish education by not treating it as an optional commitment, but rather as something truly essential. It is an amazing feeling to come to place where this is understood, and families genuinely care about Judaism and Jewish education.

I am looking forward to this new beginning with hopes for an amazing and enriching year. I am thrilled to become part of this warm and vibrant community.

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy, and sweet new year!

L'Shanah Tovah,

Lori Kramer

Director of Education

lorikramer@sholomchicago.org

This year, the High Holy Days fall before Religious School begins.

Below are some ideas and conversation starters for you and your family that I hope will help you embrace the meaning of these days.

New Fruit:

There is a custom of eating new fruits on *Rosh Hashanah*. Take your child to the grocery store with you and pick out a new fruit together. Technically, it just needs to be a fruit that you have not eaten yet that year, but with such a wide variety of produce available, it is not hard to come up with a fruit that is totally brand new to your child (and maybe to you, too).

- Do you like to try new things? How does it make you feel when you try something new?
- Why do you think we do and try new things on the New Year?
- What other foods do we traditionally eat on *Rosh Hashanah*? What do they have in common?

Setting the Table:

Have your children help you set the table and incorporate old and new items. Perhaps you could use an antique tablecloth, silverware that was passed down in your family, alongside a new vase or dish. At your meal, you can ask your family to reflect and share something about their year. If they are sitting in front of something new, they could share something they would like to try new in the coming year. If they are sitting in front of something old, they could share a memory about other *Rosh Hashanah* meals, about something in the past that they would like to change or tell an old family story.

A New Take on Apples and Honey:

To keep children engaged during the meal in a way that is unique and relevant to *Rosh Hashanah*, you could give each child an apple that has been cut into pieces. They could then work to reconstruct the apple, like a puzzle and put the pieces back together using honey (raw honey is less drippy and works well for this project). Depending on their ages, you could then discuss what it means to change, grow, and build. Compare a whole apple to the one put together with honey. What is similar, what is different? How do we grow and change from year to year? Is it just in appearance or is it also on the inside? What are some ways you would like to change or grow in the coming year?

I hope you will enjoy this time together with your family. These positive experiences learning and celebrating together really do shape our Jewish lives and memories.

Gan Shalom

Early Childhood
Education Center

Gan Shalom summer camp was a tremendous success!

The children had a fantastic summer spending lots of time outdoors. We made lots of new friends, played soccer with Coach Charles, went swimming, created beautiful art projects, enjoyed some special field trips, celebrated weekly Shabbat, and loved having ice-cream Fridays!

Gan Shalom has a full house for the 2023/2024 school year!

For more information, please contact
Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Education at
heidi@sholomchicago.org or **773 525-4867**.



Smiles on the playground!

Gan Shalom families and non Gan Shalom families are invited to our Tot Shabbats and services that happen throughout the year.

To see the full list of opportunities for families, see the *Mishpacha* section on page 14!



Enjoying summer weather with water play!



Artists in the Red Room!

ADULT EDUCATION

For full class and scholar descriptions, explore our curriculum at www.sholomchicago.org/adult-education and register online via web calendar www.sholomchicago.org/calendar. Questions regarding Adult Education? Contact **Lori Kramer** at lorikramer@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1531**.

Lifelong Learning keeps our minds sharp and our perspectives fresh in an ever-changing world. Temple Sholom offers classes for adults six days a week! Join clergy, community members and guest scholars for a journey engaging with our sacred texts and each other.

In addition to a variety of Sunday class options, we also offer:

- Monday evening **Introduction to Judaism** classes
- Monday evening bi-monthly **Film Night** screenings and discussion
- Tuesday morning weekly **Talmud study** with Rabbi Conover
- **Wednesday Morning Weekly Study Group** with our Clergy/Education team
- Wednesday evening parallel classes & guest speakers for parents after Midweek Religious School with Crown Family High School students
- Friday night *Shabbat* guest speakers
- **Shabbat Morning Torah Study Minyan** with clergy

Learn with our Clergy

Hartman Hot Topics

with Rabbi Conover

SUNDAYS | OCT. 22 - NOV. 12, APR. 14 - MAY 12 | 9:30 AM

Join Rabbi Conover, Senior Rabbinic Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, for lively discussions this year on some of the stickiest ethical dilemmas of our time. You'll delve into a curriculum exclusively designed by thought leaders at the institute. This class will engender conversations so topical and compelling, you'll find yourself talking about them long after the class is over.

Prayer & Liturgy 101

with Cantor Ben-David

SUNDAYS | JAN. 14 - FEB. 4 | 11:00 AM

Deepen your understanding of the main Jewish prayers and sacred music within our Shabbat services and Jewish liturgy. Cantor Ben-David will discuss (and help us better understand) the worship, prayer comprehension, and choreography that guides us when we pray.

Living Reform Judaism

with Rabbi Gellman

WEDNESDAYS | DEC. 6 - 20 | 7:30 PM

What does it mean to live Reform Judaism? We will explore this question along with delving into history and practices of Reform Judaism.

Jewish Cooking

with Rabbi Singer

WEDNESDAYS | FALL, 2023

Join Rabbi Singer as we cook Jewish dishes from around the world and discuss the history behind our culinary traditions.



Did you know we have a library? Visit the Frederick C. Schwartz z"l Judaic Library on the 4th floor of Temple Sholom! It is open Wednesday mornings.



Our library is overseen by Donnie Stuhlman, a longtime member of the Chicago Jewish community.

Questions? Contact **Daniel D. Stuhlman** at librarian@sholomchicago.org!



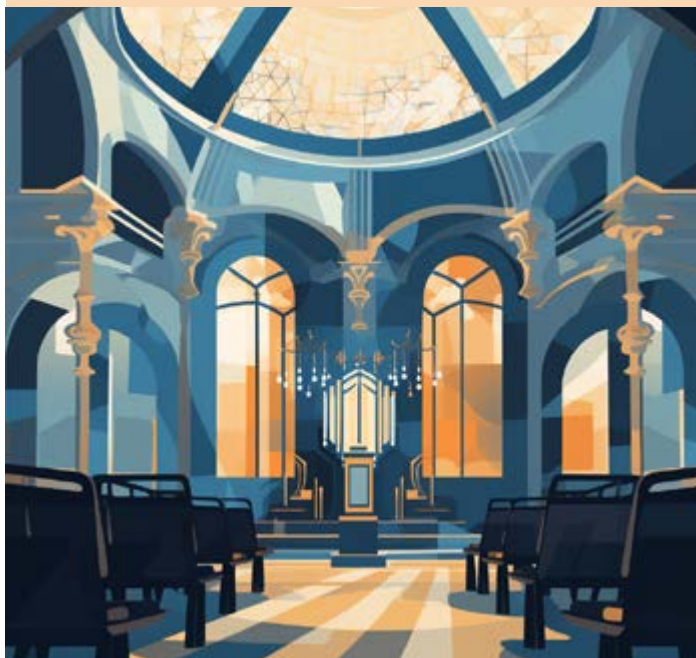
In the coming year, we're focusing on providing meaningful, immersive, and transformative learning experiences for our congregation. We've carefully selected a handful of highly esteemed scholars from various fields, known for their influence and outstanding contributions to Jewish learning.

Our selected guests will lead captivating sessions that stir curiosity, strengthen our shared heritage connection, and emphasize quality, intellectually engaging experiences.

Beginning OCT. 15, Sunday Sacred Study

Join us for powerful conversations and insights with clergy and local scholars. It's your weekly dose of intellectual stimulation and spiritual enrichment!

Stay up to date on
sholomchicago.org/adult-education.



Beginning NOV. 6, Introduction to Judaism

Dive into an 18-session journey exploring Judaism from a fresh Reform perspective. Delve into holidays, theology, history, and contemporary issues. Open to all, this course is perfect for multi-faith couples, those raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, and Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience.

Enroll or learn more at
sholomchicago.org/intro.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Questions regarding Youth Engagement? Contact **Lori Kramer** at lorikramer@sholomchicago.org, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/youth-group.

Chavrei SHALOM
3RD–5TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Noar SHALOM
6TH–8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Orr SHALOM
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Relationships are at the core of our educational experiences for the youth of Temple Shalom. Students connect through fun, engaging, and celebratory events that build bonds between our Religious School and Jewish Day School students, all while exploring Chicago. Our *Orr Shalom* Teen Executive Board Members, guided by our Youth Engagement Coordinator, act as role models and leaders for their younger peers, helping them to experience the joy of belonging.

In this busy world of extra-curricular activities, higher learning applications, and increasing pressures in teens' lives, we offer opportunities for taking a break from the hectic pace of student life. A variety of resume-building leadership, learning, and travel opportunities provide a chance for our teens to find the path to Judaism that is right for them as they each make decisions about the kind of person they want to be.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 11 | 6:30 PM

Crown Family High School Begins



Be a Temple Shalom Madrich(a)*!

- Join Our *Madrichim* Teen Teacher Assistant Program
- Earn money or community service hours
- Stand out on college applications
- Be a stronger candidate for summer jobs
- Make a positive impact upon students

**A madrich/a is a teacher's assistant*
8th–12th graders that have become *Bnai Mitzvah* are eligible. *Madrichim* (assistants) help out as leaders in Religious School classrooms or office on Sunday mornings, during Midweek Hebrew or Junior Youth Group events!

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens to complete your online application

Opportunities for Teens Include:

- Crown Family High School
- 8th–12th Grade *Madrichim* Teacher Assistant Program
- *Orr Shalom* Youth Group
- *L'taken* Teen Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C.
- 8th grade Chicagoland Community IsraelNow Trips
- *Orr Shalom* High School Retreat at OSRUI
- Monday Meal
- *Tikkun* Chicago Community Teen Learning

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens or contact lorikramer@sholomchicago.org to learn more.



IsraelNow Chicagoland 8th Grade Trips

This educational experience, formerly known as *Ta'am Yisrael*, is designed to give participants a meaningful, intense, emotional and focused taste of the land and their heritage through a week long, "hands-on" experience in Israel. Explore Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, archaeological digs, trek through the Negev Desert and swim in the Dead Sea, visit historical sites and museums, make friends with Israelis, engage in social justice projects and much more!

Limited Space Available! Visit israelnowtrip.org to learn more.



DEC. 26, 2023 – JAN. 3, 2024

FEB. 12 – FEB. 20, 2024

MAR. 25 – APR. 2, 2024

Temple Shalom Supports Jewish Camping

Wherever you go in life, summer camp conjures up images of friendships, laughter, playing by the lake, and learning about who you are and how to be yourself. Jewish camp brings our rich tradition alive, lifting special moments into spiritual ones. Temple Shalom has a long-standing commitment to supporting

Jewish summer camps, including a national network of URJ Reform Jewish camps along with our beloved OSRUI, where campers sing along to the same tunes they hear in our sanctuary. Newer specialty URJ 6 Points camps bring together young people from around the world with a passion for sports, arts or technology enriched within a Jewish setting.

Scholarships for summer 2024 available. Contact lorikramer@sholomchicago.org to learn more.



BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Questions regarding Religious School?

Contact **Rachel Lipson** at rachel@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1554**, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer.

Beit Sefer SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Since our founding, Religious School has been a cornerstone of Temple Sholom and that commitment to education remains today. We encourage children in JK-12th Grades to join our joyful learning community, where:

- We **embrace** our students as they are, welcoming them to feel part of something bigger.
- We **inspire** children to learn about themselves, using tools rooted in our tradition to be a force for good.
- We **matter** by making spiritual growth a priority amidst a sea of change, improving ourselves and thereby the world.



Opening Events:

SUNDAY | SEPT. 10 | 10:00 AM

Religious School Kick-off and
Shofar in the Park at Loyola Beach

**WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 20
7:00 PM | ONLINE**

Parent Orientation with Lori Kramer

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 27 | 5:30 PM
Madrachim Orientation

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 4 | 5:00 PM
Midweek Religious School Begins

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 11 | 6:30 PM
Crown Family High School Begins

SUNDAY | OCT. 15
Religious School Begins

Religious Education at Temple Sholom of Chicago includes:

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School (JK-7th Grade)

WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Midweek Religious School (3rd-7th Grade)

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Pathways/Netivot Shalom (8th Grade)
with option to work as midweek *Madrachim*
(teacher assistants)

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Crown Family High School (9th-12th Grade) with option
to work Sundays as *Madrachim* (teacher assistants)

FAMILY EDUCATION

Questions regarding Family Education? Contact **Lori Kramer**

at lorikramer@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1544**, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/family-education.

Yom Horim (Parents' Day)

Judaism begins at home. Children look to their parents to determine what is important and absorb values by observing actions. Not only do we model Jewish learning for our families, but we aspire to be a source of inspiration in their lives, sharing wisdom on parenting, building connections, and creating a space for sacred family conversation.

Welcoming All Families!

All families in the congregation are now invited to join grade-specific Yom Horim (Parents' Day) events on Sunday mornings beginning after the High Holy Days. Events include family learning, parent time with Rabbi Conover, off-site trips, and parent social time.



OrChadash

LGBTQ Members & Allies

Or Chadash, previously named *Am Keshet*, is Temple Sholom's community group built to support and embrace the ever-growing community of LGBTQ+ Reform Jews in Chicagoland. *Am Keshet* grew into its current iteration when Congregation *Or Chadash* (New Light), founded more than 40 years ago as a Jewish resource for the LGBTQ+ community, combined its membership with Temple Sholom. As one of Temple Sholom's community groups, *Or Chadash* creates a space for the LGBTQ+ community of Temple Sholom and the greater Chicagoland area to worship, learn, and socialize. It is an inclusive, intergenerational space where all people can develop bonds of friendship and spiritual connection. *Or Chadash* serves as both our community of people and our community of practice, as Temple Sholom continues to commit itself to the full inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community in all our synagogue spaces and practices. Join *Or Chadash* for an array of signature and new programs in the upcoming year.

- Collaborative services between Temple Sholom clergy and *Or Chadash* lay leadership on the 1st Friday of every month beginning at 7:45 PM. Go to sholomchicago.org/or-chadash for the full list of this year's dates
- Annual Pride *Shabbat* service where we celebrate our LGBTQ+ community
- Annual programs in partnership with other area synagogues and institutions, honoring historic markers for the LGBTQ+ community (like marching in the Chicago Pride Parade!)
- Social events where new and old friends have the opportunity to spend time together

Upcoming Or Chadash Events

FRIDAY | SEPT. 1 | 7:45 PM
Or Chadash Shabbat

See all the latest news and events at
sholomchicago.org/or-chadash

To be added to the communications list, contact **Jude Kamler** at jude@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.



Upcoming Family Programs from Mishpacha:

FRIDAY | SEPT. 8 | 5:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah & Welcome Back Tot Shabbat

SUNDAY | SEPT. 10 | 4:00 PM

Shofar in the Park

SATURDAY | SEPT. 16 | 9:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

MONDAY | SEPT. 25 | 9:00 AM

Yom Kippur Family Service

FRIDAY | SEPT. 29 | 5:00 PM

Sukkot Tot Shabbat & Congregational Celebration

SUNDAY | OCT. 22 | 1:00 PM

Fall Family Activity at Climbbzone

FRIDAY | NOV. 10 | 5:00 PM

Shabbat Mishpacha



SATURDAY | DEC. 2 | 5:00 PM

Mishpacha Zoo Lights & Havdalah

FRIDAY | DEC. 8 | 5:00 PM

Shabbat Mishpacha & Chanukah Celebration

FRIDAY | DEC. 15 | 5:00 PM

Chanukah Tot Shabbat

SATURDAY | FEB. 3 | 6:30 PM

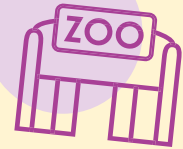
Parents Only Israeli Food & Wine Tasting

FRIDAY | MARCH 22 | 5:00 PM

Purim Tot Shabbat

FRIDAY | APRIL 5 | 5:00 PM

Shabbat Mishpacha



Mishpacha means "Family" in Hebrew. This year at Temple Sholom we look forward to growing community and relationships for children and their parents.

Stay tuned for details about Shabbat Mishpacha in 2023-2024. Visit sholomchicago.org/mishpacha for the most up-to-date information.

To learn more about Mishpacha please contact **Jude Kamler** at jude@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1542**.



Mindful Jewish Aging (MJA) brings together a dedicated group of people who are focused on exploring the spiritual gifts of life after fifty.

Sociologist Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot writes, "We must develop a compelling vision of later life, one that does not assume a trajectory of decline after fifty, but recognizes this as a time of

potential change, growth, and new learning..." While Zalman Schacter-Shalomi teaches, "As the period in which we harvest the fruits of a lifetime's labor, it gives us the panoramic vision from which spiritual wisdom flows."

Led by Cantor Katzman, Debra Paskind and Andy Simmons, the group meets on a monthly basis to study, schmooze, eat, sing and investigate this rewarding period of our lives, using ancient and modern texts, poetry, art and music as our guides.

SUNDAY | OCT. 22 | 1:00 PM
IN-PERSON | LAKE FOREST, IL

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging

To be added to the communications list, contact **Andy Simmons** at andrew.b.simmons@gmail.com

There are many ways to get involved and volunteer in social justice efforts at Temple Sholom!

Tikkun Olam, meaning "to repair or mend the world," is a cornerstone of Reform Judaism. As an integral part of the ongoing activities at Temple Sholom, our Sholom Justice projects are constantly expanding, and working on these *mitzvot* is a wonderful way to meet other Temple members and build community. New participants of all ages are always welcome!

Partnerships

- CHICAGO HELP INITIATIVE (CHI)
- HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY (HIAS)
- IL RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM (RAC-IL)
- THE JEWISH EFFECTIVE GIVING INITIATIVE
- JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS (JCUA)
- NORTHSIDE HOUSING
- NOURISHING HOPE (FORMERLY LAKEVIEW PANTRY)
- ONE NORTHSIDE
- OUR ONE JOB (FORMERLY ILLINOIS GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION)

Upcoming Events

Monday Meal Mitzvah

MONDAY | SEPT. 11, 18 & OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAY | SEPT. 10 & OCT. 8, 29

Fall Blood Drive

SUNDAY | NOV. 5 | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sholom Justice's Annual High Holiday Food Drive is back, and we need your support!

It is that time of the year for Sholom Justice's annual High Holy Day Food Drive benefitting Nourishing Hope (formerly Lakeview Pantry). Congregants will receive donation bags after *Rosh Hashanah* services that are to be brought back on *Yom Kippur* Day. We are only able to accept donations on *Yom Kippur* Day.

Find a list of items most needed at sholomchicago.org/food-drive

SHOLOM JUSTICE

Temple Sholom Programs:

Monday Meal Mitzvah

Join us each week as we prepare and serve a warm meal to those in need at Temple Sholom. Volunteers can choose to help cook & prep the dining room, or plate & serve the meal to our guests. This *mitzvah* is open to those ages 12 & up.

Feed the Hungry

Every 2nd & 5th Sunday of each month, Temple Sholom is responsible for packing and delivering bag meals to Another Chance Assembly in the Austin Neighborhood. Families/individuals can sponsor a monthly Sunday and shop for the food, assemble the bagged meals, and deliver. This *mitzvah* is great for all ages!

Prison Pen Pal Program

This program connects congregants with a pen pal who is serving time in solitary confinement in the IL Prison system. The goal is to build a connection with someone who may not receive it in their current situation. This *mitzvah* is for adult volunteers!

Blood Drives

Sholom Justice hosts 3 blood drives per year, sponsored by Vitalant (formerly LifeSource), supporting a critical life-saving service.

Advocacy Action Group

Come together with Temple Sholom congregants to discuss how we can help make systemic change on issues through advocacy and policy change, like gun violence in our state and city.

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer & serve at the Bethlehem Healing Center for their Thanksgiving meal, assemble *Chanukah* Boxes filled with food and holiday treats to be delivered to Chicagoland residents in need.

Eco Chavura

Green initiatives. The **Eco Chavurah** program creates opportunities for learning, changing to more environmentally friendly practices at Temple, work and home, and for engaging with the broader community.

Reproductive Justice

In response to last year's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Temple Sholom created a task force to take meaningful action to fight for continued access to reproductive health care in Illinois and across the Midwest.

Supporting Refugees

Temple Sholom works with a variety of partners to meet the growing needs of refugees & asylum seekers in Chicago. To date, Temple Sholom has sponsored a refugee family, supported city-wide supply drives for asylum seekers, provided meals to migrants housed in police stations, and has partnered with HIAS & JCFS to provide refugees with mentors and tutors.

Want to get involved? Join Us! Contact **Rabbi Gellman** at rabbigellman@sholomchicago.org or visit sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam for more information.



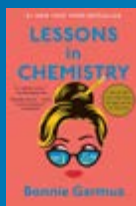
Minnie Solomon z"l BOOK CLUB

members meet on the first Thursday of each month for a lively and thoughtful discussion over current popular titles.

This group has enjoyed some wonderful discussions over titles, including *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles, *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland and *Defending Britta Stein* by Ronald Balson.

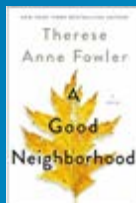
If you love reading and diving into the text, this group is for you!

This community group, named after its creator Minnie Solomon z"l, a beloved Temple Sholom member, is perfect for any book lover. Its



THURSDAY | SEPT. 7
11:00 AM
MIXED-PRESENCE

Lessons in Chemistry
By Bonnie Garmus



THURSDAY | OCT. 5
11:00 AM | ONLINE

A Good Neighborhood
By Therese Anne Fowler

For more information and the 2022–2023 full schedule, visit sholomchicago.org/book-club

To be added to the communications list, Contact **Maxine & Barbara Durst** at maxineandbarbara@aol.com.



Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America

Jewish War Veterans (JWV) is an organization dedicated to being the voice of American Jewry in the veteran community. This group meets on a monthly basis, and you do not need to be a member of Temple Sholom to participate.

*All members are welcome to join | Veteran status **NOT** necessary.*

For more information or to join JWV Post 710 community service projects, contact **Dr. Jerry Field** at jerrychicago710@gmail.com.



BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood is a growing community of Temple Sholom men supporting the mission and values of our congregation by creating opportunities for those of all ages and demographics to connect, socialize and create meaningful relationships.

We are excited for the events to come this year. These events offer a little bit of something for everyone, so be on the lookout for information about upcoming events.

If you are interested in being part of the Brotherhood Planning Committee, would like to learn more, or have event ideas, please contact **Rabbi Gellman** at rabbigellman@sholomchicago.org.

IT'S *Our* TURN

Temple Sholom's community group that creates adult-only events for those who are 50(ish) and over.

It's Our Turn (IOT) is off to an exciting start, and we're excited for what's ahead!

In July, we met for our annual Millenium Park Concert get-together! The group enjoyed a wonderful evening downtown and enjoyed good music and good company.

Upcoming IOT Events

THURSDAY | SEPT. 7 | 5:30PM

Picnic in the Park

SATURDAY | OCT. 28

A special IOT Fall Event

Watch for More IOT Events!

It's Our Turn has many great ideas for future events. Watch for Temple Sholom and IOT eBlasts for announcements and more information.

Ideas? Please contact either **Jackie Lustig** at **773-706-9953**, jackielustig@mindspring.com, or **David Goodman** at **708-421-6664**, david@sharikamikow.com.

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/iot

40s/50s

Our 40s/50s(ish) group is looking forward to the coming year ahead. This group is designed for those ages 35-55(ish) as a place for congregants of similar ages to come together and enjoy a variety of social events

by creating opportunities to form meaningful connections. No matter your relationship status, kids or no kids, this group is for you.

Be on the lookout as we add events to the calendar. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or have event ideas, please contact **Kimberly Ross** at qbj@comcast.net.

GAME DAY

Join us every week for a lively and social afternoon filled with a variety of games and some friendly competition. A few of the games played each week include Canasta and Mah Jongg. All are welcome!

THURSDAYS | 1:00 PM | IN PERSON

If you would like to get involved with Game Day, or for more information, contact **Julie Adler** at jadler@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1536**.

makom

20s/30s

Led by Rabbi Rena Singer, Makom brings together individuals and couples ages 21-39 to create a place of connection for spiritual seekers, cultural Jews, and people who are Jew-ish and/or new to Judaism. We are excited to build intimate, creative Jewish community with you!

Upcoming Makom Events

SUNDAY | SEPT 24 | 5:30 PM
Pre-Yom Kippur Dinner on Kol Nidre

FRIDAY | OCT. 20 | 6:30 PM
Makom Shabbat

Join us for

- Makom Shabbat, on the third Friday of most months, is an opportunity to take a breath and truly embrace Shabbat. Together we create space for Friday night rituals, a delicious Shabbat dinner, and connection and community. Dinners have a small fee to offset the cost.
- A pre-Yom Kippur dinner on Kol Nidre
- Collaborative programming with other Chicagoland Jewish organizations, including Base Chicago, Trybal Gatherings, and more.
- Creative holiday celebrations that bring young people together and embrace Jewish time.

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/makom. To be added to the communications list, contact **Jude Kamler** at jude@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.



SHALEM שלם

EMBRACING RACIAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY

The mission of Shalem, Temple Sholom's Embracing Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee, is to promote an inclusive environment where a cross-section of racial and cultural identities can thrive through the Jewish experience. *Shalem* means "wholeness" in

Hebrew, as we seek to welcome our community's whole selves--the intersection of racial, ethnic, and religious identities that help create a whole person.

Shalem is focused on lifting up the voices of Jewish people of Color in our community, expanding our community's knowledge of racially diverse Jewish experiences, and building our skills as a congregational community so we can continue to live our values and be a synagogue that embraces all people. We strive to create distinct spaces for Jewish People of Color to support one another and engage the wider Temple community through awareness and educational opportunities that underscore our commitment as a "Sacred Community that Embraces, Inspires and Matters."

If you are interested in getting involved in this group in any way, please reach out to Rabbi Singer at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org, and visit sholomchicago.org/ered



WTS 2023 Open House

Women of Temple Sholom (WTS) is an amazing multi-generational, inclusive and diverse community. We engage and inform on a wide variety of important current issues with many opportunities for active participation. In 2023-24 we will focus on freedom to read/ banned books and reproductive justice.

Our August Open House on the patio at Lark featured a raffle that benefited The Jewish Fund for Abortion Access to continue our support of reproductive justice. We also collected a huge amount of books, especially children's books, that we donated to Open Books, Chicago's top literacy organization, as the beginning of our campaign on freedom to read and banned books. We did all this while socializing and enjoying complementary food and drink. Join us for these upcoming programs to learn, make friends and do good.

TUESDAY | SEPT. 12

Banned Book Movie Discussion on *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* With Rebecca Martin, Professional Movie Maven and Editor-in-chief of Cinema Femme Magazine.
We will revisit the book that has been often banned since first published in 1970, and see why it is currently on the banned books list. Watch the 2023 film on your own beforehand (streaming on Prime Video, Apple TV and Youtube), then come for a fun evening of adolescent angst and contemporary outrage.

WEDNESDAY | NOV. 14

Banned Books Event Featuring a Live Performance of City Lit Theater Company's *Book on the Chopping Block*.
Professional actors will read excerpts from some of 2023's top banned books, followed by a lively conversation with special guests and Rabbi Singer.

FRIDAY | FEB. 9 | 2024

Shabbat Service Recognizing Reproductive Justice will kick off our month- long focus on reproductive justice with a variety of programs and activities.

TUESDAY | APR. 9 | 2024

WTS' Women's Seder, one of our most popular events of the year. A traditional holiday meal, a service led by our incredible clergy, joyous singing and dancing are all part of this festive event.

Recent WTS events have included: author and disability rights activist Reva Lehrer discussing her memoir *Golem Girl*; a day of art at a Bronzeville gallery renowned for its art of the African diaspora; a celebration of 50 years of women in the rabbinate with special guest Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman ordained in North America; raising funds for and packing nearly 300 post-abortion comfort care kits, and much more.

BE PART OF OUR AMAZING WOMEN'S GROUP

For only \$36 in annual dues, your WTS membership connects you with women in Temple Sholom as well as women all over the world. With your donation, WTS can continue to offer outstanding programs and events and to support organizations that impact the values we care about. A portion of your commitment will be allocated to the new Reproductive Justice Task Force.

You can become a WTS member by going to sholomchicago.org/wts, or check the Women of Temple Sholom box on your Temple membership renewal.

The annual donation will not impact your ability to become a WTS member. Please contact Rabbi Singer at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org with any financial concerns.



Inspired by our fellow congregant, Juliana Schafer, of blessed memory, the *Chesed Circle* continues to strengthen our Temple Sholom community with check-ins by phone to each household throughout the year. This effort is ongoing, and volunteers are always needed!

The *Chesed Circle Meal Train* continues to provide home-cooked and store-bought meals to congregants experiencing significant life challenges. Interested in volunteering to provide and/or deliver a meal? We are once again making High Holy Day Congregational calls, for more information & to volunteer, visit the *Chesed Circle* webpage listed below. Together, we can make a difference!

For more information about our efforts, congregational check-ins, or to volunteer, please visit sholomchicago.org/chesed-circle. To be added to the communications list, contact **Rabbi Singer** at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org.



TEMPLE SHOLOM'S CONGREGATIONAL KLEZMER BAND

We cannot wait for the vibrant sounds of *klezmer* music to fill the halls of Temple Sholom once again!

If you are a musician interested in being involved with Temple Sholom's house *Klezmer* band, please contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1545**.

Stay Connected with Us!

Hey there, wonderful community! We've got exciting updates, stories, and insights we can't wait to share. But did you know there's a way to catch all the action quicker than our D'var? Dive into our regular postings and be a part of the conversation on our social media platforms!

Like and follow us on Facebook
Temple Sholom of Chicago

or follow us on Instagram!
@sholomchicago





Inclusion Matters

At Temple Sholom of Chicago, inclusion is more than a word; it is a fundamental value that underpins our community. We firmly believe in creating an environment where everyone, regardless of ability, can find solace, participate, and contribute meaningfully. Questions about inclusion are welcomed and encouraged, as we strive to create a path for all. To us, inclusion means embracing the uniqueness of every individual and their families, offering them the necessary support to engage fully in the vibrancy of our synagogue life. We are dedicated to ensuring that every voice is heard and valued in our sacred community. Temple Sholom is committed to inclusivity in its truest sense, crafting a welcoming atmosphere where every individual can participate, contribute, and find a sense of belonging.



Inclusion at Temple Sholom means...

To fully include individuals of all abilities and their families as members of the congregational community, regardless of ability.

To allow every individual to participate fully and contribute as part of the congregation.

To welcome people of all abilities, and allow them to contribute and find meaning through participation in all aspects of synagogue life.

To welcome and offer the supports that each individual requires to fully participate in and contribute to the life of our sacred community.

For questions about Inclusion at Temple Sholom, or for more information on how to support our Inclusion efforts, please contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org.

ARZA is dedicated to advancing progressive values in Israel and making Israel a central pillar of Jewish identity for every Reform Jew.

ARZA represents the Reform Movement to the Zionist National Institutions, using our position to create a more equal, democratic, and pluralistic Israel. The Jewish State must be a society that reflects the whole Jewish people, with the respect and legitimacy granted to all denominations. We work for acceptance of the Reform Movement, addressing issues of gender equality, civil marriage, conversion, racial justice and much more. These are our values and this is our Homeland. Visit arza.org for more information.

2022–2023 Budget Year



INCOME

Dues	33%
Gan Shalom Tuition	22%
Donations	15%
Westlawn / 520 / Other	17%
Religious School Fees	7%
Investment Income	6%



EXPENSES

Salaries	54%
Benefits	14%
Maintenance & Capital Improvements ...	15%
Programs	6%
Supplies	4%
Bank Fees, Development & Misc	5%
URJ Commitment	2%

Board List

www.sholomchicago.org/president-board

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High Holy Day Services

FRIDAY | SEPT. 9

5:00 PM *Rosh Hashanah & Welcome
Back Tot Shabbat*
mixed-presence

Selichot

SATURDAY | SEPT. 8

8:00 PM Study Session
online

9:00 PM Dessert Reception
in person

9:30 PM Congregational Service
mixed-presence

Rosh Hashanah

SUNDAY | SEPT. 10

4:00 PM *Shofar in the Park*
in person

FRIDAY | SEPT. 15

Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 PM Congregational Service
mixed-presence

SATURDAY | SEPT. 16

9:00 AM Family Service
mixed-presence

11:00 AM Congregational Service
mixed-presence

4:00 PM *Tashlich* (Lakefront)
in-person

SUNDAY | SEPT. 17

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

10:30 AM Congregational and
Community Service
mixed-presence

Cemetery Visit

SUNDAY | SEPT. 24

Visit sholomchicago.org/hhd
for more information

Kol Nidre

SUNDAY | SEPT. 24

7:30 PM Congregational Service
mixed-presence



3480 N. Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60657

Yom Kippur

MONDAY | SEPT. 25

9:00 AM Family Service
mixed-presence

11:00 AM Congregational Service
mixed-presence

1:30 PM Learning Sessions
mixed-presence

3:00 PM Yizkor
mixed-presence

4:00 PM Afternoon Congregational
Service
mixed-presence

5:15 PM *N'ilah*
mixed-presence

5:45 PM *Havdalah*
mixed-presence

Sukkot

FRIDAY | SEPT. 29

5:00 PM Tot Shabbat
mixed-presence

6:15 PM Congregational Celebration
in person

SATURDAY | SEPT. 30

9:00 AM Festival Service
mixed-presence, as part of *Shabbat*
Morning Minyan

Simchat Torah

FRIDAY | OCT. 6

Erev Simchat Torah / Consecration

6:15 PM Congregational
Celebration/Consecration
mixed-presence

SATURDAY | OCT. 7

Simchat Torah / Shmini Atzeret

9:00 AM Festival Service
(including Yizkor)
mixed-presence, as part of *Shabbat*
Morning Minyan

Temple Sholom uses the term "mixed-presence" to indicate that in-person and online options are both available.

Visit sholomchicago.org/hhd for all up-to-date High Holy Day information.