

# SD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



Associate Rabbi  
**Scott  
Gellman**

I am often proud of my Temple Sholom family, but rarely more so than I have been in the past couple of months. On *Selichot*, a month before the High Holy Days, we had someone new join us. New folks are welcomed into our community just about every week, yet Phoenix was different. She dove in on *Selichot*, an admittedly this-Rabbi-wishes-it-was-more-observed holy day. Then she came every Friday night, she became a regular on Saturday mornings, at Sunday morning adult education opportunities, and every other time our community gathered. Our beloved security guard, Trinity, recalled to me that she was almost always the last one at oneg on Friday nights because she loved being with our community so much.

Her tragic passing has reminded many of us about what is spectacular about Temple Sholom.

We are a community which doesn't just welcome, we embrace and we celebrate everyone. When a new face walks in, as the Rabbi, I rush over to welcome them, but I am often late because one of you has already given that warm Temple Sholom welcome. You make everyone feel at home in our space. You meet each other outside of the building for lunch, you bring each other meals, you care for our community and you love our Temple Sholom family. That is why we continue to grow in love.

Whether you've been a member for a week or are a multi-generational family who has been a part of Temple Sholom for decades, we invite you to dive in, to feel, and pass on that warm embrace of welcoming. There are a myriad of ways to dip your toes in and try something new, all of which are in the following pages! Our community is truly special because of the inclusive, embracing, and celebrating nature which you bring when you are here. I am looking forward to being with you.

## WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

***My Second-Favorite Country:  
How American  
Jewish Children Think  
About Israel***

**By Sivan Zakai**



Israel has long occupied a prominent place in the lives and imaginations of American Jews, serving as both a symbolic touchstone and a source of intercommunal conflict. This book focuses on the complexities that our children can hold and their desire to engage in important and often difficult conversations about Israel. To lay a foundation for a relationship with Israel, we must prepare them for a world of disagreement and empower them to be strong in their complex convictions.



President  
**Sherry Weil**

Our Temple Sholom Board of Directors has been busy since our fiscal year started July 1, 2022. Here are some highlights of the what we've been working on:

Per our strategic plan, we have been focusing on Member Engagement. Chaired by Carolyn Bronstein and Lilli Kornblum, and with tremendous input from Jude Kamler, Manager of Strategic Engagement:

Membership & Community Programs, the team is working on a variety of initiatives for our members. We hosted our first New Members Open House, a virtual event where members learned about each community group from their leaders. We're looking at a Sunday afternoon in April for the next one - please keep your eyes open for a notice about this event which will be open to all members.

Board members Elizabeth Samuels and Rob Schnitz are co-chairing the search for our next Director of Lifelong Learning. We hope that you'll join one of the listening

sessions we'll be holding in January as we undertake this important mission to identify our next education leader.

I am so grateful to Caroline Grossman, our Board VP of Development, for our 100% participation in giving to the Annual Fund, with over \$30,000 committed to our end of the year campaign, and for always saying yes when asked to give. Your time, wisdom and generosity make us the community that we are today.

**Sherry Weil**  
[sherryweil0304@gmail.com](mailto:sherryweil0304@gmail.com)

# Of Blessed Memory

**NOV. 16**  
**Phoenix Schmidt**  
Temple Sholom member

**NOV. 17**  
**Marge Levine**  
Grandmother of  
Ari Levine

**NOV. 18**  
**Howard Galper**  
Husband of  
Barbara Galper

**NOV. 22**  
**Ariana Elster**  
Sister of Arthur  
(Sue) Elster

**NOV. 22**  
**April (Ben)  
Seeley**  
Temple Sholom member

**NOV. 29**  
**Ann Rabin**  
Temple Sholom member

**DEC. 9**  
**Caroline "Catsy"  
Gantz**  
Mother of Erica (Richard)  
King, grandmother of  
Rachel (Jay) Rapoport,  
great-grandmother of  
Ruthie & Emet Rapoport

**DEC. 10**  
**Ronald Spielman**  
Husband of  
Sheri Spielman

**DEC. 17**  
**Susan Kaplansky**  
Mother of Mindy  
(Dr. Edward) Kirsh,  
grandmother of Julia &  
Zoe Kirsh

# Yahrzeits / First Year

**JAN. 7**  
**Katy Cutlip**  
Step-mother of  
Robyn Ashbaugh

**JAN. 13**  
**Katrina Ray**  
Aunt of Meig Dickson

**JAN. 15**  
**Barry Miller**  
Father of Rob Miller

**JAN. 16**  
**Christine  
McDermott**  
Mother of Bob  
McDermott

**FEB. 2**  
**Marty Ross**  
Father of  
Kimberly Ross

**FEB. 3**  
**Frederic Lieber**  
Father of  
Stephanie Lieber

**FEB. 7**  
**MaryAnn Watson**  
Loved one of  
Jackie Watson

**FEB. 16**  
**Dennis Shapiro**  
Loved one of  
Sara Golub

**FEB. 27**  
**Lea Garelik**  
Grandmother of  
Reesa Schreier

# Mazal Tov

**SEPT. 30**  
**Zachary Mauer**  
on passing the Bar exam. Zach is the son of  
Cantor Aviva Katzman and Dr. Morris Mauer

**OCT. 14**  
**Allyson Siegal & Aron Dalley**  
on the birth of their daughter, Harper Ann Dalley.  
Proud grandparents are Cathy Stix & Len Siegal

**OCT. 26**  
**Rachel Shapiro & Nick Bailey**  
on the birth of their daughter, Isabella

**OCT. 27**  
**Amanda & Aaron Rios-Lebowitz**  
on the birth of their daughter, Maya Luna Rios-  
Lebowitz. Proud big sister is Olivia

**OCT. 31**  
**Alan & Andrea Berkowitz**  
on the birth of their grandson, Harrison Max  
Berkowitz. Proud parents are Joey Berkowitz  
& Emily Sasser

**NOV. 4**  
**Elizabeth & Greg Berman**  
on their wedding

**DEC. 10**  
**Barb & Steve Wolf**  
on the wedding of their daughter, Margie,  
to Jordy Bank

**DEC. 11**  
**Sonje Hawkins & Jack Marder**  
on their wedding

**DEC. 8**  
**Jay (Rachel) Rapoport**  
on the birth of Jay's niece, Devereaux Brooksie  
Saunders, daughter of Dena & Chris Saunders

**JAN. 9**  
**Helene Kohn**  
on her Exodus Haiku Collection being published  
on [reformjudaism.org](http://reformjudaism.org)

# New Members

Membership is how our sacred community  
grows! Know somebody who is interested in  
membership? Connect them with Stacy Charnay  
at [stacy@sholomchicago.org](mailto:stacy@sholomchicago.org).

**SEPT. 19**  
**Sara & Ross  
Berman**  
Elle, Sydney, Romy

**SEPT. 19**  
**Emily &  
Jason Jacob**  
Sadie

**SEPT. 20**  
**David Garelick  
& Marcelle Kott**  
Sydney, Grayson,  
Annabelle

**SEPT. 21**  
**Dana Pomerantz  
& Adam Hirsch**  
Evie, Theo

**SEPT. 21**  
**Erin Sanders**

**SEPT. 22**  
**Emily  
Rubenstein &  
Angel Rivera**  
Sadie, Micah

**SEPT. 22**  
**Elaine &  
Juda Chetrit**

**SEPT. 28**  
**Jeffrey Port**

**SEPT. 28**  
**Danielle Stoler &  
Ryan Frank**

**SEPT. 28**  
**Melissa &  
Scott Kaeser**  
Lillian, Evan

**SEPT. 29**  
**Samantha &  
Mitchell Kiven**  
Sacha

**SEPT. 29**  
**Jennifer &  
Brandon Levitan**  
Ryan, Evan

**OCT. 13**  
**Andria &  
Aaron Winters**  
Hailey, Clara, Sloane

**OCT. 14**  
**Neil Cohen &  
Susan Sher**  
Graham, Evan

**OCT. 15**  
**Meagan  
McCarver &  
Steven Gerchen**

**OCT. 17**  
**Dara Gremmels**  
Avery, Annalise, William

**OCT. 18**  
**Elaine Roth**

**OCT. 25**  
**Lance & Marcy  
Fortnow**  
Nico

**NOV. 7**  
**Pam & Richard  
Goldsmith**  
Ella, Jack

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](mailto:lori@sholomchicago.org) to share the news with us. Thank you!

## B'nai Mitzvah

**DEC. 22**  
Matthew Sarnoff

**DEC. 26**  
Ilai Ofer

**JAN. 14**  
Harrison Reese

**JAN. 21**  
Oliver Charfoos

**JAN. 21**  
Arlo Heltzer

**JAN. 28**  
Camryn Moss

**FEB. 4**  
Alejandro and  
Roberto Mickelson

**FEB. 18**  
Stella Blum

**FEB. 18**  
Gabrielle Greenbaum

## Worship Schedule

Please watch our weekly eBlast, Sholom Weekly, for information about which services are mixed-presence (in person & virtual).

**FRIDAY | JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**FRIDAY | FEB. 3, 10, 17, 24**

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY | JAN. 7, 14, 21, 28**

**SATURDAY | FEB. 4, 11, 18, 25**

**9:00 AM** Minyan Service

**9:45 AM** Torah Study

## Special Services

**FRIDAY | JAN. 6**  
**7:45 PM** Or Chadash Shabbat

**FRIDAY | JAN. 13**  
**6:15 PM** Sholom Justice Shabbat & Shabbat  
Mishpacha featuring 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**FRIDAY | JAN. 20**  
**6:15 PM** Mental Health Shabbat  
**6:30 PM** Makom Shabbat

**FRIDAY | JAN. 27**  
**6:15 PM** Jay Rapoport, RJE, Farewell Shabbat

**FRIDAY | FEB. 3**  
**6:15 PM** Camp Shabbat Mishpacha Featuring  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
**7:45 PM** Or Chadash Shabbat

**FRIDAY | FEB. 17**  
**6:15 PM** Reproductive Justice Shabbat

**FRIDAY | FEB. 24**  
**6:15 PM** Shabbat featuring Chesed



**DAYENU**  
A Jewish Call to Climate Action

This *Tu BiShvat* we are excited to partner with Dayenu, a Jewish Call to Climate Action for an educational and inspiring program on why climate action is a Jewish value!

We'll thaw out from the freezing winter temperatures inside the warm indoor gardens at the Lincoln Park Conservatory and learn from leaders at Dayenu how we as Jewish people are uniquely situated to take action together to confront the climate crisis through a spiritual lens.

**SUNDAY | FEB. 5 | 1:00 PM**  
*Tu BiShvat* at the Lincoln Park Conservatory  
visit [sholomchicago.org/tu-bishvat](https://sholomchicago.org/tu-bishvat) for more details!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Congregational  
Purim Event*

**MONDAY | MAR 6**

Visit [sholomchicago.org/purim](https://sholomchicago.org/purim)  
for details!

\*This event is for those 21+



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*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.*

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## Meet the Extraordinary Changemaker Dima Zaghal

**WEDNESDAY | JAN. 11 | 7:00 PM**

Dima is a Palestinian-American artist who is passionate about advocating for peaceful connections between Palestinians and Israelis. Learn about her work with Building Together, a US-based NGO that creates connections between Palestinians and Israelis for shared respect and economic benefit. Join us in person or online for a moving conversation and delicious treats.

Visit [sholomchicago.org/dima](https://sholomchicago.org/dima) to register and for more details!



# Gan Shalom

## Early Childhood Education Center

The Gan Shalom community has had a very busy fall celebrating Thanksgiving, Chanukah and learning all about the seasons!

We spent time outside collecting leaves, brought nature into our classrooms, and experienced pumpkins, squash, and corn in our sensory tables. The children created beautiful menorahs, Thanksgiving center pieces and enjoyed some process-oriented art projects for the holidays. Our JK children visited Merlo Public Library for a special program with the librarian and we performed a special Hebrew show for the Holocaust survivors that Temple Shalom hosted. Gan Shalom has had some renovations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and parent/child classrooms and gym. We also opened a second 4–10-month-old baby class that starts in Jan. 2023! Registration for the 2023/2024 school year opened on Dec. 5. Space is limited.

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



Outdoor playground fun in the magic tree house!



A classroom filled with smiles as the babies in our Parent/Child program enjoy fun with the parachute



The Orange Class going on a special leaf hunt outside the Temple looking for colorful fall leaves!



# Lifelong Learning

אם אין אני לי, מי לי; וכשאני לעצמי, מה אני; ואם לא עכשיו, אימתי.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am for myself alone, then what am I? And, if not now, when?

Pirkei Avot 1:14

Teens with the mayoral candidates



## Engaging our Community: Temple Sholom's Mayoral Forum

By Kathy Shaevel, Temple Sholom Adult Education Committee Member

On the evening of Nov. 9, 2022, Temple Sholom's Adult Education and Social Justice Committees presented a public forum at our synagogue entitled "Vision for Chicago." This engaging evening showcased eleven mayoral candidates who were invited to speak on their specific plans to improve our city.

The forum was attended in person by approximately two hundred congregants and community members, including teens from Temple Sholom's Crown Family High School, and another two hundred households joined online. This significant event was covered by multiple TV and newspaper outlets, and was the first major mayoral candidate event for the upcoming mayoral primary to be held on Feb. 28, 2023. If no candidate receives a majority of votes on that day, a runoff election will be held on Apr. 4, 2023. While Mayor Lori Lightfoot was initially confirmed to attend the forum, her staff responded that she would be unavailable due to a conflict as the event drew near.

Candidates were given questions in advance and each had an opportunity to clearly outline their vision for Chicago on these important topics. Most candidates were very thorough and thoughtful in their responses. Several of the candidates had first-hand experience in dealing with the issues either personally or in their work. Rabbi Conover and Temple Sholom staff did an excellent job organizing the event in such a way as to ensure an opportunity for each candidate to share what they believe is most important for Chicago at this time of great need and great potential. All candidates were respectful of each other and responsive to the questions asked. The evening ended with candidates and those in attendance arm in arm singing "Sanctuary" with Cantor Sheera Ben-David. It was a night to remember, as well as a model for respectful conversations amidst differing opinions. Many thanks to our clergy and Adult Education/Sholom Justice sub-committee (Jon Siner, chair, Barbara Durst, Arthur Elster and Larry Levinson) for the execution of this successful and important event.

Temple Sholom staff and Board President with the Chicago mayoral candidates



## ADULT EDUCATION

For full class and scholar descriptions, explore our curriculum at [www.sholomchicago.org/adult-education](http://www.sholomchicago.org/adult-education) and register online via web calendar [www.sholomchicago.org/calendar](http://www.sholomchicago.org/calendar). Questions regarding Adult Education? Contact **Lori Curtis** at [lori@sholomchicago.org](mailto:lori@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1531**.

**At this time, all Adult Education classes are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.**

### Learn with our Clergy

#### Prayer & Liturgy 101

with Cantor Sheera Ben-David  
**SUNDAYS | JAN. 15 - FEB. 12**  
**11:00 AM | MIXED-PRESENCE**

Deepen your understanding of the main Jewish prayers and Sacred Music within our *Shabbat* services and Jewish Liturgy. Cantor Ben-David will spend time delving into worship, prayer comprehension and the choreography that guides us when we pray.

#### Israel 101

with Rabbi Singer  
**WEDNESDAYS | FEB. 1, 22, MAR. 22, APR. 19, MAY 10 | 7:30 PM**

Together we will study the history and geography of Israel and how this effects the life and politics of the state today.

### Other Learning Opportunities

#### Talmud Study

with Rabbi Conover  
**TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM**

#### Wednesday Morning Study Group

**WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM**  
**MIXED-PRESENCE**

**JANUARY** **Exploring Reform Judaism**

with Rabbi Gellman

**FEBRUARY** **Classic Jewish Folk Tales & Short Stories**  
with Rabbi Singer

### Sunday Classes

#### Meet the President

with Sherry Weil  
**SUNDAY | FEB. 26 | 9:30 AM**

The Adult Ed Committee invites you to participate in a special talk by Temple Sholom President Sherry Weil. Sherry will share an update on the Visioning and Strategic Planning Process at Temple and answer any questions that congregants may have. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know our Temple President better and to hear about our exciting present and future Temple plans.

#### Film Nights with Cliff Scott-Rudnick

##### Spaceballs

**MONDAY | JAN. 23**  
**7:00 PM**  
**MIXED-PRESENCE**



##### Abe

**MONDAY | FEB. 6**  
**7:00 PM**  
**MIXED-PRESENCE**



### Guest Scholar Series



#### Through the Eyes of the Other

With Rachel Korazim

**SUNDAY | JAN. 15 | 9:30 AM**

Over twenty percent of Israeli citizens are Arabs. They are mainly Muslim with a relatively small Christian minority. They are an integral part of Israeli society. They are our doctors and nurses, they build our houses, and work with the needy as social workers. They also have a very rich literature of both prose and poetry, written in Arabic and sometimes in Hebrew. In our session we will encounter the most famous among Arab writers in Israel: from Emile Habibi who is long gone all the way to young contemporary poets: men and women who will open a door for us into the lives of those who many see as "The Others." The session will be insightful but not always easy.



#### Big Business Profits During the Holocaust

With Peter Hayes  
**SUNDAY**

**JAN. 22 | 9:30 AM**

In his recent book, *Profits and Persecution: German Big Business and the Holocaust*, Professor Hayes traces the ways by which the German corporate world became deeply implicated in—indeed, indispensable to—the Nazi regime's persecution, exploitation, and murder of Europe's Jews. He argues that these developments stemmed inexorably from choices the nation's leading corporate executives made in 1933, at the very outset of Nazi rule.



#### From Brokenness to Healing

With Ellen Blum Barish  
**SUNDAY**

**JAN. 29 | 9:30 AM**

Ellen Blum Barish's journey of healing from a silenced childhood trauma is reflected in her recently published memoir, *Seven Springs* (published by Shanti Arts, 2021). Ellen will read selections from her book and talk about how writing it helped her reunite with her past self, and what she now understands as faith. She will talk about themes of brokenness, repair, Jewish mysticism, and writing.



## Guest Scholar Series Continued



### "Kosher Hits" – Jewish Comedy

With "Radio Dave" Milberg  
**SUNDAY | FEB 5 | 9:30 AM**

"Radio Dave" Milberg has *schlepped* all over the music world to find this mostly *meshugana* music, so you shouldn't have to be *verklemt*. As an added attraction, there were actually some Hebrew melodies that became pop and rock hits on their own, without parodying any well-known earlier recordings. These are included, too, along with the now truly rare (e.g., the Alma Gluck version of *Hatikvah*, recorded in 1918, that sold a million copies in 1919).



### Disability and the Politics of Healing

With Rabbi Julia Watts Belser  
Co-sponsored by Inclusion Committee  
**SUNDAY | FEB. 12 | 9:30 AM**

"The lame shall leap, and the mute shall sing." In a famous passage from the Bible, the prophet Isaiah imagines the world to come as a world where human bodies are transformed. But what are the social and political implications of these images of heavenly healing, and how do they resonate with contemporary calls for disability pride and disability justice? We'll bring ancient Jewish sources into conversation with contemporary voices from disability communities—and grapple together with questions of disability, difference, and the politics of healing.

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Questions regarding Youth Engagement? Contact **Sam Cohen** at [sam@sholomchicago.org](mailto:sam@sholomchicago.org), or visit [www.sholomchicago.org/youth-group](http://www.sholomchicago.org/youth-group).



Crown Family High School teens with guest author Elly Fishman & family



Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Escape Room

## 2023 RETREATS AT URJ CAMP OSRUI

**Orr Shalom High School Retreat**  
**JAN. 13-15 | 2023**

**Mishpacha (Family) Camp Getaway**  
**and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Retreat**  
**MAR. 10-12 | 2023**

Experience the magic of camp with other Temple Shalom families and our clergy, education & engagement teams – siblings welcome!

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders can have their own experience staying in cabins with teachers, teen *Madrichim* and friends.

Reserve your spot today at [sholomchicago.org/getaway!](http://sholomchicago.org/getaway!)

## URJ Camping Enrollment is open for Summer 2022!

Visit [URJCamps.org](http://URJCamps.org) or [OSRUI.org](http://OSRUI.org)

Temple Shalom will split the \$425 cost with you for OSRUI's *Kallah Atid* 5-day trial session for rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders Aug. 9-13!

Visit [OSRUI.org](http://OSRUI.org) to learn more about their programs and generous scholarship opportunities.

## BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Questions regarding Religious School? Contact **Rachel Lipson** at [rachel@sholomchicago.org](mailto:rachel@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1554**, or visit [www.sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer](http://www.sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer).

*Beit Sefer* **SHALOM**  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Religious School Sukkah Visit



New Student Consecration



**SAVE THE DATE**  
[sholomchicago.org/purim](http://sholomchicago.org/purim)

Purim Carnival!  
**SUNDAY | MAR. 5**

## mishpacha

family || community || friends

Mishpacha had a wonderful fall season filled with festive holidays and heart-warming family programming! As winter arrived, we loved attending the Lincoln Park Zoo Lights as a group and celebrating Chanukah as one big community! As we begin a new year, we are inspired to continue to find ways to come together and mark special moments with our families. Whether it be at Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Mishpacha, Yom Horim (Parents' Day) on Sunday mornings, or our Parent Programming, we hope you will join us in 2023 for an exciting year of family events!

## Upcoming Mishpacha (Family) Programs:



### FRIDAY | JAN. 13

**6:15 PM** Sholom Justice Shabbat & Shabbat Mishpacha featuring 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### SUNDAY | JAN. 15

**9:45 AM** Parenting Conversation (Onsite)

### SUNDAY | JAN. 22

**9:30 AM** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim

### SUNDAY | JAN. 29

**10:00 AM** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Yom Horim  
**12:30 PM** Family Activity (Offsite after Jr. Congregation)

### FRIDAY | FEB. 3

**5:00 PM** Tu B'Shvat Tot Shabbat  
**6:15 PM** Camp Shabbat Mishpacha featuring 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

### SUNDAY | FEB. 5

**9:00 AM** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades Yom Horim Trip to IL Holocaust Museum

### THURSDAY | FEB. 9

**7:00 PM** Parents-Only Israeli Sommelier Experience

### SUNDAY | FEB. 12

**9:45 AM** Parent Brunch (Offsite)

### SUNDAY | FEB. 26

**9:45 AM** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim Trip to Community Mikvah

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

For the most up-to date information, visit [sholomchicago.org/mishpacha](http://sholomchicago.org/mishpacha)

To learn more about Mishpacha please contact **Jude Kamler** at [jude@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jude@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1542**.





Visit [sholomchicago.org/wts](https://sholomchicago.org/wts) to join, learn more about Women of Temple Sholom, and to register for any event listed.

Women of Temple Sholom's theme this year is **Reproductive Justice**, and many of our events and programs will offer education and opportunities to become involved in a variety of ways, especially as we continue our role as host of the temple's WTS/Sholom Justice/Makom Reproductive Justice Task Force.

Your \$36 annual dues will help us promote Reproductive Justice throughout the year, as well as support many organizations that work for issues we care about. So far this year, WTS dues have helped further the work of RAC-IL, Midwest Access Coalition, Men4Choice, Planned Parenthood IL and Midwest Access Project. If you are not already making your voice heard as a WTS member, please join now.

## Annual Women's Shabbat

**FRIDAY | MAR. 10 | 6:15 PM | TEMPLE | MIXED-PRESENCE**

WTS has two exciting reasons to celebrate this *Shabbat*. It's our annual observance of International Women's Day (Mar. 8), AND this year marks 50 years of women in the rabbinate. Please join us for a spotlight on Women of Temple Sholom with special readings and an inspiring guest speaker. It's also an opportunity to celebrate the amazing women who lead our clergy team – Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Singer and Cantor Ben-David, who all stand on the shoulders of the pioneering women of a half-century ago.



## Our Women's Seder – A Festive Tradition

**TUESDAY | MAR. 21 | 6:00 PM | IN PERSON**

We're in person again after three years on Zoom only! This is our most anticipated WTS event of the year! We're pre-celebrating Passover with our own specially-created *Haggadah*, a delicious meal, and joyous music, lead by our rabbis and cantor. More information to come on deadlines, pricing and other details. For now, just put the date on your calendar.

## Reproductive Justice Task Force Update:

We will continue to share information on ways you can become involved in the reproductive justice issue, including letter-writing, rallies, escorting to abortion clinics, and more.

Visit [sholomchicago.org/repro-volunteer](https://sholomchicago.org/repro-volunteer) for some opportunities from Planned Parenthood of Illinois.

## 'Mean Girls' Movie Night Revealed Fresh Look at Gossiping

Rabbi Rena Singer led WTS in an eye-opening discussion of gossip, bullying, cliques and meanness during our annual movie night in December when we talked about the classic film "Mean Girls." She explained why it's

her favorite movie and how Jewish texts offer insight, advice and a lot to think about. It was a fun evening with a great group of women – and not a mean girl among them!

## Coming Soon....

A joint event with Makom and WTS - a multi-generational evening of fun, with a social justice component.

## Collaboration with NCJW

We're working on an exciting partnership with National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) on its project to create post-abortion comfort care kits that NCJW will deliver to local abortion providers. We will start collecting needed items at the Women's Shabbat through the Women's Seder, and then assemble the kits with the Reproductive Justice Task Force in April. More details to follow.



While LGBTQ+ Pride Month, which is observed in June, is often seen as the center of the yearly "queer calendar," we also observed important dates in the fall months: LGBTQ+ History Month, in October, and Transgender Day of Remembrance, on Nov. 20. As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder, it seems fitting that, after the warm, summery celebration of the Pride parade, we turn towards remembrance,

honoring our ancestors, reflecting on queer history, and mourning those we've lost.

The Or Chadash (Hebrew for "New Light") community is a deeply intergenerational community, spanning the gender & sexuality spectra. Over the years, our members have experienced triumphs and tribulations, successes and setbacks, as the tides of LGBTQ+ rights and acceptance have waxed and waned. In the U.S., transgender & non-binary people have greater visibility and cultural presence than ever before, but we also continue to face discrimination in healthcare,

physical and emotional violence, and demonization, not unlike the cruelty and malice directed towards gays & lesbians during the height of the AIDS crisis. What's old is new again. However, that's why we return, again and again, to our history and to remembering those who came before us, who blazed trails so we could walk a little lighter. May the memories and stories of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, and trans ancestors who came before us be a blessing, and may we keep the light they lit burning brightly.

*Written by Nathan J. Lamp  
Or Chadash Steering Committee*

We are excited to offer mixed-presence Or Chadash late services! Join us in person or online via Zoom (no registration required).

## Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | JAN. 6 | 7:45 PM

FRIDAY | FEB. 3 | 7:45 PM

For more information, visit

[sholomchicago.org/or-chadash](https://sholomchicago.org/or-chadash) To be added to the communications list, contact **Jude Kamler** at [jude@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jude@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1542**.

## IT'S *Our* TURN

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



*IOT's highly competitive dreidel competition*

## Chanukah, Oh Chanukah!

IOT was so excited to welcome in Chanukah together this year, and in person, at our annual Chanukah party! We moved offline and enjoyed festive foods, music, good friends, and of course our competitive dreidel competition. We are so glad we were able to start the Chanukah celebrations early with the IOT community, and we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

## Coming Soon...

On Feb. 2, IOT will be welcoming former Chicago Alderman, Professor Emeritus and author, Dick Simpson, as he discusses his career in politics, teaching and books he has written. He will also be talking about what elections mean to a city and how past election outcomes have affected Chicago as we know it today. This event is hosted by IOT, but open to all members of the congregation. We are also busy planning social events for the spring and be sure to join us for Shabbat featuring IOT on Mar. 17.

Watch for future IOT emails to stay up to date on upcoming events.

Ideas? Please contact either **Jackie Lustig** at **773-706-9953**, [jackielustig@mindspring.com](mailto:jackielustig@mindspring.com), or **David Goodman** at **708-421-6664**, [david@shrikamikow.com](mailto:david@shrikamikow.com). For more information, visit [sholomchicago.org/iot](https://sholomchicago.org/iot)





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**CHESED CIRCLE**

Building Community Through Kindness

As we kick off 2023, the Chessed Circle would like to thank all our congregants who continue to support our efforts. Whether it was volunteering to make congregational phone calls during the High Holy Days or continue to support our congregants in need through meal trains, we cannot thank you enough!

Our meal train efforts are still going strong. We have heard over and over from recipients how appreciative they are to have extra support during challenging times.

**SAVE THE DATE** for our special *Shabbat* service featuring the Chessed Circle on Friday, Feb. 24 and get excited for our *Chessed for Challahs* event, coming soon!

Be on the lookout for our next round of congregational calls around Passover!

For more information on our bi-annual congregational calls, meal trains and other Chessed projects, or to sign up to be a Chessed Circle volunteer, be sure to visit [sholomchicago.org/cheded-circle](https://sholomchicago.org/cheded-circle).

*Makom's Intimate Zeitlin Shabbat*

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**Leading up to the end of the year, Makom focused on hosting events full of warmth and connection.**

In December, we hosted a *Shabbat After Dark* and *Chanukah* celebration that allowed us to meet new and old friends while we lit the candles and enjoyed delicious food together. A few days later, we had the first meeting of Makom's new book club at Wilde Bar & Restaurant and enjoyed discussing Helena

Greer's *Season of Love* over appetizers. It was a pretty busy *Chanukah* season for us!

Makom has been preparing events that will focus on bringing our community closer together while enjoying comfortable rituals. There is a new class of leaders with Makom, and they are bringing an energy that is intent on being fun and original, and we can't wait to show you what we have in store!

*Written by Robyn Ashbaugh*

Makom is excited to begin our 2023 Young Couples Cohort! This cohort will create a space for couples ages 21-39 to come together and form relationships, discuss the joys and challenges of partnerships, and find community.

If you are interested in joining the cohort, please contact Rabbi Singer at [rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org](mailto:rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org).

### Upcoming Makom Events:

**FRIDAY | JAN. 20 | 6:30 PM**  
*Makom Shabbat*

**FRIDAY | FEB. 17 | 6:30 PM**  
*Makom Shabbat*

For more information, visit [sholomchicago.org/makom](https://sholomchicago.org/makom). To be added to the communications list, contact **Jude Kamler** at [jude@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jude@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1542**.

# SHOLOM JUSTICE

## Monday Meal

MONDAY | JAN. 9, 16, 23, 30 & FEB. 6, 13, 27

## Feed the Hungry

SUNDAY | JAN. 8, 29 & FEB. 12

## Winter Blood Drive

SUNDAY | JAN. 29

## Save the Date!

### Sholom Justice Shabbat featuring ConTextos

FRIDAY | JAN. 13

6:15PM

MIXED-PRESENCE

Join us for our annual Sholom Justice Shabbat, as we welcome ConTextos! Members of ConTextos will join us during the service as they share their stories that illuminate, elevate voices, create proximity, challenge assumptions, build empathy, stimulate conversation, and change minds and actions of diverse audiences.

## Program Updates

In November, the Monday **Meal Mitzvah (MMM)** hosted our annual Thanksgiving meal! This was our first holiday meal back in person since 2019. We appreciate all our MMM volunteers who helped cook and prepare a delicious turkey feast and make the space warm and inviting to kick off the holiday season. Our guests also enjoyed musical entertainment by our wonderful Cantor Ben-David. To volunteer at a future meal, please visit [sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam](http://sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam).

**Feed the Hungry (FTH)** continues to receive support from congregants and Religious School classes, and Another Chance Assembly appreciates our donations each month to help serve their community. FTH is a terrific opportunity for families to complete this mitzvah from the comfort of their own homes, and then deliver the meals to see where they are going and who they are supporting.

Packed, sealed, and delivered! Another year, and another successful Chanukah Box Project completed. Since the pandemic, this was our first **Chanukah Box Project** that we had our volunteers back in-person. With the help of dedicated packers and drivers, Sholom Justice was able to provide the ingredients to make a warm Chanukah meal for over 70 individuals and families in need in the Chicagoland area. Each year we continue to hear how appreciative the recipients of these boxes are. As always, a special shout-out to the Crown Family High School students who assemble and label the boxes for us!



Crown Family High School assembling Chanukah Boxes



Packing our annual Chanukah Boxes



Monday Meal Mitzvah Thanksgiving Meal

Questions about Sholom Justice, contributing items to the Monday Meal, getting involved or being added to our e-blast? Contact **Toby Sanders** at [toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:toby@sholomchicago.org) or visit [sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam](http://sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam) for more information. Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar.





# GAME DAY

For all game lovers, join a lively and social group that meets weekly for some friendly competition. The group meets each Thursday to play Mah Jongg, Canasta, and other various games.

**THURSDAYS | 1:00 PM | IN PERSON**

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If you would like to get involved with Game Day, or for more information, contact **Toby Sanders** at [toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:toby@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1536**.



# Mindful Jewish Aging


Join us each month to explore the spiritual gifts of life after 50 through ancient and modern texts, poetry, art and music.

<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>JAN. 7   1:00 PM</b> <b>ZOOM</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>FEB. 4   1:00 PM</b> <b>MIXED-PRESENCE*</b>
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\*locations subject to change

For more information, visit [sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging](https://sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging). To be added to the communications list, contact **Toby Sanders** at [Toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:Toby@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1546**.



# Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

Join our monthly book club on the first Thursday of each month.

**THURSDAY | JAN. 5 | 11:00 AM**  
**MIXED-PRESENCE**  
"The Personal Librarian"  
By M. Benedict & V. Christopher

**THURSDAY | FEB. 2 | 11:00 AM**  
**MIXED-PRESENCE**  
"The Lincoln Highway" By Amor Towles

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\*locations subject to change

For more information and the 2023 full schedule, visit [www.sholomchicago.org/book-club](https://www.sholomchicago.org/book-club).

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# SHALEM שְׁלֵמָה

## EMBRACING RACIAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY

**Shalem was proud to bring guest speaker Tonika Lewis Johnson to our Shalem Shabbat in November for Part 1 of our exploration of the Folded Map Project.**

We learned about the origins and consequences of redlining, and how to get proximate to the prevailing issue of a racially segregated Chicago. This winter, we are excited to continue exploring the Folded Map Action Kit.

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Look out for more community programs from *Shalem* around culture, food, and community, opportunities to engage in small group discussions around racism and representation, and programs built to connect Jews of color. If you are interested in getting involved in this group in any way, please reach out to **Rabbi Singer** at [rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org](mailto:rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org), and visit [sholomchicago.org/ered](https://sholomchicago.org/ered)



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## *Westlawn Cemetery and Lakeshore Jewish Funerals are part of the Temple Sholom Family.*

It's not that unusual for a Jewish temple to own a cemetery, but less common for a temple to own a funeral business. Rather than a large, national chain or investment group, Westlawn and Lakeshore are owned by Temple Sholom and have been part of the temple family since the 1950s.

Samuel Harris Jr., a Temple Sholom member during the Rabbi Binstock era, began purchasing parcels in 1937, the year Westlawn was consecrated. He wanted the temple to have a cemetery and sold the land for the low price of \$100,000 in the mid-1950s.

Over 50,000 people have been buried at Westlawn, including notable Chicagoans like Gene Siskel and Shel Silverstein. Westlawn's goal has always been to provide a sacred space for families in Chicago regardless of their affiliation and memberships. With a mission to provide personal attention and dignity, Westlawn has listened to the needs of the Reform Jewish community over the years and offers a wide variety of burial options.

In 1998, phase 1 of the Westlawn Mausoleum was constructed, and in 2004 the second phase was completed. Providing an entombment option has allowed families to honor their loved ones year-round in a climate-controlled environment for over 25 years.

Westlawn also offers several cremation options. Glass niches are available in the mausoleum and new garden niches in the cemetery. In 2021, The Bridge of Loving Memory was completed which crosses a large lagoon in a beautiful section of the cemetery. At the base of the bridge on both sides, garden niches are available for those who choose cremation.

Changes in demographics over the years have resulted in a relocation of many Jewish funerals outside of Chicago. Westlawn Jewish Funerals was established in 2006 and changed its name to Lakeshore Funerals in order to appeal to families interested in Jewish funerals in Chicago. Funeral or memorial services can take place at Temple Sholom, Westlawn's

chapel, the grave site, or the family's temple of choice. Lakeshore Jewish Funerals also offers pre-arrangement packages to temple members at a discounted rate. This is cost-effective, informs family members of a loved one's wishes, and removes some of the burden later when death occurs.

*"The Temple Sholom clergy staff is always available to temple members in their hour of need. Whether planning in advance, or making arrangements for the death of a loved one, Westlawn Cemetery and Lakeshore Jewish Funerals are part of our temple family, and are here for you."*

*- Rabbi Shoshanah Conover*

