

# SD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

**MARCH/APRIL 2023**



Cantor  
**Sheera  
Ben-David**

The moment I came to interview at Temple Sholom and saw the name of our building etched in stone – "The Frankenstein Memorial Building" – I knew I was home. As a lover of horror movies and thrillers, it tickles me every time I enter the synagogue. This is on my mind as we head into the two important holidays of *Purim* and *Pesach* in the months of March & April, or as I like to think of them "Persian Horror Story" and "Passover Horror Story". I have come to think of them that way as a fan of all Ryan Murphy shows, like "American Horror Story".

It has always fascinated me how intense self-preservation becomes when one is being chased, targeted, attacked or even just

disliked. That happens for groups of people too. When we are fighting for our rights and lives, we tend to hold tighter to who we are and our beliefs. For thousands of years, the Jewish people have been living through these real life scary movies. Our Temples have been destroyed, people like Haman have plotted our demise, Pharaoh enslaved us, we have endured mass murder and still today, we face antisemitism. All this adversity has brought us closer, made us feel vulnerable and turned us into a fight or flight kind of tribe.

My concern has always been that our pride as a people comes from this place of fear and survival. We can easily forget who we are, our purpose, our traditions and the beauty of Judaism without any outside forces working against us. For many, the horror of the Holocaust solidified our need to grow back as a people both emotionally and physically. But,

perhaps in our desperation to thrive again and build ourselves back up, we have missed the essence of what our faith is all about. We easily lose sight of the rituals, the lifestyle and wisdom that the Torah provides us; that is who we are – not just a persecuted tribe fighting for survival. As we get ready for another wild masquerade of *Purim* and a *Passover Seder* that illuminates our salvation this season, let us not forget that our oppressors do not define us. We are blessed with such a rich heritage and history and it stands on its own, worthy of devotion, whether we have evil after us or not. Let's celebrate, let's never forget, but let's hold tight to what really makes us the Jewish people. *Chag Sameach!*

Cantor Ben-David  
[cantorbendavid@sholomchicago.org](mailto:cantorbendavid@sholomchicago.org)

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Night Congregational & Community* **Passover Seder**

Kosher-Style Passover Dinner

**THURSDAY | APR. 6 | 6:00 PM**

Learn more and register at [sholomchicago.org/passover](https://sholomchicago.org/passover)

For questions or financial assistance, contact [jadler@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jadler@sholomchicago.org) or 773-435-1538

# Of Blessed Memory

---

**DEC. 25**

**Walter Hess**

Father of Kathy  
(Ken) Tallering

**JAN. 6**

**Arlene Tucker**

Temple Sholom member

**JAN. 10**

**Sonya Olex**

Grandmother of Morgan  
(Brian) Goldberg

**FEB. 3**

**Jerrold Weinstein**

Father of Jorie Cummis

**FEB. 8**

**Adrienne G.  
Rosenberg**

Mother of Julie Adler

# Yahrzeits / First Year

---

**MAR. 1**

**Donald Kaplan**

Father of Sara Kaplan

**MAR. 3**

**Pamela Forbes**

Sister-in-law of Joyce  
Bodenberg

**MAR. 9**

**Eugene  
Pergament**

Loved one of Paula  
Pergament

**MAR. 15**

**Joseph Mann**

Father of David Mann

**MAR. 19**

**Charles Ahern**

Father of Ellen Ahern

**MAR. 22**

**Michael Brown**

Brother of Linda Arrandt

**APR. 3**

**Don Sebastian Jay**

Loved one of Glori  
Rosenson

**APR. 8**

**Samuel Howard  
Reese**

Father of Rob Reese

**APR. 10**

**Jan Albers**

Mother of Karen Titus

**APR. 16**

**Jay Glickman**

Brother of Jodi Glickman

**APR. 24**

**Sari Lipschultz**

Mother of David Lipschultz

# Mazel Tov

---

**NOV. 28**

**Emma & Baer Lederman**

on the birth of their son, Gabriel Baer Lederman.

**JAN. 10**

**Debbie & Max Barack**

Debbie & Max Barack on the birth of their daughter, Sari Dana Barack. Proud big sister is Daria.

**JAN. 18**

**Helena & Donald Solomon**

on the birth of their granddaughter, Nelly Hazel Solomon. The proud parents are Yoni & Aliza.

**FEB. 1**

**Rabbi Scott Gellman & Ma'ayan Eckstein**

on the birth of their son, Amitai Herschel Gellman-Eckstein. Proud big brother is Yair.

**FEB. 18**

**Linda Goodman & David Narefsky**

on the wedding of their daughter Laura Narefsky & Nathan Caplan.

# 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](mailto:jude@sholomchicago.org).

**NOV. 9**

**Mark Donlin**

**NOV. 12**

**Aaron Gruen & Debra Jeans**

**NOV. 15**

**Linda Remaker**

**NOV. 19**

**Thomas & Ida Anger**

**DEC. 1**

**Larry & Cindy Jacobson**

**DEC. 12**

**Carole Burstein**

**DEC. 15**

**Nancy Henig & Josh Verdon**

**DEC. 23**

**Jason & Leila Goldberg**

Stephen

**JAN. 4**

**Morgan & Brian Goldberg**

Gerald, Janie

**JAN. 17**

**Dana & Luke Parker**

# B'nai Mitzvah

---

**MARCH 11**

**Molly Balson**

**MARCH 18**

**Samuel Walsh**

**MARCH 25**

**Ilai Ofer**

**APRIL 1**

**Luca and Dillon Sevim**

**APRIL 15**

**Ezra Cohen**

**APRIL 22**

**Halen Snitow**

**APRIL 22**

**Asher Horowitz**

**APRIL 29**

**Reed Levin**

---

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!

# Worship Schedule

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

**FRIDAY | MAR. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**FRIDAY | APR. 7, 14, 21, 28**

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Service

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

**SATURDAY | APR. 8, 15, 22, 29**

**9:00 AM** Minyan Service

**9:45 AM** Torah Study

## Special Services

**FRIDAY | MAR. 3**

**5:00 PM** Purim Tot Shabbat

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Featuring Klezmer Band

**7:45 PM** Or Chadash Shabbat

**FRIDAY | MAR. 10**

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Featuring

Women of Temple Sholom

**FRIDAY | MAR. 17**

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Featuring It's Our Turn

**6:30 PM** Makom Shabbat

**THURSDAY | APR. 6**

**10:30 AM** 1<sup>st</sup> Day Passover Service at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road

**6:00 PM** Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder, Service & Dinner at Temple Sholom

**WEDNESDAY | APR. 12**

**10:30 AM** 7<sup>th</sup> Day Passover Service/Yizkor at Temple Sholom

**FRIDAY | APR. 21**

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Mishpacha Featuring 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**6:30 PM** Makom Shabbat

**!** If you are interested in any events listed in this D'var, please check our webcal at [sholomchicago.org/calendar](https://sholomchicago.org/calendar) for more information, including whether the program is in person, online, or mixed-presence (both in person AND online).

# Purim

Check out all of our events below in which you can celebrate *Purim* with your Temple Sholom community through learning, prayer and celebration!



*Purim Tot Shabbat*

**FRIDAY | MAR. 3 | 5:00 PM**

Join the Temple Sholom clergy for a *Purim*-themed Tot service with song, dance and celebration!



*Purim Carnival*

**SUNDAY | MAR. 5 | 11:30 AM**

Join us for a fundraiser for our youth programs with a morning of *hamantaschen*, a *Purim Shpiel*, games, prizes, and so much more! See page 9 for details.



*Purim Congregational Celebration*

**MONDAY | MAR. 6 | 6:30 PM**

*Chag Purim Sameach!* Join the Temple Sholom community for a celebration of *Purim* with a special *Purim Persian* banquet at Reza's Restaurant in Andersonville, complete with a creative *megillah* re-telling.

Visit [sholomchicago.org/purim](https://sholomchicago.org/purim) to easily access all of these events and select the ones you want to register for!



# Thank You to Our Temple Sholom Donors!

*Gifts listed represent honorific giving from Dec. 2022 - Jan. 2023*

In Memory of Mercedes Abrams  
In Memory of Rebecca Adelman  
In Memory of Dora & Joseph Arnove  
In Honor of Cantor Sheera Ben-David  
In Memory of Melvyn & Joan Blutter  
In Memory of Ellie Burton  
In Honor of Ben Conover

**Barry & Sandi Hartstein**  
**Howard & Patricia Adelman**  
**Roberta Karper**  
**Steven Florsheim & Jennifer Friedes**  
**Laurence & Janet Shiff**  
**Roger & Teri Rudich**  
**Alice & David Berger**  
**Mark & Judy Davis**  
**Chelsie DuPlanty**  
**Rhoda Frankel**  
**Joshua & Irene Goldstein**  
**Manny Gonzalez**  
**Kenneth & Barbara Gore**  
**Marc & Lynda Horwitz**  
**David & Beth Inlander**  
**Charlene Karns**  
**Paul & Betsy Katz**  
**Jon & Danielle Loevy**  
**Bryan & Pamela Lookatch**  
**Jerry & Sharon Manko**  
**Michael & Kimberly McMahon**  
**David & Blythe Mendelson**  
**Amnon & Jodi Morady**  
**Michael & Shelley Radner**  
**Elizabeth & Howard Samuels**  
**Clifford & Nancy Scott-Rudnick**  
**Marilyn Spracker & Fredric Tannenbaum**  
**Michael & Dana Treister**  
**Judith Ullman**  
**Phyllis Vihon**  
**David & Erica Wax**  
**Joan Werhane**  
**Eleanor Wolfe**  
**Women of Temple Sholom**

In Honor of Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

**Joel & Renay Bayer**  
**Pat & Rebecca Daly**  
**Ilana Z. Dobrin**  
**Yonah Dokarker & Pamela Bondy**  
**Steven Florsheim & Jennifer Friedes**  
**Jacqueline Gilson**  
**Michelle Lorig**  
**Sonje & Jack Marder**  
**Barbara Samuels**  
**Debra Weese-Mayer**  
**Steven & Barbara Wolf**  
**Nanette Wollack**  
**Cathy Stix & Len Siegal**  
**Roger & Teri Rudich**  
**Roger & Eleanor Feldman**  
**Peggy Gelman**  
**David Hurwitz**  
**Joel & Sherri Nemirow**  
**Joel & Sherri Nemirow**  
**Sandra Shifrin**  
**Roger & Teri Rudich**

In Honor of Harper Ann Dalley  
In Honor of Elyse Ferdinand  
In Memory of Esther Friedman  
In Memory of Harry & Bettye Gelman  
In Honor of Emanuel Hurwitz  
In Memory of Babette Hyman  
In Memory of Jennie Hyman  
In Memory of Bruce Kaplan  
In Memory of Jimmy Kaplan  
In Honor of Jonathan Karmel & Marla Gross  
In Memory of Donald Karper  
In Memory of Jean & Harold Kaufman

**Mark & Judy Davis**  
**Roberta Karper**  
**Robert & Janice Kaufman**

In Honor of Helene Kohn  
  
In Memory of Dr. Alexander Kott  
In Honor of Samuel Saul Levin  
In Memory of Lara Levitan  
In Memory of Robert J. Lipsig  
In Honor of Mathew MacCumber

In Honor of Robert Mendelson  
In Honor of Monday Meal  
In Honor of Jodi Morady  
In Memory of David Narins  
In Honor of *Or Chadash*

In Memory of Grant Pick  
In Memory of Martha Rosen  
In Memory of Herbert Hillel Rosengard  
In Honor of Arlo Rudich  
In Memory of Irving Samuels  
In Honor of Sol Sanchez  
In Honor of Toby Sanders  
In Memory of Jay & Esther Shiff  
In Memory of Aaron Siegel  
In Memory of Bruce Siess  
In Honor of Rabbi Rena Singer

In Memory of Ron Spielman

**Barry & Sandi Hartstein**  
**Roger & Teri Rudich**  
**Mark Levine & Andrea Kott**  
**Zachary & Diane Levin**  
**Denise Levitan & Mebea Aklilu**  
**Joan Lipsig**  
**Rossana Agron & Joanna Chmiel**  
**David & Nancy Baczewski**  
**Marla Burroughs**  
**Leon & Susan Cahn**  
**Jack Cohen**  
**Serge & Andree De Bustros**  
**Tamara Fountain**  
**Joseph & Leslie Garber**  
**Seenu M. Hariprasad**  
**Julia Heller**  
**Susan Korn**  
**Jennifer Lim**  
**Neshama Mousseau**  
**Elise Paschen**  
**Melissa Pessin & Justin Suda**  
**Sharath Raja**  
**Kourous Rezaei**  
**Ilana Rovner**  
**Jonathan Rubenstein**  
**Clifford & Nancy Scott-Rudnick**  
**Barbara Turner**  
**Shelagh Taber Walsh**  
**Karly Wang**  
**David & Erica Wax**  
**Susan Mardell**  
**Roberta & Fuxiao Saper**  
**Steven Fadem & Laurie Baskin**  
**Pamela Narins**  
**Peter Go**  
**Benjamin McFeters**  
**Anthony Naploetano**  
**Dusty Prall**  
**Stacey Reicherzer**  
**David Shields**  
**Tyler Tressmann**  
**Kathy Pick**  
**Randy Rosen**  
**Nancy Rosengard**  
**Mark & Judy Davis**  
**Marilyn Samuels**  
**Roger & Teri Rudich**  
**Mitchell Grassini & Andrew Simmons**  
**Laurence & Janet Shiff**  
**Irwin Siegel**  
**Joel & Sherri Nemirow**  
**Anonymous**  
**Kevin Miner**  
**William Anspach & Teri Rabai**  
**Leslie Ballin**  
**Thomas Beckman & Margie Frolich**  
**Anise & Ron Belz**  
**John Bremen & Lara Frohlich**  
**Amelie Brick**  
**David & Ellen Carmell**

Gifts listed represent honorific giving from December, 2022, and January, 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](http://www.sholomchicago.org/donate). Questions? Contact Patrick Graney-Dolan at [patrick@sholomchicago.org](mailto:patrick@sholomchicago.org) or 773-435-1535.



In Memory of Ron Spielman

Jack & Nancy Cohen  
Delta Foremost Chemical  
Management Group  
Barry & Dany Fields  
Marilyn Freund  
Patti & Gerry Golden  
Lynn & Steven Gryll  
Bruce & Vicki Heyman  
Benjamin & Julie Kadish  
Karen Kaplan  
Edward & Jill Kutchin  
Jan Magids  
Jonathan & Stephanie Marks  
Alexandra Pearson  
Scott Pearl & Jennifer Pomerantz  
Elaine & Michael Ries Foundation  
Michael & Rebecca Rothmann  
Roger & Teri Rudich  
Steven Schneider  
Howard & Debbie Segal  
Bonnie Shifrin

In Memory of Ron Spielman

Sheri Spielman  
Robin & Henry Stein  
Craig & Lori Stern  
Robin Stern  
Robert & Barbara Stone  
Larry & Sherry Weil  
Linda & Howard Zimmerman  
Mitchell Grassini & Andrew Simmons  
Stacey Reicherzer  
Steven Florsheim & Jennifer Friedes  
Stacey Reicherzer  
Rebecca Unger  
Mark & Judy Davis  
Roger & Eleanor Feldman

In Honor of Temple Shalom Clergy

In Honor of Temple Shalom Staff

In Memory of David Unger

In Honor of Carrie Wolf & Ben Meyer

In Memory of Harold Zusel

# Gan Shalom

## Early Childhood Education Center

Gan Shalom has had an exciting new renovation to all the classroom spaces on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, parent/child program and our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor gym.

We have all new classroom furniture, gym equipment which includes a climbing wall, new carpets for the classrooms, and window treatments. The children and teachers are loving their new space while the children continue to grow and thrive! Gan Shalom 2023/2024 registration is now open and classes are filling up quickly. To learn more about our program or to set up a tour, please contact Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Education. We have extended day options, part day options, full day JK and a parent/child program. **Summer camp registration coming soon!**

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



Children enjoying the new gym equipment in the Gold Room



All smiles in the Purple Room as the children sing and dance together



The 4-10 Month Baby Class enjoying some tummy time in their new classroom

# 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



## *Recipe for a Great Teen Weekend*

One cup of Torah, two teaspoons Community, and a dash of Music. At the Orr Shalom High School Retreat, I had the privilege to travel to the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) Olin-Sang-Ruby Union

Institute (OSRUI) with our teen leaders as they spent the weekend building their 'Jewish Recipe' - what 'ingredients' make them Jewish? How do their 'ingredients' fit into the larger 'recipe?'

After a long hiatus, our community has returned to camp in the best way. When I think of camp, I think of the countless memories I've made there as a camper, counselor, and unit head since 2011. To be able to create memories in Oconomowoc with our teens in the dead of winter at the first retreat in over three years, was an incredible addition to my lifelong story at OSRUI and in the historical tie between Temple Sholom and the URJ's flagship camp.

Our weekend – planned almost entirely by our teen leaders – included decorating and baking our own Challah – each loaf as unique as its creator. Our teens created and participated in a scavenger hunt throughout OSRUI's campground, where we worked together to solve a word-puzzle. In the end, we came to the understanding that no one could have completed the scavenger hunt alone – we all have different understandings and knowledge of the campgrounds, and needed everyone to complete the goal. Unsurprisingly, wandering around (for what felt like 40 years) with fellow Jews is a great way to connect with one another.

To our teen leaders – thank you.

To the parents of these leaders – thank you.

*B'shalom,*

Sam Cohen, Youth Engagement Coordinator  
sam@sholomchicago.org



Retreat goes attempt timer selfie



## *Lauren Reeves has joined the Temple Sholom team as Interim Director of Lifelong Learning.*

Lauren is passionate about Jewish life and children, creative

in programming and learning, and dedicated to developing Jewish learning experiences for learners and families. She specializes in family education programs, interactive and experiential activities, and energetic, high-quality learning. Lauren believes that Judaism is meaningful and accessible to learners of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Lauren brings experience from her work as the Religious School Director at KAM Isaiah Israel in Hyde Park, the Family Activities Coordinator at The Temple in Atlanta, Georgia, and teaching religious school, during which she developed a foundation of

interacting with children and creating welcoming and interactive learning environments.

With training in public health communications and after working with several member-based health organizations, Lauren's passion for Jewish education led her back to congregational life. Lauren is active in her professional networks for Reform Jewish education in Chicago and around the country, leading and connecting Jewish educators to improve the field. She is also a dedicated volunteer for public education and engaging teens in Hyde Park.

Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Lauren has a BA from Emory University and an MPA from Georgia State University. She, her husband Rabbi Frederick Reeves, and their children are often reading, biking, or exploring Chicago.

If you would like to contact Lauren, you can get in touch via email, [lauren@sholomchicago.org](mailto:lauren@sholomchicago.org), or call **773-435-1544**.



## 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 online unless otherwise noted.**



### Film Nights with Cliff Scott-Rudnick

**Mr. Saturday Night**  
MONDAY | MAR. 20  
7:00 PM

**Hester Street**  
MONDAY | APR. 3  
7:00 PM



**My Mexican Shiva**  
MONDAY | APR. 17  
7:00 PM



## Learn with our Clergy

**Israel 101** with Rabbi Singer  
WEDNESDAYS | MAR. 22 & APR. 19 | 5:30 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

**MAR. Classic Jewish Folktales & Short Stories** with Rabbi Singer  
**APR. Jews in the News** with Cantor Ben-David

**Want to Dive Deeper Into Judaism?**  
Our 18-week URJ **Introduction to Judaism** class begins Monday, Mar. 13 with our Clergy-Education team. visit [sholomchicago.org/intro](http://sholomchicago.org/intro).

## Guest Scholar Series



**Clothing and Gender**  
with Rabbi Mike Mosowitz  
SUNDAY | MAR. 5 | 10:45 AM

*Purim* is a story about the shift from living with a hidden identity to coming out as truly oneself. What might it teach us about the role of clothing, either concealing or expressing gender identity?



**Israeli Literature – Reading Stories by Etgar Keret**  
with Efrat Bloom  
SUNDAYS | MAR. 12 & 19 | 9:30 AM

In 2012 Keret said, "I think I'm controversial among some of the people in Israel and accepted by others, but the same can also be said for evolutionary theory." Keret's stories are complex, ambiguous, and sometimes seems to be coded messages. Listen to Efrat Bloom read his stories and help you navigate Keret's unusual world.



**The Beautiful and Ugly Sides of Degas: The Dreyfus Affair** with Carol Salus  
SUNDAY | MAR. 12 | 10:45 AM

Degas came from a banking family and when their assets fell, he blamed the Rothschilds and other Jewish bankers. In this presentation various paintings and sculptures by the Impressionist artist are shown along with portraits of Jews by Degas are shown. We will discuss his family's wealth and its decline along with the simultaneous development of the case against Dreyfus and how Degas turned against his closest Jewish friends.



**The Yiddish Influence of on Jewish American Comedy**  
with Grace Kessler Overbeke, PhD  
SUNDAY | MAR. 19 | 10:45 AM

American comedy has been strongly influenced by Yiddishisms, specifically the sense of "laughter through tears" that is often associated with Sholem Aleichem. Starting with Aleichem's stories of "Tevye the Dairyman," this class follows motifs of Yiddish humor into the United States through the decades, examining the Marx Brothers, Fanny Brice, Woody Allen, Sarah Silverman and more to find the Yiddish roots of comedy in the United States.



**Exploring the Monsters of Jewish Myth as Lessons for Our Own Psychology**  
with Dr. Stacey Reicherzer  
SUNDAY | MAR. 26 | 10:45 AM

We know the stories of the Leviathan, the golem, and other fantastic creatures from the *Torah* and other ancient texts. What though can these creatures reveal to us about our own needs, our yearnings, our latent talents, and other parts of the Jewish soul that we've yet to uncover? Join Dr. Stacey Reicherzer on a journey to explore what these great mythical beasts have to tell us about ourselves.



## Climate Change and the Jewish Question

with Judith Plaskow  
**SUNDAY | APR. 16**  
**10:45 AM**

The Jewish community often focuses on issues of Jewish identity and continuity, looking at events through the lens of their impact on the Jewish future. What does it mean, then, for Jews to confront a truly global crisis? What are Jewish resources for thinking about climate change, and are there ways that fundamental Jewish religious assumptions have contributed to the problem?



## How the Bulgarian Jews Survived the Holocaust

with Dr. Joseph Benatov  
**SUNDAY | APR. 23**  
**10:45 AM**

In 1943, Bulgaria complied with German demands and deported nearly 11,400 Jews from occupied territories in northern Greece and Yugoslavia (Macedonia). At the same time, Bulgaria successfully resisted German pressures to deport the 50,000 Jews living in Bulgaria. Dr. Benatov will offer an overview of the facts surrounding these historical events and will focus on the conflicting opinions about the role played by King Boris III, church officials, and politicians in the rescue of Bulgaria's Jewish population. Dr. Benatov will also discuss the international debate over the way in which this historical moment should be interpreted, remembered, and commemorated.



## The Bible in Opera

With Roger Pines  
**SUNDAY | APR. 30**  
**10:45 AM**

The Bible has attracted and inspired many important figures in operatic composition, from Charpentier in the Baroque era to Schoenberg and Britten in the twentieth century. After two previous talks for Temple Shalom, writer/lecturer Roger Pines (a panelist on the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts' "Opera Quiz" since 2006) returns to explore this exciting repertoire. Come enjoy highlights from justly celebrated operas such as Verdi's Nabucco and Saint-Saëns's Samson and Delilah, while also getting to know neglected works that deserve greater familiarity among audiences, including Charpentier's David and Jonathan, Rossini's Moses in Egypt, and Goldmark's The Queen of Sheba.

## 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).

SPRINGBOARD



**HONOREE**  
**BENJAMIN KAGAN**

## 18 under 18: Mazel Tov to Benjamin Kagan

We are incredibly proud of Benjamin Kagan who has just been announced as 18 Under 18 Honorees. We look forward to celebrating Ben and the entire teen community at 18 Under 18: A Celebration of Jewish Teens on Mar. 21 hosted by Springboard!

## URJ Camping Enrollment is open for Summer 2023!

For new campers, Temple Shalom will split the cost with you for OSRUI's *Kallah Atid* trial sessions for rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

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

## JK-4th Grade Mishpacha (Family) Camp Getaway AND 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Retreat at URJ Camp OSRUI **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 *madrachim* and friends.

Learn more today at [sholomchicago.org/getaway!](http://sholomchicago.org/getaway!)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Taste of Crown Family High School **WEDNESDAY | MAR. 1 | 6:15 PM**

8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to get to know teens at various Chicago high schools over dinner and learning with our clergy, along with helping to prepare for our first *Purim* Carnival in three years!



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).



Religious School celebrates Chanukah



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Yom Horim Trip to Cradles to Crayons

## Sholom Weekly

TEMPLE SHOLOM OF CHICAGO

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

### PURIM CARNIVAL

Calling all  
superheroes to support  
our youth experiences  
through this fundraiser!

#### SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Admission includes wristband for unlimited games. Food and drinks available for purchase. **Free admission for families who volunteer!**

**\$36/PER PERSON** **\$72/PER FAMILY**

**Grade-Sponsored  
Raffle Prizes**

**\$10/1 ticket**  
**\$20/3 tickets**  
**\$50/10 tickets**

**11:30 a.m.**

Purim Carnival opens for families with children up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Carnival open to all.

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT [SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG/PURIM](http://SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG/PURIM)**

Questions regarding Purim Carnival? Contact Sam Cohen at [sam@sholomchicago.org](mailto:sam@sholomchicago.org).





## Upcoming Mishpacha (Family) Programs:

Mishpacha organized a successful Parents Wine Tasting night this February, featuring a private sommelier experience and a curated selection of Israeli wines! It was an incredible opportunity to laugh, socialize, and strengthen our community as parents – not to mention enjoy some delicious food and drink!

As we look ahead to Purim and Passover, we are exploring the ways in which we can experience our holidays through the eyes of our kids, with curiosity and thoughtfulness, and how we can renew our commitment to pass on our traditions while making them our own for each of our families.

**FRIDAY | MAR. 3**  
**5:00 PM** Purim Tot Shabbat

**MAR. 10-12**  
Mishpacha Camp Getaway at URJ Camp OSRU

**SUNDAY | MAR. 19**  
**9:30 AM** Kindergarten Yom Horim

**SUNDAY | APR. 16**  
**10:00 AM** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim

**FRIDAY | APR. 21**  
**5:00 PM** Yom Ha'atzma'ut Tot Shabbat  
**6:15 PM** Shabbat Mishpacha featuring 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**SUNDAY | APR. 23**  
**9:30 AM** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim

**SUNDAY | APR. 30**  
**9:30 AM** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim



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.

## 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**

**NO GAME DAY APR. 6**

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.



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

**SATURDAY | SATURDAY**  
**MAR. 4 | APR. 1**  
**1:00 PM | 1:00 PM**  
**MIXED- PRESENCE\* | MIXED- PRESENCE\***

\*locations subject to change  
For more information, visit [sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging](http://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 | MAR. 2**  
**11:00 AM | MIXED-PRESENCE**  
**"Defending Britta Stein"**  
By Ronald Balson  
**NO APRIL BOOK CLUB**

\*locations subject to change  
For more information and the 2023 full schedule, visit [sholomchicago.org/book-club](http://sholomchicago.org/book-club). To be added to the communications list, contact **Toby Sanders** at [toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:toby@sholomchicago.org) or 773-435-1536.





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

## Don't Miss a Two-part Tribute to a Half-century of Women in the Rabbinate!

**THURSDAY | MAR. 9 | 7:00 PM | ONLINE**

**FRIDAY | MAR. 10 | 6:15 PM**

**MIXED-PRESENCE**

WTS and Temple Sholom honor a half-century of women in the rabbinate with an impressive two-part event that will feature a virtual presentation by Rabbi Sally Priesand

(Mar. 9), the first woman ordained as a rabbi in North America in 1972, and will culminate the next night at the *Shabbat* service (Mar. 10) featuring our own stellar female clergy team, readings by members of WTS, and a beautiful *oneg* with champagne & babka (from Masa Madre!) to celebrate.

Rabbi Priesand will speak on *Reflections of My Life as a Rabbi*, telling her own story and that of Regina Jonas of Berlin, who in 1935 became the first woman to be ordained as a Reform rabbi and was later murdered in the Holocaust.

Rabbi Sally Priesand

LAST CHANCE  
TO REGISTER!

## Our Women's Seder – A Festive Tradition

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

**Deadline to register for the annual WTS Women's Seder is Tuesday, Mar. 7.** Don't miss your chance to join with Women of Temple Sholom, other temple members, female family and female friends for our beautiful and uplifting annual Women's Seder. Rabbi Rena Singer will lead the Seder, and Cantor Sheera Ben-David will help us raise our voices in song. Enjoy a delicious holiday meal with traditional accompaniments and a bountiful dessert buffet. Singing, dancing and socializing will make the evening festive and

joyous.

This year's Seder social justice project is raising funds to create after-abortion comfort care kits, which will be given to abortion services providers in Illinois for their clients. The project is sponsored by WTS and the Reproductive Justice Task Force.

To see more information about ticket pricing and volunteer opportunities, please visit [sholomchicago.org/seder](https://sholomchicago.org/seder). For financial concerns, please contact Rabbi Singer at [rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org](mailto:rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org)

## WTS Supports Reproductive Justice with After-Abortion Comfort Care Kits

**SUNDAY | APR. 30 | 1:00 PM | IN PERSON**

Women of Temple Sholom, along with the Reproductive Justice Task Force, is raising funds and collecting items to create after-abortion comfort care kits. The kits will provide a bit of comfort with some necessities, a few treats and a note of care.

Volunteers are needed to assemble the kits and write personal notes on Sunday, Apr. 30, which will then be delivered to an abortion-care provider in Illinois to share with their clients. We will pack as many kits as are funded with your generous contributions. Thank you in advance for your caring support of this very meaningful project, and sincere thanks to National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago North Shore Chapter, for designing the Comfort Care Kit initiative.

To register for this event and for more information about sponsoring the care kits, please visit [sholomchicago.org/comfort](https://sholomchicago.org/comfort).

## Join Makom and WTS as we re-live the 80's!

Food and Drink! Music! Games! Photo Booth & More! A portion of the proceeds of this event will help support the after-abortion comfort care kit project sponsored by WTS and the Reproductive Justice Task Force.

When you join Women of Temple Sholom, you are part of a community of amazing women who support our new Reproductive Justice programs, many organizations that do work we care about, and Women of Reform Judaism's programs here and around the world. You'll learn, discuss, discover spirituality, make friends and have fun while doing something good and important, plus you will be eligible for members-only prices. All this for only \$36 per year! Join now at [sholomchicago.org/wts](https://sholomchicago.org/wts).



While I love the High Holy Days for their grandeur and depth, a potent mixture of introspection and ceremonial pomp, spectacle and self-exploration, my favorite time of the Jewish year is the span between *Purim* and *Passover*. As an artist and educator working in the world of theatre and performance, I admire the dramatic structure of the Hebrew calendar and the ritual storytelling of our holidays, a framing device that lets us revisit

and newly inhabit familiar narratives, traditions, stories, and songs. *Purim* and *Passover* are both stories of the survival of the Jewish people. Whether we are recounting how we were delivered out of Egypt by the wonders of *HaShem* or saved from the slaughter by the bravery and heart of Queen Esther, we are honoring those who came before us, in whose name we continue to practice our Jewish way of life. This attachment to history, to our ancestors, is very salient to many folks in the LGBTQ community. Gay, lesbian, and transgender narratives and lives have, so often, been hidden from view, edited, or simply erased.

History is a practice of discovering and uncovering the truth, but, especially for those of us who are gay and lesbian, queer and trans, it's a practice of love. It's with a deep sense of love & gratitude with which I approach the celebration of these holidays, whether attending a *Purim* party or singing late into the night at a friend's Seder table. As Jews, as LGBTQ folks, we've experienced the powers-that-be trying to erase us. But we're still here, honoring those on whose shoulders we stand.

*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 | MAR. 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.*



*Learning about Chicago Elections from Dick Simpson*

## IOT Welcomes Back a Familiar Face

With the Aldermanic and Mayoral elections taking place this past February, IOT welcomed back former Alderman, Professor Emeritus, and author, Dick Simpson. Dick spent the evening with members of the congregation discussing his career in politics and how past elections have shaped our city to what it is today.

## Shabbat Featuring IOT

**FRIDAY | MAR. 17 | 6:15 PM | MIXED PRESENCE**

Join the IOT community for a special *Shabbat* service as Temple Sholom honors IOT and its wonderful members. Many of our members will be called to the *bimah* to help lead the congregation in readings & prayers. Please continue the evening with us for a celebratory oneg.

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@sholikamikow.com](mailto:david@sholikamikow.com). For more information, visit [sholomchicago.org/iot](https://sholomchicago.org/iot)





The Juliana Schafer z"l Chesed Circle is having an impact at Temple Shalom!

We provide meal deliveries for fellow congregants at times of illness or recovery and regular check-ins with the temple community

As we expand our outreach, we need more volunteers!



### Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare (or purchase) meals and to deliver them to fellow congregants. Don't like cooking or know what to make, buy, or order? Don't have a car for delivery? We have answers, suggestions, and even easy recipes! Recipients tell us how much they value the meals for their recovery and are grateful for the care shown by the Temple Shalom community.



### Calls

Phone check-ins with fellow congregants are a great way to keep our congregational community in touch, connected, aware, and supported. Congregants have told us how much they appreciate the calls! You can make as few as 10 calls—or as many more as you like. To volunteer to make the pre-Passover calls, please sign up at [sholomchicago.org/chesed-passover](https://sholomchicago.org/chesed-passover).

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

## 20s/30s makom 20s/30s

Makom spent the first quarter of 2023 focusing on warmth and fun! In January, we had our Makom

Shabbat in a speakeasy that was right in our own Temple Shalom! Who knew? We had a lovely couple of musicians to accompany services, as well as low lighting, 'secret' entrances, lots of velvet table runners, and cocktails and mocktails to accompany a fun and exciting service. In February, Makom partnered wrapped up with another meeting of the

book club to discuss *From Dust, A Flame* by Rebecca Podos at Wilde Bar & Restaurant.

As things get warmer, Makom will eagerly anticipate having more outside events which will continue to work on combining community with unique spiritual services.

*Written by Robyn Ashbaugh,  
Makom Board President*



Makom Shabbat Speakeasy

### Upcoming Makom Events:

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

**FRIDAY | APR. 21 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**.

## Monday Meal

MONDAY | MAR. 6, 13, 20, 27 & APR. 3, 10, 17, 24

## Feed the Hungry

SUNDAY | MAR. 12 & APR. 9, 30

## Spring Blood Drive

SUNDAY | APR. 30

## Program Updates

In January we hosted another successful **Sholom Justice Shabbat!** This year we welcomed members of **ConTextos** who shared their personal stories that helped create proximity, challenged our assumptions about individuals, built empathy and created conversations that help change minds and actions of diverse audiences. These stories were so powerful to listen to and made our *Shabbat* even more special.

We are so appreciative that ConTextos joined us, shared their experiences, and we're excited for what our future partnership will hold.



Contextos members sharing their stories



Sholom Justice lay leaders

In January, our Sholom Justice lay leaders represented our group at the Anshe Emet Mitzvah Fair, sharing our wonderful programs with the young people of Anshe Emet. **Don't forget, the Monday Meal Mitzvah Program & Feed the Hungry are great for B'nai Mitzvah service projects!**



## Refugee Family Update

In June 2022, a family from Afghanistan settled in Chicago, overcoming the challenges of communication, finding adequate housing, and securing employment. All this is thanks to the generosity of Temple Sholom and eight temple volunteers, each donating their experience and expertise to create a home for the family. The family includes parents and four children - ages 8, 7, 3, and 18-months.

**The kindness of the sponsors, led by the congregation and clergy of Temple Sholom, HIAS and JCFS, cannot be overstated.** The family nourishes the volunteers with food, love and appreciation, telling them often that "We are family."

Temple volunteers have helped the family access social services and translator assistance. They provide a link between teachers at the local elementary school and help the family navigate the school system and manage expectations for the two older boys. They have planned for and provided transportation to medical and dental appointments, assisted in filling out citizenship paperwork and enrolled parents in English classes. During school vacations, they shepherded the children to the Lincoln Park Zoo, Millennium Park, Kohl Children's Museum, and The Nature Museum. In addition to special trips, volunteers have helped with everyday tasks such as shopping for groceries and household needs at Aldi, Walmart, Target and Burlington Factory.

Volunteers will now focus on independent skills, using public transportation and budgeting for their needs. Thank you, Temple Sholom, for letting us be inspired by this incredible family.

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.



# SHALEM שָׁלֵם

EMBRACING RACIAL  
& ETHNIC DIVERSITY

**Coming this spring:**  
Shalem family meetup!

*“As a Black/Jewish woman, Shalem is important to me because of our focus on inclusion and education around issues that affect people of color, their allies and families. We also partner with other Temple Shalom groups to expand our reach as we do activities that relate to our mission. For the 2022-23 year, Shalem is partnering with Shalom*

*Justice to present the Folded Map Project in 3 Parts. In November at our Shalem Shabbat, we hosted Tonika Lewis Johnson, the creator of the Folded Map Project, as the featured speaker. We are looking forward to joining with a southside organization to partner with us for Parts 2 and 3.”*

**-Linda Tate**



Shalem members at the Bronzeville art gallery

*“I am a mom of three beautiful boychiks, two of whom got to attend Gan Shalom between 2012 and 2021. We celebrate both our Jewish and Korean heritage at home. We are planning to coordinate a family meet-up this spring to meet families interested in learning about Shalem. Please be on the lookout for dates coming in the Temple email blasts!”*

**-Jessica Min**



Oliver Min  
at Gan Shalom

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](http://sholomchicago.org/ered)



## See all of our upcoming events!

To access our full month to month calendar, you can scan our QR code with your camera to open up the calendar webpage or visit [sholomchicago.org/calendar](http://sholomchicago.org/calendar).

To see a convenient list of upcoming events up grouped by type, visit [sholomchicago.org/upcoming-events](http://sholomchicago.org/upcoming-events).



## Go Paperless! Get a Digital D'var!

We would like to make your experience with our D'var more interactive while also helping the environment. Simply update your preference to receive a digital D'var and go paperless. This bi-monthly newsletter will be available online with links to help you find additional information, register for events, and connect with our staff and clergy - all with the click of a button.

To go paperless, visit [sholomchicago.org/go-digital](http://sholomchicago.org/go-digital).



3480 N. Lake Shore Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60657

*Thank you Jay, for a great  
9 years together of elevating  
special Torah learning with  
music for all of our temple,  
and all of the Chicago area.  
Enjoy every minute of being  
Director of URJ 6 Points  
Creative Arts Academy!*

*We love you,*

*Your Temple  
Sholom Family*

