

ShD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

*A sacred community that
embraces, inspires and matters*

JULY / AUGUST 2020



Senior Rabbi
**Shoshanah
Conover**

Creating Sanctuary Everywhere

When I first interviewed at Temple Sholom of Chicago, I marveled at its history as seen through its architecture. In 1867, a few Jewish pioneers forged a new path on the north side of Chicago, supporting one another through the effects of the Civil War and later the Chicago Fire. With the Great Depression looming, the congregation of a few hundred people broke ground on our current building in 1929 with the sanctuary at its center. They constructed a *bimah* with a physical

height to match the caliber of speakers who would preach and pray from it including Eleanor Roosevelt, Elie Wiesel, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Most innovative, its platform was built on tracks to accommodate hundreds of additional worshippers during High Holy Days. Several years ago, I noticed that when we move the *bimah* backward to embrace more people in our community, we allow the *Ner Tamid* (the Eternal Light that represents God's Presence over the Torah Ark), to rest in the center of the congregation. I believe that future generations will judge our community and its leaders by how we help all who are touched by Temple Sholom to create firm yet flexible foundations of their faith that expand to allow Divine inspiration to rest at the center of their lives.

In this time of the pandemic, we have been challenged to create these firm and flexible foundations. In Jewish tradition, the *Shabbat* dinner table is called a *Mikdash Me'at*, a mini-

Temple. During this time, we make our living rooms, our kitchens— even our back porches and balconies— a sanctuary for the holiness of our Temple Sholom community to enter. We miss gathering regularly in the magnificent sanctuary— and we will greatly miss sitting together in the awesome expanded sanctuary during these High Holy Days. Yet, the original architects of our building on Lake Shore Drive could not have imagined that their ingenious design would inspire us to expand our sanctuary all the way into our homes. During our holy days, you will notice many opportunities to enter the sanctuary of the spirit and connect with congregants and clergy in intimate ways. These High Holy Days will be both historic and holy. I look forward to praying and connecting with you this season.

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

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Remarks From Temple Sholom's 152nd Annual Meeting



I know it is not *Pesach*, but I sort of have a theme to the beginning of my remarks for this Annual Meeting.

If you would have told me one year ago that the biggest challenge of the first year of my Presidency was finding our next Senior Rabbi, I would have said *Dayenu*.

If you would have told me that hiring that Rabbi would immediately trigger a second search for a new Assistant Rabbi, I would have said *Dayenu*.

And... if you would have told me that a once in a century global pandemic would bring the business of Temple Sholom to an immediate halt, causing an end to all in-person activities for months, I would have actually said you were crazy... but it happened, and *Dayenu*.

As I wrote these *Dayenus*, it dawned upon me that these were not only challenges to our community, they were opportunities as well. Opportunities for our leaders to lead, for our team to shine and for our membership to engage with Temple Sholom in ways they may never have before...

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Of Blessed Memory

APR. 19

Stanley Kaplan

Stepfather of Lauren (Brian) Goldberg, grandfather of Morgan and Alex Goldberg, nephew of Frances Eaton

MAY 5

John David Reeser

Father of Stacey Weber's children, Shale and Althea Reeser

MAY 13

Mira Hamburg

Aunt of Gloria Reifler

MAY 22

Dr. Harry King

Grandfather of Rachel (Jay) Rapoport

MAY 29

Mark "Buma" Fintel

Father of Dr. Dan (Dr. Robin) Fintel

JUNE 5

John Marshall Griffith

Father of John Griffith (Matthew Griffith)

JUNE 15

Jane Susskind-Narins

Mother of Pamela Narins (Eric Revels)

JUNE 25

Dr. David Berkson

Husband of Joan Berkson and father of Dr. Michael (Grace) Berkson

Yahrzeits / First Year

JULY 2

Adele Lane

Mother of Lynda Lane

AUG. 16

Dr. Edward D. Frohlich

Father of Lara Frohlich

AUG. 18

Marie Ogden

Loved one of Toni Lawrence, loved one of Cliff Scott-Rudnick

AUG. 20

Rabbi Peter Knobel

Husband of Elaine Knobel

AUG. 30

Myron Michael Cooper

Loved one of Pam Brownie

APR. 5

Edward Arvey

Father of Beth (David) Inlander

APR. 30

Beverly Wipson

Grandmother of Max Wipson (Meig Dickson)

Mazal Tov

MAY 22 & JUNE 1

Draga and Manny Gonzalez

On the birth of their grandchildren. Eli Zack Colon & Mathew Jace Colon (twins!) born May 22 to Anthony & Hanh Colon; and Kara Mia Colon, born June 1, to Richard & Zahamara Colon.

APR. 21

Debra Stern & Michael Dallek

On the birth of their grandson, Ryan Jordan Dallek (4/21). The proud parents are Aaron & Melissa Dallek.

Worship Schedule

FRIDAY | JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

FRIDAY | AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | JULY 4, 11, 18, 25

SATURDAY | AUG 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

FRIDAY | JULY 3

7:45 PM Or Chadash Late Service | All are welcome!

MONDAY | JULY 6

8:00 AM Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan | Sponsored by It's Our Turn

MONDAY | AUG. 3

8:00 AM Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan | Sponsored by It's Our Turn

FRIDAY | AUG. 21

7:30 PM Makom 20s/30s Shabbat

New Members

MAZAL TOV! WELCOME TO OUR SACRED COMMUNITY.

Paula Pergament

Richard & Erica King

Howard & Pat Adelman

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!*

In Loving Memory

With the High Holy Days upon us, you are invited to participate in Temple Sholom's **Book of Remembrance 5781.**

This is a special way for family and loved ones to be remembered each year through an act of *tzedakah*, the Jewish tradition of charity.

The book will hold the names of departed family and loved ones and will be available both in print and online for the Healing and Yizkor service on Yom Kippur on Monday, September 28, 2020.

To make your gift and add your personal entry online, please visit our **High Holy Days** page under the **Worship** tab on our website. For questions, contact Toby at toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1536**.

Entries due Monday | Aug. 3, 2020

Thank You to Our Temple Sholom Donors!

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Frances Eaton
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Jennifer & Fred Snyder
Robert Spiegel
Julie & Jon Walner
S. Ron Stone
S. Ron Stone
Rebecca Unger
Debbie & Marc Willage

Gifts listed represent honorific giving from March and April 2020

These thoughtful gifts to Temple Sholom support a variety of funds including: Annual Fund, Sholom Justice, Clergy Discretionary Fund, Lifelong Learning, Music Arts & Culture, Shabbat Funds, and Gan Shalom.

If you would like to make a special honorific gift to Temple Sholom, please visit the Donate page on our website. For questions, contact Toby at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.

Current Status of High Holy Days 5781

There is nothing as meaningful as coming together as a sacred community to embrace the High Holy Days. As you know by now, our collective gathering will be happening in new ways this year due to COVID-19. Still very much in the planning stages, beyond the tentative schedule below, here is what we do know about 2020/5781.

- Services will be transmitted live from the sanctuary, with all the clergy in one place, leading our congregation in prayer.
- The High Holy Days will be a professionally produced virtual experience. While we are thankful for Zoom and Facebook, this will transcend a Zoom meeting or service in ways unimaginable.
- We will still have those majestic, meaningful and intimate moments that allow us to be together, based on and strictly in adherence to city and state health regulations.

• Ticket sales will happen through ShulCloud. For those of you without the proper means to technology, whether to purchase tickets, learn more details, or view the High Holy Days, we will be creating other options so you can still experience the Holy Days with your fellow community of Temple Shalom Congregants.

Look in the eBlast as well as the High Holy Day Page on our new website for further information. As you can imagine, details and plans are being carefully crafted. We will make updates there regularly, including details about small-group, in-person gatherings leading up to this sacred season.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Tentative Service Schedule

Selichot

SATURDAY | SEPT. 12

- 8:00 PM** Study Session:
"A time to embrace..."
(Ecclesiastes 3:5)
- 9:00 PM** Service

Rosh Hashanah

FRIDAY | SEPT. 18

Erev Rosh Hashanah

- 7:30 PM** Congregational Service

SATURDAY | SEPT. 19

- 9:00 AM** Family Service
- 10:45 AM** JK–3rd Grade Children's Experience
- 11:00 AM** Congregational Service
- 4:00 PM** Tot Service
- 5:00 PM** Tashlich (Lakefront)

SUNDAY | SEPT. 20

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

- 10:30 AM** Congregational and Community Service

Westlawn Memorial Service

DATE: TBD

- 11:00 AM** Temple Shalom Memorial Service

Kol Nidre

SUNDAY | SEPT. 27

- 5:30 PM** Early Congregational Service
- 8:15 PM** Late Congregational Service

Yom Kippur

MONDAY | SEPT. 28

- 9:00 AM** Family Service
- 10:45 AM** JK–3rd Grade Children's Experience
- 11:00 AM** Congregational Service
- 1:45 PM** Study & Reflection
- 2:00 PM** Meditation & Music
- 3:00 PM** Yizkor & N'ilah

Sukkot

FRIDAY | OCT. 2

Erev Sukkot

SATURDAY | OCT. 3

Sukkot Service

- 10:30 AM** Service

Simchat Torah

FRIDAY | OCT. 9

Erev Simchat Torah / Consecration

- 5:45 PM** Service

SATURDAY | OCT. 10

Simchat Torah / Shmini Atzeret

- 10:30 AM** Yizkor Service

Women OF TEMPLE SHOLOM

First Virtual Event a Huge Success!

Neither thunderstorms, flash flood warnings nor a pandemic could keep nearly 100 dynamic women from taking part in Women of Temple Sholom's first virtual event June 22. We learned about *Rosh Chodesh* and its special connection to women with meaningful readings and wisdom from Rabbi Shoshanah Conover and enjoyed

beautiful music and song with Cantor Sheera Ben-David.

Then we moved into two breakout rooms with guest experts to learn two very different ways of coping during the strange and unsettling times we are all living in right now. Fellow congregant Debra Stern, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, led a timely discussion on "Finding Peace in Uncertain Times: Managing Stress and Building Resilience in our Changing World." In the other room, nationally renowned food and wine expert Amanda Puck, Director of Strategic Brand Development for Mariano's, and her colleague Lindsey Johnson, showed us how to put some

"sparkle" back in our lives with a toast to summer. We virtually, and some in real life, enjoyed drinking and learning about prosecco, cabernet and Aperol, and pairing them with easy and tasty comfort foods in the session "Sparkle, Sip and Snack: Wine and Comfort Food Pairings."

We closed the evening with information about WTS membership and donations made by our group (see more on that below), and a final song from Cantor Ben-David.

Thanks to all who joined us that evening. Watch for news about our next big virtual event!



Rabbi Conover enlightens the group about *Rosh Chodesh*



Debra Stern (upper right-hand corner) teaches her session "Finding Peace in Uncertain Times"



Amanda Puck demonstrates cocktail recipes and fun pairings

A Fun and Meaningful Evening

Women of Temple Sholom have a strong social justice commitment, and over the years we have supported the important work of many organizations locally, nationally and even internationally.

When we had to cancel our Annual Dinner in June at Francesca's on Bryn Mawr, we learned that Francesca's Restaurant Group had created a Nourishment for Nurses campaign to provide hot meals for nurses in Chicago and suburban hospitals. The WTS Steering Committee decided to donate our \$250 dinner deposit to this program. We chose Weiss Memorial

Hospital, and thanks to Francesca's matching gift, we were able to deliver 42 delicious dinners in May to these incredible front-line workers. Our donation was a win-win as we not only supported the nurses but also helped Francesca's keep its staff employed.

Our recent June virtual event was also a way to support our community. As a way of thanking our guest presenters, who all donated their expertise, WTS made \$250 donations each to Lakeview Pantry in honor of Amanda Puck and her Mariano's team, and to the Institute for Nonviolence in honor of Debra Stern.



A Francesca's employee delivers hot dinners for nurses at Weiss Memorial Hospital, including 42 meals donated by Women of Temple Sholom.

Mazal Tov!

- WTS Steering Committee member **Judith Weinstein**, a public health professional, was recently named Regional Coordinator for a 5-state Midwest region for the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 Emergency Response Corps.
- In addition, Judith brought on fellow temple congregant **Suzanne Resnick** as her Region 5 counterpart.
- Congregant and frequent WTS participant **Barbara Finder**, a Financial Advisor in Morgan Stanley's Chicago Mercantile Wealth Management office, was named to Forbes Magazine's 2020 list of Best-in-State Wealth Advisors.

WTS Welcomes Rabbi Singer

After many years of being our dedicated clergy liaison, Rabbi Shoshanah Conover is stepping down as she takes on her new role of Senior Rabbi. We will miss her leadership and guidance, but we are very excited to welcome Rabbi Rena Singer to our group. WTS looks forward to getting to know Rabbi Singer and introducing her to the amazing Women of Temple Sholom and continuing our successful events and projects.

COMING SOON!

An exciting members-only pre-High Holiday virtual event in August. Look out for eblasts with details in the next few weeks. See below for how to join WTS so you can join us for this event.

Join the Incredible Members of WTS

We welcome all temple women to join the multigenerational, diverse and inclusive WTS so we can continue to offer more events like the recent *Rosh Chodesh* virtual program and to support our social justice initiatives like Illinois Coalition Against Gun Violence, Women of the Wall, AJC, Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking, Monday Meal, and many more. Plus, you will make wonderful connections and friendships with the incredible women of our Temple Sholom community.

You can become a WTS member by checking the box when you renew your temple membership or by going to the WTS page by clicking Women of Temple Sholom under Community Groups on the Temple Sholom website, www.sholomchicago.org. Your \$36 annual donation will support both WTS and Women of Reform Judaism and its many social justice programs around the country and world.



New Roles, New Rabbi

With Rabbi Rena Singer officially joining us July 1st, we couldn't be more excited at the opportunities it provides both her and Rabbi Gellman to embrace new or added responsibilities to guide our sacred community forward.

Rabbi Gellman will be transitioning off of leading Makom, our 20s/30s Community Group, to become the key clergy contact on Sholom Justice and our Inclusion initiatives, while remaining closely involved with *Or Chadash*.



Along with stepping into her role as Temple Sholom's newest clergy member, Assistant Rabbi Rena Singer will take Rabbi Gellman's place as the clergy liaison for Makom while also supporting our Embracing Racial Diversity Committee and their efforts to make Temple Sholom a more supportive space for Jews of Color. Rabbi Singer will also be the clergy liaison to WTS.

We look forward to the energy and leadership Rabbis Gellman and Singer will bring to our diverse Temple Sholom community!

Remarks From Temple Sholom's 152nd Annual Meeting (Cont. from Page 1)

These past few weeks have given us such an opportunity - to lead and to shine. Recent protests calling for justice, equality and reform that stem from the horrific murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis have forced us to evaluate how we engage as a community partner and as a leader on issues of social justice. These are challenges we must face head on, and I am proud of our response.

Since the middle of March, the building at 3480 North Lake Shore Drive has remained closed but the Temple has been very much open! Religious School pivoted quickly to an online format, as did *Shabbat* worship. Gan Shalom teachers engaged with their students from a distance and our clergy created new and creative ways to be a part of our members' lives.

We are weathering this new normal and I am pleased to share that on July 6, barring any change in guidance from the city and state, children will return to Gan Shalom for Summer Camp, bringing laughter and learning back into our building!

The last 12 months have been both challenging and rewarding. To think, at this time last year, we were in the process of assembling our search committee for our next Senior Rabbi and in advance of that, we surveyed the congregation and held 90-minute group meetings with our affinity groups, members, lay leadership, staff and clergy. Over 115 people participated, and an additional 130 logged on and completed an online survey to determine what qualities and characteristics we are looking for in our next Senior Rabbi. My sincere thanks to all that participated!

And what we heard from you was that we are looking for a warm, approachable, inspiring leader who is a community builder, a teacher and a visionary.

While we held a national search, our number one candidate was right here at home and I could not be more proud that Rabbi Conover was chosen to be our next Senior Rabbi.

A surprise to no one, she stepped in and stepped up over the course of the last three months to help us determine our path forward under the shadow of COVID-19. I assure you that we are in good hands and I am looking forward to this next year of working closely with Rabbi Conover to firmly put Temple Sholom on the path to a very bright future.

I would be remiss if I did not take the time to welcome Rabbi Rena Singer to our community as our next Assistant Rabbi. Rabbi Singer is the star of her Hebrew

Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion class who stood head and shoulders above all other candidates for this role. We are fortunate that stars aligned, and that Rabbi Singer will round out our great clergy team.

But as we open a new chapter, so too must one end... as Rabbi Rossoff's year as our interim Senior Rabbi ends. As shared during the *Shabbat* at which we honored Rabbi and Fran - over the past year of working closely with Rabbi Rossoff, I benefited from his experience, his intellect, his demeanor and his spirituality. I always looked forward to our breakfasts at Julius Meinl because I knew that, in addition to discussing pressing Temple matters, I would come away a little wiser, a little smarter or a little more comfortable in my role as President of Temple Sholom.

We have been blessed to have in Rabbi Rossoff, a mensch and a leader and we are a better community for having had him a part of our community for the past year. Thank you again for all you have done for Temple Sholom.

I'd like to finish with a question, as I did last year, because I think that is the Jewish thing to do. I'd like you to ask yourself what you want from, and what you need from, Temple Sholom of Chicago. Help us chart the course to our future. This is your community and it is only as good as you help make it.

To our outgoing Board Members - John Bremen, Steve Fadem and Jeff Luchs - I thank you for your ongoing support and service to Temple Sholom and, personally, for your friendship and guidance.

To all, I wish you health and happiness and a wonderful year ahead.

Rounding Out the Evening

In addition to Jed's remarks, the board also welcomed two new members to its ranks, Troy Neeley and Elizabeth Samuels, while also announcing that Sherry Weil became First Vice President. Sherry, too, went on to thank John Bremen, Steve Fadem and Jeff Luchs for their combined 16 years of service to the Board.

The evening began with Rabbi Conover discussing this week's Torah portion, *Chukat-Balak*, giving it a modern-day perspective. And befitting a man of such selfless charity, Rabbi Rossoff ended the meeting by offering everyone a blessing of the Priestly Benediction.

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SHOLOM JUSTICE

Welcome to Sholom Justice, Rabbi Gellman

As we continue to work our way through 2020, we would like to welcome Rabbi Gellman to the Sholom Justice family! Rabbi Gellman will be stepping into the role of clergy liaison for Sholom Justice and will provide support and leadership as we continue to fight for justice.

Sholom Justice Continues to Respond

We have a long road ahead to continue the work of rooting out racism. We will regularly update you via eBlast and other communication to read how YOU can take action with your Temple Sholom family to learn, invest, and act to create meaningful systemic change. You can get involved from your own home or by joining the many outside activities. Just remember to follow all safety and health guidelines established by the city when attending larger gatherings.



Kind messages included in our Monday Meals to-go

Thank you!

Since the shelter-in-place was put into effect earlier this year, many of our Sholom Justice programs had to change the way in which they operate. Two of those programs include the Monday Meal program and Feed the Hungry. Thank you for everyone's support and dedication to ensure these programs continue to run. We are so appreciative of our volunteers who continue to provide 200 meals for Feed the Hungry, and to everyone who has contributed items for our Monday Meals To-Go. We couldn't have done this without you!

For more information on how you can support these efforts, please contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org.



Email toby@sholomchicago.org to learn how to get involved. Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar. If you would like to receive the Sholom Justice e-blast, please contact Toby.

Not Letting the Parade Pass Us By

Or Chadash Celebrates PRIDE Two Ways – Even Without the Parade!

Marching with other Chicagoland Synagogues is a tradition for the Temple Shalom LGBTQ+ and Allies community, dating back several years.

This year, with Chicago's annual LGBTQ+ PRIDE Celebrations cancelled, leaders of *Or Chadash*, Temple Shalom's LGBTQ+ and Allies community, still found ways to creatively build virtual spaces for Temple Shalom and the Chicagoland Jewish Community to come together and celebrate PRIDE!

Feelings of community and sacred partnership were felt on Friday night, June 26, when we embraced our LGBTQ+ community during our Annual *Or Chadash* Pride Shabbat service.

Then on Saturday night, June 27, Temple Shalom helped coordinate a virtual *Havdalah*. In collaboration with a collective of Chicagoland synagogues and Jewish

organizations, we spent an evening together full of Jewish ritual, music, song, and learning celebrating our Jewish LGBTQ+ community.

As *Havdalah* separates the holy from the ordinary, our Virtual PRIDE *Havdalah* helped us close out June's "PRIDE Month," helping us bring some of the joy, brightness, and love we experience in June during PRIDE into the rest of our year.

Special thanks to **Edwards Buice** and **Lilli Kornblum** with their leadership in this event.

Core partners for Chicagoland Virtual Pride *Havdalah*: Anshe Emet, Beth Emet, Beth Hillel B'nai Emunah, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Keshet LGBTQ+, and Temple Shalom.



Gan Shalom was thrilled to re-open for summer camp following DCFS requirements in July after being closed since March! The Gan Shalom staff could not be more excited to welcome our Gan Shalom friends back with open arms! We are spending an increased amount of time outdoors with fun in the sun and engaging with a variety of activities outdoors. Playground, sprinklers, art activities, celebrating *Shabbat* and enjoying being together in a safe and healthy environment has truly been a high point of Gan Shalom summer camp!

We hope you will continue to join our wonderful clergy for weekly Tot *Shabbat* on Fridays at 5:30pm.



Pre COVID-19 Tot Shabbat



A pre-COVID-19 lesson from Cantor Ben-David

Applications for the 2020 – 2021 school year are now available. For more information, please contact Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Education at heidi@sholomchicago.org or 773-525-4867.

Lifelong Learning

Got ideas, enthusiasm or feedback for Lifelong Learning?

To get involved or provide feedback, contact Dr. Irene Goldstein at vplearning@sholomchicago.org.

Hinei mah tov umah na'im Shevet achim gam yachad

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together in unity! | **PSALM 133:1**

Mazal Tov to the Class of 2020!

Jay Rapoport, RJE
Director of Lifelong Learning
jay@sholomchicago.org

We are so proud of our Crown Family High School graduates! With the world changing around them, they rose to the occasion at our *Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha* services in May. They have reminded us to stay resilient, creative, and open to new possibilities in these tumultuous times. Although the path ahead is uncertain, we are inspired by their journey, their accomplishments, and their words from our virtual *bimah*:

Temple Sholom and Crown Family High School have introduced me to some of my closest friends with whom I will surely keep in touch with while away at college. In addition, it provided the amazing support of clergy members and adult leaders who provided limitless guidance and acted as a presence that I knew I could turn to in a time of need. – **Aidan Rappaport**

When I was so small, I was running through the rows of chairs in the *Beit Midrash* and I felt so tangibly the love of every Jew before me. Now I sit in those seats and I study with my peers and I can still feel all around me what it means to be Jewish. – **Grace Gilson**

My Judaism [is] being greeted by people around me that have seen me grow since I was little all the way up to young adulthood. Feeling the warmth of the temple and the high Hershey kiss ceiling and relief that this is the perfect way to end a long day. – **Jacob Revels**

No matter what happened in school that week, every Wednesday night when I walked into class, my mood improved. It was very special to me to have a group of similar aged people outside of school that I could relate to through my religion. – **Rosie Newmark**

Crown Family High School has taught me that my actions speak louder than words or prayers, and, by fulfilling my responsibility, not only to the Jewish people by continuing traditions such as going to services on Friday nights and lighting the candles on *Chanukah*, but my responsibility as a citizen of the world, I truly illuminate my Jewish identity. – **Lulu Daly**

The backbone I have here, the network of support at Temple Sholom, supports all of us in our lives. Our Jewish identities are constantly changing based on our experiences. Taking time regularly to reassess this identity will yield strong mental health benefits. – **Sander Brissman**

As I grew, I realized that this is my forever community. Even when I'm 1,000 miles away in Colorado next year, this will be my home. – **Hannah Revels**

BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Contact education@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1544** regarding Religious School, or visit sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer.



Welcome Rachel Lipson, our new Full-Time Religious School Administrator!

We are excited that Rachel joined the Temple Sholom staff starting July 13! She comes to us from Metro Chicago Hillel,

where she spent the last five years originally as Office Manager and most recently as Manager of Operations & Student Life. Rachel studied Ethics & Public Policy at the University of Iowa, and has nearly completed her Master's Degree in Jewish Professional Studies at Spertus. We are so excited that she is joining the Temple Sholom Lifelong Learning team!

Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Religious or Hebrew School Teacher?

Seeking energetic, enthusiastic, fun and responsible people with strong Hebrew and a can-do attitude who are interested in creating positive Jewish experiences for children.

TEACHING POSITIONS:

K-7th grade Hebrew and Jewish Studies teachers and specialists for Religious School on Sunday mornings, Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Please send candidate resumes to jay@sholomchicago.org.

Religious School Registration Is Open!

We have a new look this year for online registration with our new database. Once you have renewed your membership, you will have access to register for fall classes.

Contact youth@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1533 regarding youth and teen events, or visit sholomchicago.org/youth-group.

Mazal Tov to Our Newly Elected 5781 Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board:

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8th grade Community Trips

DECEMBER 27, 2020
– JANUARY 4, 2021

JANUARY 17-25, 2021

FEBRUARY 14-22, 2021

This educational experience in Israel 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!

Registration Open Now!

Visit www.israelnowtrip.org to learn more



Chavrei Shalom & Noar Shalom Chopped Jr.



Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat

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
- All 8th-12th grade B'nai Mitzvah are eligible

Madrichim (assistants) help out in Religious School classrooms or office on Sunday mornings, during Midweek Hebrew or Junior Youth Group events!

*Madricha is the feminine version of "madrich"

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens to complete your online application

Thanks to This Year's Teen Madrichim!



Lewis Baer	11th	Eli Perlin	11th
Michael Bayer	10th	Elijah Preis	9th
Zoe Bernstein	12th	Aidan Rappaport	12th
Soren Birnbaum	12th	Jacob Rausa	11th
Jackson Bremen	12th	Hannah Revels	12th
William Bremen	9th	Benjamin Ruiz	10th
Beila Cohen	10th	Noah Sack	9th
Max Cooper	9th	Romy Saias	10th
Sydney Curran	9th	Owen Shaw	10th
Rachel Eisenberg	9th	Sydney Simon	10th
Max Fischer	9th	Josephine Stahl	9th
Matthew Garchik	11th	Zachary Stahl	11th
Eleanor Gelb	11th	Lauren Tapper	9th
Michael Gilson	9th	Samantha McDermott	8th
Grace Gilson	12th	Maya Henschel	8th
Mallory Gork	10th	Josh Gourdji	8th
Olivia Gork	12th	Maya Levinson	8th
Olivia Hirshorn	12th	Maya Levinson	8th
Elliot Landolt	11th	Ava Horwitz	8th
Lanie Liebovitz	11th	Maya Levinson	8th
Rachel Liskar	11th	Casey Luchs	8th
Ethan Loevy	12th	Ethan Weiss	8th
Andrew Luchs	12th	Caleb Goldstein	8th
Marcus McDermott	10th	Samuel Bayer	8th
Sofia More	10th	Gideon Heltzer	8th
Leo Necheles	10th	Rachel Necheles	8th
Rosie Newmark	12th	Abe Schwartz	8th
Zoe Okun	10th		

ADULT EDUCATION

For full class and scholar descriptions, explore our curriculum and register online at sholomchicago.org/adult-education.
Questions? Contact lori@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1531.



**Summer Book
Discussion**
WEDNESDAYS
10:00 AM
**Summer Book
Discussion**
with Karen Titus

**Stay Tuned for Adult
Education 5781 Curriculum
Information Coming in the Fall.**

"Embracing Racial Diversity" Committee

For over a year, the Temple Sholom clergy and staff have been working with a growing group of lay leadership to form our "Embracing Racial Diversity" Committee. The committee is focused on raising the voices of Jews 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.

In light of the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other Black Americans who have lost their lives as a direct result of systemic racism and inequality, the "Embracing Racial Diversity" Committee saw a timely need for spaces in our community to talk about the civil unrest happening in Chicago and across the nation. Over two weeks, the committee, supported by Rabbi Conover, facilitated five small group discussions where Temple Sholom members and

teens could get together to process the experiences of the last few weeks, grapple with the realities of violence and social change, and begin some necessary discussions about how we can work to be anti-racist within our own communities.

We're incredibly proud of this new and growing initiative that will make Temple Sholom a safer and more embracing community for Jews of Color. If you are interested in becoming involved with our "Embracing Racial Diversity" Committee, please contact **Rabbi Rena Singer** at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org.

IT'S *Our* TURN

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



Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan

MONDAYS | AUGUST 3 | 8:00AM | FREE
at Temple Sholom

Monday Morning Minyan is a monthly relaxed, come-as-you-are, early-morning service lasting approximately 30–45 minutes, led by one of Temple Sholom's Clergy. It features a Torah Reading with explanation and discussion.

Join IOT for an Evening in "Millennium Park(ing Lot)"

WEDNESDAY | JULY 22 | 6:00PM

It's BYOM (bring your own mask), as well as snacks, beverages and chairs, for IOT's annual outdoor social event, re-imagined for the age of COVID-19. We'll gather in the temple's empty parking lot, strictly enforcing masks and social distancing requirements for a fun AND safe adults-only evening. At 6:30 PM we'll listen to the Grant Park Music Festival concert on WMFT 98.7 performing Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 2 and featuring the 2014 Ryan Opera Center Ensemble Singers.

Participation is very limited and no more than two people per reservation. Contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org for more information and to register.

IOT is staying active during this time and has hosted virtual *Havdalah*, multiple movie discussion groups and the regular Minyan. To get updated communication about this active group, please contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org or **773.435.1545**.



Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

THURSDAY | AUG. 6 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

"Circling the Sun"

By Paula McLain



Friday Night Shabbat Service

**FRIDAY | AUG. 7
7:45 PM - Service**

Join *Or Chadash* throughout the summer for services and social events to bring this amazing community together.

For more information or to get on the email list, contact Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or (773)-435-1542.

Game Day

THURSDAY | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

at Temple Sholom

We have postponed game day until we can come safely back together.

Contact stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773.435.1545 to be added to the regular communication & for the sign-up link!



Friday Night Shabbat Service

**FRIDAY | AUG. 21
7:45 PM - Service**

Temple Sholom of Chicago's 20s and 30s events seek to help young Chicago Jews glean from their religion a deeper sense of community, connection, meaning, spirituality, inspiration, as well as a context for doing good in the world.

For more information, visit facebook.com/templesholommakom/events.



Klezmer House Band

Our Klezmer House Band is looking for a few musicians to round out the group! This amazing musical group meets regularly to rehearse and brings a wonderful, lively energy to our Temple Sholom celebrations!

If you or someone you know plays bass, drums or trumpet, please contact Emma at emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.

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.

**SATURDAY | JULY 25
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**SATURDAY | AUG. 22
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

To be added to the communications list, contact Stacy at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.

Welcome to Our Two New Hires



This Spring, we filled two critical staff positions. **Chelsie Duplanty** joined Temple Sholom as our new Account/Payroll Manager,

working with Jodi Morady. In this position, Chelsie is responsible for overseeing all the temple's billing statements, day-to-day accounts payable and receivable, and budget analyses, and employee payroll.

Chelsie is also certified to teach K-9th grade. After she graduated, Chelsie managed after school programs and summer camps. She also led special interest groups for students to highlight fine arts, and choreographed high school musicals.

Chelsie lives in the Irving Park neighborhood with her dog Logan. She is a huge sports fan and tries to go to a new stadium every year for a game as well as checking out the surrounding city.



Meanwhile, filling a newly created position, Facilities Supervisor, **Cornelius Scruggs** joined us in early June. In this role, he is responsible

for the day-to-day maintenance of the facility. He oversees all repairs, including electrical, painting and plumbing.

Cornelius has spent his entire career working similar positions throughout the Chicagoland Area. He started his career after high school as part of the maintenance crew at New Faith Baptist Church in Matteson, Illinois. Soon after he moved on to Savers Corporation and then finally Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago, IL.

Born and raised in Chicago, Cornelius currently lives in the West Loop.

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Summer Worship with Cantor Katzman

Our beloved Cantor Emerita, Aviva Katzman, will once again grace our virtual *bimah* beginning early July, through August 14. She will return with many of the songs with which we are so familiar as well as some of her own favorites. Cantor Ben-David, meanwhile, will

be leading *Shabbat Services* at Camp Modin, where her two sons go in Maine, and where all safety precautions and state regulations are being followed. Cantor Ben-David will continue her other Temple Sholom business during the week, including working with *B'nai Mitzvah* students and prepping for our beautiful High Holy Days.

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JULY 2020

at Temple Shalom

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5:30pm Clergy Conversations

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1:00pm Minkyoo's Piano Music

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