

# ShD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

*A sacred community that  
embraces, inspires and matters*

MAY / JUNE 2020



Interim  
Senior Rabbi  
**Donald Rossoff**

**I am writing in early April, well sheltered in place and maintaining social distancing. I hope that by the time you read this, we will have been able to reestablish physical "closening." If not, I know we will continue to adapt and find positive means of coping as our people and others persons of faith have always done.**

These most challenging times have brought humanity together in common concern and shared vulnerability. We have seen how a small act of the one can bring harm – or good – to the many. The pandemic has been a stark illustration of how we are all interconnected, mutually dependent, and ultimately responsible for and to each other.

Amidst the difficulty and loss, we have witnessed countless deeds of selfless devotion and not so random acts of kindness – individual, institutional, and corporate. We have gained a new appreciation for the individuals who remain "on the line" in order that we receive their essential services, almost as if it were still BC (before COVID-19), individuals whose names we would rarely have bothered to ask before. I pray that in time AC (after COVID-19), we will carry with us this new appreciation of those around us and continue to extend the heightened kindness that was born out of crisis.

As you know, I will be ending my term as Interim Senior Rabbi at the end of June, having facilitated the transition from me to your wonderful new Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Shoshana Conover. This has been a wonderful year for me and Fran, connecting with friends old and new. I have enjoyed serving with this incredible, talented, and devoted clergy team, staff, and lay leadership and cannot thank them enough. Their warmth and friendship have been cherished

gifts; while their wisdom, creativity, and tireless work ethic – most especially in these unprecedented times – have been and continue to be sacred gifts to me. I cannot overstate how amazingly my younger clergy colleagues and the entire staff have kept this community virtually yet fully embraced. Together with our dedicated lay leaders and volunteers, they have offered one-on-one support, facilitated inspiring and enriching spiritual and educational experiences, and provided countless resources that continue to lift us up during very down times. I will therefore take my leave knowing that Temple Sholom and its legacy are in the most excellent of hands. There is no question that the Temple will continue to embrace, inspire, and matter in real and concrete ways to its members, to the Jewish people and Israel, and to the world around us!

May the Holy One bless you with happiness, keep you from harm, and bring you wholeness and peace.

**Rabbi Donald Rossoff**  
[rabbirrossoff@sholomchicago.org](mailto:rabbirrossoff@sholomchicago.org)

## Saying Farewell to Dear Friends on June 5



It may be virtual. Or maybe we will be in person by then. Whatever the method, it's sure to be celebratory during Rabbi Rossoff's and Fran's Farewell Friday Night *Shabbat* Service, Friday, June 5. Whether as our Assistant Rabbi during the 1980s or serving as our Interim Senior Rabbi for the past year, Rabbi Rossoff's calm demeanor, steady hand, and open mind were exactly what we needed as we made the transition to our next senior rabbi. Rabbi Rossoff started his career at Temple Sholom and spent 25 years at Temple B'nai Or in Morristown, New Jersey, where he is now Rabbi Emeritus. Rabbi Rossoff's career is marked by warmth, dedication to the Reform Movement, rabbinical wisdom and welcoming conversations with him and Fran. While Friday, June 5, is Rabbi Rossoff's Farewell *Shabbat*, he will lead us in two more Friday Night Services, June 12 and June 26. And though he is stepping down from our *bimah*, he and Fran will forever remain in our hearts.

**DUE TO CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, DATES AND LISTINGS MAY CHANGE. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED THROUGH OUR WEEKLY EBLAST AND WEBSITE, [SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG](http://SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG).**

# Mentor, Friend, Inspiration: Rabbi Donald Rossoff

"Joshua ben Perahiah taught: *aseh l'cha rav u'k'neh l'cha chaver*- appoint yourself a teacher and acquire yourself a friend. Rabbi Rossoff is a consummate teacher, with insights that enrich our intellect and provide emotional truths. Through his goodness and compassion, he has become a dear friend.

Best wishes to you,  
Rabbi Rossoff and Fran!"

- **Rabbi Shoshanah Conover**

"I was given the gift of a ride with an incredible Rabbi this year. Rabbi Rossoff breezed into my cantorial sphere last July and my heart became fuller. He has shared his wisdom and musicianship with me all throughout this journey. I will miss our shared *minyan* services when he plays his flute with me. It is then I am reminded of the many layers of love & learning that Rabbi gives to us all. The sounds of his music and the depth of his spirit will forever color my world."

- **Cantor Ben-David**

"For many years to come, we will be thankful for Rabbi Rossoff's careful and full-of-care approach that has helped to strengthen our community's foundation. Personally, I cannot thank Rabbi Rossoff enough for his thoughtful guidance which led the clergy, the staff, and the whole Temple Sholom family to thrive throughout this year."

- **Rabbi Scott Gellman**

## Meet Our Next Assistant Rabbi, Rena Singer



In early March, we announced that Rena Singer officially signed on to become our next Assistant Rabbi! At the time, we said it was a piece of much-needed news. If that was the case then, today this event is even more exciting. Rena is a true gem and we will be very fortunate when

she joins our sacred community on July 1, after she is ordained by Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR).

Prior to HUC-JIR, Rena earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Brandeis University, Dean's List Cum Laude.

Her personality, professionalism and wisdom about Torah and Talmudic study are impressive on their own. Add to this the learning she gleaned while spending two years at New York City's Hadar Institute, an experientially immersive and innovative yeshiva. Rena likes to say she's always looking to find "new ways to say ancient sentences."

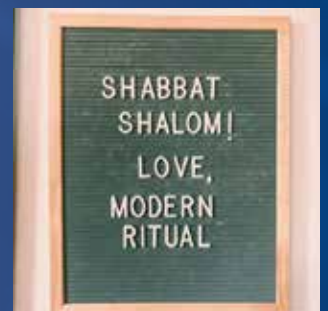
Rena's perspective and depth of understanding of Torah should result in her accomplishing this goal with no problem. We couldn't be happier to have Rena embrace our sacred community! In fact, a taste of her abilities are evident in the following piece which highlights her insight into today's younger generation of Jews.

## Modern Tools for Modern Rituals

Rena and a close friend, Rabbi Samantha Frank, saw an opportunity to engage with today's younger generation and seized it. Here, Rena tells us how Modern Ritual was born....

I began Modern Ritual with my close friend, Rabbi Samantha Frank, in our third year of rabbinical school. I am looking forward to bringing my work with Modern Ritual as part of my rabbinate. I had been teaching Hebrew school and realized that many of my students weren't growing up with the Jewish home rituals that I knew and loved (both of my parents are rabbis, so I grew up with a lot of Jewish ritual)! I wondered how to teach and inspire people to live Jewishly at home.

One day, I overheard some teenagers talking about how obsessed they were with Instagram. "Would you follow a Jewish Instagram?" I asked. "If it was cool," they replied. Enter Modern Ritual. I started posting about *Shabbat*, holidays, and Jewish concepts on Instagram and would ask for their feedback. In the process, they learned more about Judaism and I learned how to use social media as an educational tool. Since then, Modern Ritual has grown to over 14,000 followers. Our goal is to empower and inspire people to live Jewishly at home. I am so excited for the ways that my work with Modern Ritual will inform my work at Temple Sholom and vice versa. I am looking forward to bringing what I have learned into this new role, while continuing to learn from all of you.



## Of Blessed Memory

**FEB. 20**

**Judd A. Weinberg**

Father of Richard (Diane) Weinberg

**FEB. 27**

**Robert Nagel**

Uncle of Jodi (Amnon) Morady

**MAR. 11**

**Gloria Baskin**

Mother of Laurie Baskin  
(Steve Fadern)

**MAR. 22**

**Francine M. Motenko**

Mother of Barbara (Robert) Stone

**APR. 2**

**Dr. Philip Lapidus**

Father of Sheryl (Robert) Bellick

**APR. 5**

**Marcine Komen**

Mother of Julie Komen,  
grandmother of Charlotte Oliva

**APR. 6**

**Ronald Rosenson**

Father of Glori Rosenson

**APR. 9**

**Joan Elegant**

Mother of Bruce (Dr. Debra  
Gurney) Elegant, Jeffrey (Janet)  
Elegant, grandmother of Elizabeth  
(Rob) Hadfield

**APR. 13**

**Francine Emerson**

Sister of Lois Paul, Aunt of Gail  
(Sean) O'Connor

**APR. 19**

**Hilbert Heiferman**

Father of Gary Heiferman

## Yahrzeits / First Year

**MAY 16**

**Inez Isabella Ringland**

Mother of Jeannine Ringland Zwirn

**MAY 25**

**Bonnie Levitt Haris**

Mother of Jon Harris

**MAY 27**

**Bernice Cohen**

Mother of Jack Cohen

**MAY 29**

**Sara Mauer**

Mother of Dr. Morris Mauer

**JUNE 6**

**Richard Fuhrer**

Husband of Lois Fuhrer

**JUNE 16**

**Ruby Crites**

Mother of Linda Barder

**JUNE 24**

**Alan Bayer**

Son of Gerald & Joan Mae Bayer,  
Brother of Joel Bayer

**JUNE 27**

**Esther Ogaw**

Sister of Cantor Emeritus  
Aviva Katzman

## Mazal Tov

**FEB. 2**

**Nancy and Avi Bernstein**

on their daughter's (Jessica) marriage to Andrew Winter

**FEB. 19**

**Drs. Anna & Andrew Beaser**

on the birth of their son, Zachary Mason

**MAR. 9**

**Dr. Larry & Debby Levinson**

on the birth of their granddaughter, Sasha Adelina Levinson.  
The proud parents are Melinda & Zach Levinson.

**MAR. 14**

**Dr. Risa Hurwich & Michael Kopinsky**

on their wedding

## Worship Schedule

**FRIDAY | MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**FRIDAY | JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26**

**5:45 PM** Pre-service Reception

**6:15 PM** Shabbat Service, Oneg to follow

**SATURDAY | MAY 2, 9, 23, 30**

**SATURDAY | JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27**

**9:00 AM** Minyan Service

**9:45 AM** Torah Study

## Special Services

**MONDAY | MAY 4**

**8:00 AM** Congregational Monthly Monday

Morning Minyan | Sponsored by It's Our Turn

**FRIDAY | MAY 15**

**6:30 PM** Makom 20s/30s Shabbat

**FRIDAY | MAY 29**

**10:30 AM** Shavuot & Yizkor at Temple Sholom  
(with Emanuel Congregation)

**MONDAY | JUNE 1**

**8:00 AM** Congregational Monthly Monday

Morning Minyan | Sponsored by It's Our Turn

**FRIDAY | JUNE 5**

**12:00 PM** Monthly Downtown Talmud Study  
with Rabbi Conover

**6:15 PM** Rabbi Rossoff Farewell Shabbat

**FRIDAY | JUNE 19**

**6:30 PM** Makom 20s/30s Shabbat

**FRIDAY | JUNE 26**

**6:15 PM** Or Chadash Pride Shabbat

**MAR. 19**

**Dr. Brittany Lakin-Starr & Mr. David Starr**

on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Starr

**MAR. 23**

**Helene & Kerry Kohn**

on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Kohn Williams.  
Proud parents are Shelby Kohn & Chris Williams

**APR. 17**

**Sheryl and Michael Markman**

on the birth of their grandson, Ellison Betts

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!*

# New Members

MAZAL TOV! WELCOME TO OUR SACRED COMMUNITY.

**Scott and Allyson  
Becker**

Ethan

**Todd and Kemper**

**Florin**

Lucas & Nathaniel

**Lily Ginsberg**

**Evan Henschel**

**Tara Howarth**

Ida

**Katy and Andy Motto**

Joel & Olive

**Daniel and Kathleen  
Salganik**

## Thank You to Our Temple Sholom Donors!

In memory of Doris Arnheim

In honor of Cantor Ben-David

In memory of Elfrieda Billingham

In memory of Stella Heyman Boruszak

In memory of Trina Brickman

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In honor of Abra Jean Charnay

In honor of Emerson Cohen

In honor of Rabbi Conover

**Debbie Stern & Michael Dallek**

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Jill & Aaron Tantleff**

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Women of Temple Sholom**

**Eleanor Samuels**

**Terry Diamond**

**Susan Stoken**

**Felicia & Jeff Greenbaum**

**Elizabeth & Richard Patton**

**Margaret & Ted Goldberg**

**Karen & Andy Jacobs**

**Sherri & Joel Nemirow**

**Debra Kissen Kohn  
& Jonathan Kohn**

**Isa Lessman**

**Shelley & Michael Radner**

**Sue & Arthur Landen**

**Isa Lessman**

In memory of Joseph Levy Jr.

In memory of Jean Levy London

In memory of Clare Liss

In memory of Joan Liss Jaffe

In memory of Israel Ofer

In honor of Joss Okun

In memory of Jennie Pepper

In memory of Miriam Polyea

In memory of Ilene Quinn

In memory of Carole Radner

In memory of Darius Ringland

In memory of Inez Ringland

In honor of Amy Rosenow

In honor of Rabbi Rossoff

In memory of Eric Sacher

In memory of Irving Salus

In memory of Irving Samuels

In memory of Louis Schneider

In memory of Morris J. Shatz

In memory of Albert Shear

In memory of Goldie Shoub

In memory of Alvin Siess

In memory of Bruce Siess

In memory of Minnie Solomon

In honor of Leo Spiegel

In memory of Ruth Betty Spilky

In memory of Samford P. Stoll

In memory of David Unger

In memory of Frank Wachman

**Judith London Newton**

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**Judy Ullman**

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**Tali & Avi Ofer**

**Andrea & Allyn Okun**

**Frances Eaton**

**Isa Lessman**

**Debbie & Marc Willage**

**Shelley & Michael Radner**

**Jeannine R. Zwirn  
& Howard Zwirn**

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**Jodi & Amnon Morady**

**Debbie & Marc Willage**

**Judy & Mark Davis**

**Edina & Alan Lessack**

**Marilyn Samuels**

**Frances Eaton**

**Barbara Turner**

**Evelyn & Stewart Pinsof**

**Suzie & David Shoub**

**Sherri & Joel Nemirow**

**Sherri & Joel Nemirow**

**Debbie & Marc Willage**

**Marnie & Matt Spiegel**

**Terry Diamond**

**Susan Stoll**

**Julie & Jon Walner**

**Sherri & Joel Nemirow**

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*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 call Toby Sanders at **773-435-1536** or visit [sholomchicago.org/donate](https://sholomchicago.org/donate).

# A Proud Part of the TEMPLE SHOLOM COMMUNITY

It was 1975. A group of friends – wishing to maintain their Jewish faith and culture at a time when mainstream Judaism was not yet welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community – decided to begin their own congregation, *Or Chadash*. Starting with small social gatherings in living rooms, *Or Chadash* quickly progressed to holding *Shabbat* and holiday services, and eventually moved into rented space at the Second Unitarian Church in Lakeview, which the group would call home for many years.

In that setting, membership eventually grew to several hundred and *Or Chadash* grew into a full-service synagogue where *Shabbat* was celebrated weekly, the full calendar of Jewish Holy Days and Festivals were observed, and life cycle events were held. In 1981, the congregation celebrated the purchase of its first Torah.

With changing times and the support of Rabbi Alan Bregman z"l, the membership of *Or Chadash* was thrilled to join the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) in 1984. Throughout the years, while maintaining its focus on LGBTQ+ Jews, the congregation welcomed and included Jews from all backgrounds.

In 1986, *Or Chadash* achieved the milestone of hiring the first of four rabbis who would serve the community. *Or Chadash* also took much pride in members who themselves went on to study for the rabbinate and who today serve the Jewish community in a variety of capacities.

By the early 2000s, *Or Chadash* outgrew its space at Second Unitarian Church and moved north to Emanuel Congregation where it rented a chapel and office space for the remainder of its years as an independent synagogue.

Over time, attitudes and understanding shifted, and by 2015 much of the Jewish world had experienced phenomenal growth in its embrace of the LGBTQ+ community. With that growth came the decision to merge with a mainstream congregation. Several options opened, and after exploring each, *Or Chadash* enthusiastically decided to accept the warm embrace of Temple Sholom.

Here, *Or Chadash* hosts a *Shabbat* service and dinner on the first Friday of most months to present an inclusive and meaningful service led by Temple Sholom Clergy. Additionally, *Or Chadash* offers a variety of social and holiday celebrations.

In observance of Pride month each June, Temple Sholom and *Or Chadash* hold a celebratory Pride service. This is followed by a special *Oneg* and the *Am Keshet* award ceremony, which honors organizations and individuals who have worked diligently to help the LGBTQ+ community obtain greater equality in the workplace and in their private lives.

Temple Sholom and *Or Chadash* look forward to continue providing a spiritual home for the LGBTQ+ community and are excited to partner with synagogues throughout Chicago to further that mission.

# Women OF TEMPLE SHOLOM



Sisterhood of  
Salaam  
Shalom

**Jewish and Muslim  
Women's Group to Address  
"Ten Ways to Fight Hate"  
at Annual WTS Dinner**

**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 10 | 6:00 PM  
PENDING COVID-19 SITUATION**

**FRANCESCA'S ON BRYN MAWR,  
1039 W. BRYN MAWR**

Women of Temple Sholom will culminate a dynamic year of programming with its Annual Dinner Wednesday, June 10. The Annual Dinner Francesca's on Bryn Mawr will feature two guest speakers from the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom (SOSS), a worldwide organization that seeks to change the world, one Jewish woman and one Muslim woman at a time.

Kathie Bender, a Jewish woman and SOSS Regional Coordinator for the Chicago area, and Samira Qureshi, a Muslim member, will share "Ten Ways to Respond to Hate: Islamophobia and Antisemitism from the Perspective of Jewish and Muslim Women." They will also tell us about their grassroots organization and how it develops women and teen girls as influencers to build bridges and fight hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice. Only 10 years old, SOSS recently won the

prestigious Intercultural Innovation Award from the BMW Group in partnership with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations for projects "aimed at fostering a sustainable and open relationship between different communities."

The event will begin at 6:00 pm with appetizers and a cash bar, followed by a delicious Italian dinner, with vegetarian and gluten-free options. In addition to our guest speakers, we will also honor the outgoing 2019 – 2020 Steering Committee and introduce the one for 2020 – 2021.

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS  
ALWAYS ENJOYABLE AND  
THOUGHT-PROVOKING EVENING!**

## Taking a Stand for All Women

### What is Women of Temple Sholom (WTS)?

Women of Temple Sholom was formerly the temple's Sisterhood. The mission and goals have not changed, only the name – to better reflect the contemporary, inclusive group we are and to appeal to a wider, even more diverse audience. Every woman of Temple Sholom is invited and encouraged to join us.

### Who Are We?

We are a dynamic group of women of all ages and life stages who are concerned about our community, our city and our world... who are committed to making a difference and having our voices heard... who are compassionate about the marginalized and vulnerable members of society... who care about enriching our spiritual selves... who come together to learn, explore and to discover the joys of friendship and the strength of sisterhood. We are wonderfully diverse with a place for all. Single, married, widowed, divorced, children, no children, straight, LGBTQ+, working, not

working, retired, young and old – whoever you are, we welcome you and your energy, your enthusiasm and your life experience to add to the vitality of Women of Temple Sholom.

### Why Should I Join?

If you want to learn about important issues, form lifelong friendships, are passionate about making a positive impact on our temple, our community, and our world, then Women of Temple Sholom is the group for you. Our efforts include:

- Providing buses for the Reunification Ride so Chicago children can visit their mothers who are incarcerated at the downstate Logan Correctional Center
- Collecting winter coats
- Sponsoring a toiletries drive
- Learning about and supporting Women of the Wall
- Hearing speakers from the Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking, the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and AJC on anti-semitism and supporting their efforts with generous donations.

WTS sponsors a Monday Meal for the homeless in our community, and we celebrate and mourn with temple members by writing personal notes for life cycle events. We also sponsor a beautiful Women's Seder, an international Women's Day *Shabbat* service, and an annual dinner with an expert speaker on an important contemporary issue.

We have a full slate of exciting and meaningful events in the coming year, and we hope you'll join us for many of them.

### Where Do My Dues Go?

The annual membership of \$36 goes toward funding our special events and initiatives. A percentage of our membership dues also go to Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) to increase the impact of its work worldwide, including projects supporting religious and family education, strengthening Jewish identity, and a wide-range of social justice and women's issues.

Join by contacting Stacy Charnay at [stacy@sholomchicago.org](mailto:stacy@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1545**.

# Rabbi Conover, the Light That Makes WTS Shine



Rabbi Shoshanah Conover has been the clergy liaison for Women of Temple Sholom since the group was still called Sisterhood. Over the years, she has attended Board and Steering Committee meetings, hosted potluck dinners in her home, educated us on Reproductive Rights and Judaism, made the #MeToo

movement relevant to biblical teachings, led a lively conversation about provocative Jewish women's poetry and even managed to bring spirituality to a designer shopping event!

She has led us in our transition from Sisterhood to Women of Temple Sholom and in our efforts to make the group more multi-generational and inclusive. She helps us refine and tweak our programming ideas, and she always informs and educates us on so many different issues, from Women of the Wall to the Reunification Ride. As Rabbi Conover prepares to become our next Senior Rabbi, we know she will continue to lead and inspire WTS as we all move into the future of Temple Sholom.

*Yasher Koach and Toda Raba, Rabbi Conover!*

## Steering Committee Voices

"Rabbi Conover has been a leader for our community on issues involving women and social justice. Her energy and dedication are inspirational. On a personal level, her warmth and spiritual guidance have been incredibly valuable and meaningful."

- Nadine Abrahams

"She has been a mentor, educator, role model and friend—to me, my husband, my daughter and sons. We have seen her grow professionally and personally. She is not only a light within our congregation, but a beacon of light and wisdom for Chicago and beyond. We all rejoice!"

- Judith Weinstein

"She has the unique ability to inspire everyone to want to do their very best, to do more and to go beyond what you think you are capable of. She juggles so many roles, and yet is always calm, kind and thoughtful."

- Joan Field



"Her warmth and attention to her individual congregants is remarkable. I look forward to seeing her shine in her new role."

- Amy Kleinman

give encouragement and provide wise guidance. She helps us to think outside of the box, and to envision a better world through our actions. We are so fortunate to have her as our Senior Rabbi!"

- Pam Bondy

Rabbi Conover's kindness knows no bounds – her warmth and her ability to connect with all generations is remarkable, and I saw it especially when I was President of the Sisterhood, now Women of Temple Sholom! She also instills the love for Torah in such a beautiful way, and her passion is contagious and inspiring!

- Cyndi Bergstein Solitro

## A Look Back at WTS's Shabbat

On Friday, March 6, the Women of Temple Sholom recognized International Women's Day at Shabbat Services. Inspirational readings were incorporated into the service and read by 12 women of the temple. Rabbi Conover and Cantor Ben-David added meaningful prayers and music, and Sandra Hall, Coordinator of the Reunification Ride/Cabrini Green Legal Aid, a long-term project that WTS supports, shared

gratitude for our annual funding of a bus to transport children, along with their caretakers, to visit their mothers at Logan Correctional Center in downstate Illinois. We were also very grateful to have Becky Koren of *Sharsheret* speak at the Oneg about the important work that this organization does for Jewish women and families facing breast and ovarian cancer so that no one has to be alone during such a difficult time.



# B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to our students who are becoming B'nai-Mitzvah this spring/summer season of 2020. They will be called to Torah at rescheduled services in the coming 2020-2021 season.

We welcome, as adults in our community, Dylan and Evan Gould, Theo Altschuler, Sammy Rubinov, Anna Gelb, Bella Brown, Joey Gelfond, Zoe Cohen, Isabelle Hyde, Kaylee Simon, Luke Cummis, Ashley Strauss, Micah Stone, Jordyn Kohn, Miles Heltzer, and Max Levin.

*We look forward to you all chanting from the Torah!*



## SHOLOM JUSTICE

### Save the Date

#### RESCHEDULED: Sholom Justice General Meeting

**TUESDAY | MAY 12 | 6:30 PM**

Please join Sholom Justice on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm for our General Meeting via Zoom! We will discuss what we have been up to in the 2019 – 2020 calendar year and what our 2020 – 2021 calendar year will look like. The meeting will be similar to our annual BBQ.

Contact [toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:toby@sholomchicago.org) or check out the Sholom Justice eBlast for the Zoom link.

#### POSTPONED: Site Visit to the Institute for Nonviolence & READI Chicago

Sholom Justice's site visit to the Institute for Nonviolence and READI Chicago has been postponed. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the rescheduled day and time.

### Exciting Recent News

Thank you to our volunteers who helped pack toiletry items for housing-insecure youth and adults at the end of February! We packed almost 150 bags that will be taken to the Institute for Nonviolence and READI Chicago when Sholom Justice makes a site visit later this year.

We also want to let everyone know that despite not being able to host our traditional Monday Meals during this time, meals are still being distributed to those in need. Temple Sholom staff assemble meals to go. From the Staff, Clergy & Monday Meal Leadership, we want to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication to the meal each week. We appreciate your support during this time.

### Be on the Lookout

Please be on the lookout for more information as Sholom Justice rolls out our new Advocacy Group! This group will be a place for anyone interested in advocacy, and will provide resources regarding current events and ways in which we can advocate for important issues on local, state, and national levels. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.



Right before the Shelter-in-Place order took effect, the Temple Sholom staff helped make the Monday Meals



Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar. To learn how to get involved or to be added to the Sholom Justice eBlast list, please contact Toby Sanders at [toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:toby@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1536**.

# Temple Sholom Adopts New Software Platform



In late March, Temple Sholom transitioned to ShulCloud, a software platform that helps synagogues, their staff and volunteers manage day-to-day operations. This includes modules for donations, member dues, and tuition as well as membership data, email

and paper communication, calendaring, event management, our web site and much more.

Nearly 1,000 temples have converted to ShulCloud and we've been working with an implementation expert to help us ensure a smooth transition. Over the next few months, you will begin to see changes. Billing statements will be emailed and will include a link to pay online. In many cases you will have the option to spread your payment over time. You can even set up

recurring monthly donations. Our website will soon have a new look and feel with improved organization. Event registration and High Holy Day tickets will all be facilitated via ShulCloud. There will be a dynamic calendar organized by community and interest groups to help you zero in on the most relevant information for you and your family.

We're confident that embracing new technology will help us move forward and do our best work for the community.

If you have any questions about ShulCloud, contact Emma Harmon, [emma@sholomchicago.org](mailto:emma@sholomchicago.org).



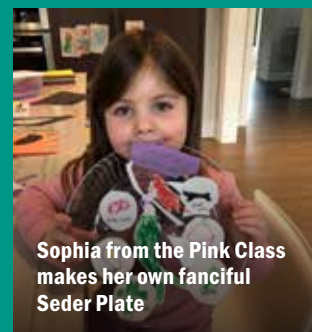
Gan Shalom has transitioned into a virtual classroom via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic! The Gan Shalom staff have been incredibly dedicated in continuing their connections with the children and families each morning. The teachers have brought their classrooms into our students' homes to provide special programming and have created a sense of community even from a distance. The students have participated in virtual circle time, *Shabbat* experiences, art activities, Passover, Tot *Shabbat* each Friday with our clergy, music with Ms. Beth and Jay, and My Gym.



Colton & Sky make learning the alphabet novel & fun!



The Cantor sings to Gan Shalom



Sophia from the Pink Class makes her own fanciful Seder Plate

A special thank you to our incredible Gan Shalom staff for their unwavering dedication to the children and a special thank you to all of our Gan Shalom friends and families for their incredible support throughout this time!

For more information about Gan Shalom's Early Childhood Education Program, please feel free to reach out to Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Education at [heidi@sholomchicago.org](mailto:heidi@sholomchicago.org) or **773-525-4867** for more information or to schedule a tour.



Emet makes a larger than life *challah*



Olivia & Jacob having fun at the Matzah Factory.

**We will keep you updated on summer camp options, once more information becomes available!**

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](mailto: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](mailto:vplearning@sholomchicago.org).

*Hineí mah tov umah náim Shevet achim gam yachad*

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

## Building Virtual Community Through Online Learning

In early 2020, our Adult Education Committee was considering online learning possibilities. We had formed an Online Learning Task Force. We discussed that it might lower barriers and engage participants who aren't able to attend in person. We planned a poll in our March e-letter to assess interest.

As they say, people make plans and God laughs.

March 15, a week before the official state stay-at-home order went into effect, we went online with Religious School and Adult Education classes after less than a week of planning. We launched adult classes on Zoom and *T'filah* (prayer) on Facebook Live. Days later, we piloted midweek Hebrew classes on Zoom and by Sunday all JK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade *Beit Sefer Shalom* Religious School classes met via Zoom.

The response has been overwhelming. I receive daily requests to join our ongoing weekday Adult Ed classes like Tuesday Talmud or the Wednesday Morning Study Group. People of all ages are tuning into Tot *Shabbat* and Religious School *T'filah*, and friends

from around the country are asking to "attend" our services. It's heartwarming to see children just being themselves during online classes, tuning in from living rooms around the city (sometimes with backdrops from outer space), clearly happy to see each other. It doesn't hurt that Zoom has a "mute all" feature.

I can see from every interaction how much we are craving our Jewish community, as students of all ages congregate online and we take joy in the gallery view of faces in our online gatherings. Almost every virtual gathering involves some form of "how are you doing?" and "what are you feeling grateful for?" We are all learning from each other as Jewish tradition and technology intertwine in beautiful and unexpected ways during this unusual moment in time.

**Jay Rapoport, RJE**  
*Director of Lifelong Learning*  
[jay@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jay@sholomchicago.org)

## Mazal Tov to Caleb!

We are so proud to share that our beloved Youth Engagement & Curriculum Coordinator, Caleb Bromberg, has been accepted to Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. We are saddened to see Caleb go but happy for the Jewish people! He will be with us through June 2020 and we look forward to celebrating our time with him later this spring.



Caleb Bromberg

## Dearest Temple Sholom Community,

Leaving for The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York is bittersweet. Our Religious School students, teens, and faculty members have been among the best things in my life these last 4.5 years (1.5 as a teacher and 3 as your Youth Engagement and Curriculum Coordinator). I have been continuously inspired, challenged, motivated, warmed, and embraced by the community here.

My experience would not have been the same had it not been for the wonderful team with whom I had the good fortune of working: Rebecca Weller, Hannah Klegon, and Melissa Bell.

I have nothing but profound gratitude for Jay Rapoport, who will remain my teacher, mentor, and friend as I move forward in my life and career. Most of all I will miss the Temple Sholom community, who has learned with me and taught me more than I can imagine. Thank you.

*B'simcha, v'sason, v'ikar* (In rejoicing, happiness, and honor)

**Caleb**

## BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Contact [melissa@sholomchicago.org](mailto:melissa@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1544** regarding Religious School, or visit [sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer](http://sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer).



Lots of funds and fun were raised at our Purim Carnival Fundraiser! Proceeds will support technology purchases, classroom upgrades, youth programming, teen trips and other special projects. Thanks to everyone for your support, and especially our sponsor committee and volunteers:

**Sponsor Committee:** Mitchell Glaser, Steve Katz, Carrie Newton, Tara Patek, Rachel Rapoport, Jonathan Strauss, Melanie Walsh, Erin Wilson

**Volunteers:** Andy Braudy, Noelle Fischer, Tara Horwath, Debra Stern

### Closing Days of Midweek Hebrew and Crown Family High School

**MAY 12–13**

### Closing Day of Religious School

**SUNDAY | MAY 17**

**11:15 AM – 1:00 PM**



### Coming Soon, Stay Tuned for Religious School Registration!

We will have a new look this year for online registration with our new database.

### Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Religious/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.

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

Candidates, please submit resume to [jay@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jay@sholomchicago.org)

## FAMILY EDUCATION

Contact [emma@sholomchicago.org](mailto:emma@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1542** regarding family events.

### Join Us for Yom Horim (Parents' Day)

**SUNDAY | MAY 3 | 9:30 AM**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Israel Matters**

### Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha Featuring 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders on the bimah

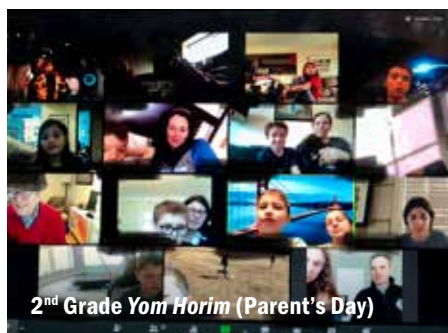
**FRIDAY | MAY 15 | 6:15 PM**

**Graduation Shabbat Service**

\*Our entire community is always welcome at Shabbat Mishpacha!



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim (Parent's Day)



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Yom Horim (Parent's Day)



B'yachad Family Learning Club

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Contact [caleb@sholomchicago.org](mailto:caleb@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1533** regarding youth and teen events, or visit [sholomchicago.org/youth-group](http://sholomchicago.org/youth-group).

### Upcoming Teen Events

#### Chavrei Shalom Virtual Youth Group Event!

**SUNDAY | MAY 3**  
**12:15 PM – 2:00 PM**

Save the date! Whether we're still sheltering in place or not, we will have a **Chavrei Shalom** (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Youth Group event on Sunday, May 3!

Join us via webcam from your kitchen and compete in Chopped Junior! You will receive a list of secret basket items to prepare a delicious meal using some unexpected ingredients! Parent participation encouraged! Free of charge (except for purchasing ingredients).



**Chavrei & Noar Shalom**  
**Hamantaschen Hurrah**

### See the Future of Temple Sholom

Honoring our graduating seniors and high school *Madrachim* teaching assistants!

**FRIDAY | MAY 15**

**5:00 PM**

Virtual Crown Family High School

**6:15 PM**

Virtual Kabbalat Torah Graduation  
Shabbat Service

**8:00 PM**

Orr Shalom Graduation Celebration



**Madrachim**

#### Graduating Crown Family High School Students & Madrichim:

**Lulu Daly**

Co-President Orr Shalom Youth Board

**Rosie Newmark**

Co-President Orr Shalom Youth Board

**Aidan Rappaport**

Co-Vice President Orr Shalom Youth Board

**Soren Birnbaum**

Communications Chair Orr Shalom  
Youth Board

**Hannah Revels**

Senior Representative Orr Shalom Youth Board

**Grace Gilson**

#### Graduating Crown Family High School Students:

**Sander Brissman**

Co-Vice President Orr Shalom Youth Board

**Jacob Revels**

Social Action Chair Emeritus

#### Graduating Madrichim:

**Zoe Bernstein, Jackson Bremen,**

**Olivia Gork, Olivia Hirshorn, Andrew Luchs**



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Taste of**  
**Crown Family High School**

#### Be a Temple Sholom 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 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sholomchicago.org/teens) to complete your online application

# We Support Jewish Camping

Check out the world of Reform Jewish summer camping! From our very own OSRUI to the 6 Points Specialty Sports Academy in North Carolina, Sci-Tech Camp in Boston, and Arts Camp in Pennsylvania, there's something for everyone! 29 Religious School students are already registered for URJ Camp OSRUI and 6 Points Sports, Sci-tech and Arts specialty camps this summer.

Visit [URJyouth.org/camps](http://URJyouth.org/camps) and [OSRUI.org](http://OSRUI.org) to learn more.

## Join Temple Sholom at URJ Camp OSRUI this Summer!

**JUNE 7 – 14**

Rabbi Conover: Staff Week

**JUNE 28 – JULY 12**

Jay Rapoport, RJE: Geshet Aleph

**JULY 26 – AUG. 9**

Rabbi Gellman: Geshet Gimel

## URJ Camp OSRUI is kicking off a brand new 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teen Leadership Summit!

This 2 - week program at our beloved camp offers tracks in Song leading, Social Justice, and Regional Leadership.

Visit [www.osrui.org/teen-leadership-summit](http://www.osrui.org/teen-leadership-summit) to learn more!

## Kallah Atid

For new campers, Temple Sholom will split the cost with you for OSRUI's Kallah Atid trial sessions for rising 2<sup>nd</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> graders. **NEW!** OSRUI is offering two sessions of Kallah Atid this summer:

- Atid Aleph: 6 nights | June 15–21
- Atid Bet: 4 nights | Aug. 5–9

Contact [jay@sholomchicago.org](mailto:jay@sholomchicago.org) to learn more.

## ADULT EDUCATION

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

## Learn With Our Clergy

### I'm Cold, Put on a Sweater: What Americans Get Wrong About Israel

with Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

**SUNDAYS | MAY 3 & 10 | 9:30 AM**

Eavesdrop on a fascinating and enlightening conversation from July 17, 2019, with two Israeli thought leaders from the Shalom Hartman Institute. As we listen, we will reflect on what we want to get right when it comes to Israel.

### Closing Day of Weekly Adult Education Sunday Classes

**SUNDAY | MAY 10**

### Focus on the Holidays: Shavuot

**SUNDAY | MAY 17 | 9:30 AM**

with Rabbi Donald & Fran Rossoff

### Adult Education Siyyum (Conclusion)

**SUNDAY | MAY 17 | 10:30 AM**

## Film Nights

**MONDAY | MAY 4 | 7:00 PM**

### Schmoolie The Death Watcher



### The Tailor



### Holiday Hostage



**MONDAY JUNE 1 7:00 PM**

### The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozlowski, His Life and Music



## Continuing Classes

### Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

with Mitchell Brown

**SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM**

### Hebrew Prayer & Text Reading

with Mitchell Brown

**SUNDAYS | 10:45 AM**

### Reform Responsa

with Cliff-Scott Rudnick

**SUNDAYS | 2:00 PM**

## Other Learning Opportunities

### Downtown Talmud Study

with Rabbi Rossoff

**FRIDAYS | MAY 1 & JUNE 5 12:00 PM**

### Talmud Study

with Rabbi Rossoff

**TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM**

### Wednesday Morning Study Group

**WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM**

**MAY** **Jews, God, and History**  
with Rabbi Conover

**JUNE** **Summer Book Discussion**  
with Karen Titus

## ANSWERING THE CALL:

# Temple Sholom's Chesed (Kindness) Squad!

When this virus became a bigger threat than anticipated, we sprang into action to keep our sacred community feeling like one that embraces, inspires and matters.

Led by our clergy, we formed a *Chesed* (Kindness) Squad. At first, the goal was to check-in with community members who are at a higher risk of getting very sick.

As the Shelter-in-Place order took effect, we extended the objective of the *Chesed* (Kindness) Squad. Each week, we issue updates about the virus and ways to remain healthy; or in the case of Passover, for instance, how to have a virtual seder.

Regardless of the state of the virus at the time this D'var goes to print, we want to continue the *Chesed* Squad. As we saw over the last two-and-a-half months, a little kindness can soothe and comfort those in need.

Please contact [emma@sholomchicago.org](mailto:emma@sholomchicago.org) or [stacy@sholomchicago.org](mailto:stacy@sholomchicago.org), to find out more.



## Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

**THURSDAY | MAY 7 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**"A Piece of the World"**

By Christina Baker Kline

**THURSDAY | JUNE 4 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**"Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress"**

By Dai Sijie

## Game Day

**THURSDAY | 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

at Temple Sholom

Join us for some friendly competition while we play various games including Mahjong and Canasta.

Contact [emma@sholomchicago.org](mailto:emma@sholomchicago.org) or **773-435-1542** to be added to the regular communication & for the sign-up link!



## 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 | MAY 4 & JUNE 1 | 8:00 AM | 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. The short service is followed by a continental breakfast including coffee, juice and pastries with time to socialize with new friends, congregants and the Clergy.

Thank you to all those who joined us on March 8th  
for Judy and Liza at the Greenhouse Theatre.



### IOT's recent theatre event was a big success!

Keep an eye out for the regular IOT e-blast communication to stay up-to-date on all IOT events. For more information about IOT, contact Stacy at [stacy@sholomchicago.org](mailto:stacy@sholomchicago.org).

## OrChadash

LGBTQ Members & Allies

Join Or Chadash in May and June for virtual gatherings via Zoom including cocktail hours and guest speakers, Pride month celebrations, and other ways to come together as a community.

**Don't miss Or Chadash's Annual Congregational Friday Night Shabbat Service**  
FRIDAY | JUNE 26 | 6:15 PM

**This year's Am Keshet Awards, which typically follow the service, will not be held this year.**

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

## makom

20s/30s

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.

### Monthly Dinner & Late Service

FRIDAY | MAY 15

7:45 PM Virtual Service

FRIDAY | JUNE 19

6:30 PM Dinner (\$10)

7:45 PM Service

\$10 dinner ticket includes a catered Shabbat dinner with friends and community, plus beer, wine & soft drinks. Then, stay and pray at our 20s/30s Shabbat service.

For more information, visit  
[facebook.com/templesholommakom/events](https://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](mailto: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 | MAY 30

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

At Temple Sholom

SATURDAY | JUNE 27

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

At Temple Sholom

To be added to the communications list, contact Emma at [emma@sholomchicago.org](mailto:emma@sholomchicago.org) or 773-435-1542.

## ARZA Cuts Through the Noise

The World Zionist elections, held every five years, concluded March 11. A few days later, it was announced that ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, won the majority of votes out of the 15 groups on the slate!

This "win" is crucial to maintaining a critical Reform presence in Israel.

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is the parliament of the Jewish people and a representative body in Israel to determine the allocation of funds by the Jewish Agency. Reform Movement strength in this parliament translates into influence and funding on issues affecting Jews worldwide. Winning gives voice to important Reform issues, including religious pluralism, peace and democracy in Israel, and strengthens the Reform movement in Israel.

A huge thank you to Jon Siner, who served as Temple Sholom's Congregational Captain.

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## Gan Shalom Hits a Grand Slam!

Earlier this year, the Chicago Cubs reached out to Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Learning, inviting us to be part of the Cubs 2020 All-Star Grant Program, underscoring our continued goodwill with our neighbors.

In early April, we heard from the Cubs organization with news that is as great as a summer afternoon at Wrigley: not only did the Cubs grant Gan Shalom the \$25,000, they also waived the matching fundraising requirements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the stress it has caused on organizations.

The Cubs merely asked that the funds be used to support technological needs created by mandatory distance learning required by the extended school closures and the Shelter-in-Place order.

This is terrific news and shows both how Gan Shalom continues to be a leader in its field, and how the Cubs organization rose to the occasion to help its community partners better manage in these difficult times. Congratulations to Heidi and the entire Gan Shalom staff for knocking this one out onto Waveland and thank you to the Cubs organization!

## Here For You in a Time of Crisis

While we have been practicing physical distancing, our community has proven that our social distancing has no bounds! It is inspiring to see so many members – of all ages – joining us and embracing temple activities in a variety of ways.

**Membership:** Chesed Squad wellness calls with outreach to all members offering various types of assistance

**Learning:** Zoom classes for all – Gan Shalom, Religious School, and Lifelong Learning

**Worship:** Shabbat Services on Facebook and Zoom; and Minyan on Zoom

**Gan Shalom:** Music time with Miss Beth on YouTube and a new Twitter account

**Sholom Justice:** Monday Meals and more - with critical support to benefit our community partners in need

While the building is closed, Temple Sholom remains open and we are here for you.

For more than 150 years, Temple Sholom has been a sacred community that embraces, inspires and matters.



Sarah and her daughter Quinn dance with delight during the Gan Seder

**Your gift to support the Annual Fund helps make all this possible!**

**Please make your gift today by calling our Development Director, Marla Krupman, 773-435-1535 or contributing online at [sholomchicago.org/donate/](https://sholomchicago.org/donate/)**

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the pull-out calendar.**

# MAY 2020 at Temple Shalom

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## A Message from Your Clergy

We want to be present for you and your family. The sacred work of comfort during times of illness is very important to our Rabbis and Cantor. Please find us in person or by phone at **773-435-1531** so we are sure to be informed. In these technological times, social media, texts or even email may not reach us in a timely way.

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

## Film Night

### Featuring Short Films

Schmoolie The Death Watcher,  
The Tailor,  
& Holiday Hostage

MONDAY | MAY 4 | 7:00 PM

## Lag BaOmer

TUESDAY | MAY 12

Lag BaOmer is a festive minor holiday that falls on the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of the seven-week period between Passover and Shavuot, a period of time known as the Omer. This holiday gives us a break from the semi-mourning restrictions that are customarily in place for some Jewish communities during the Omer.

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9:30am Religious School  
9:30am 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Yom Horim  
9:30am Adult Ed

4

8:00am Congregational Monday  
Morning *Minyan*  
Sponsored by IOT  
10:00am Spotlight on the  
World JCC Meet-up  
3:30pm Monday Meal  
6:45pm Intro to Judaism  
7:00pm Film Night

5

8:30am *Daf Shevui: A Weekly  
Study of a Page of Talmud*  
10:00am Al-Anon Group  
4:30pm Midweek Hebrew

6

10:00am Wednesday Study Group  
6:15pm Crown Family High School  
6:30pm Midweek Hebrew

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### MOTHER'S DAY

9:30am Religious School  
9:30am Adult Ed  
9:30am Feed the Hungry

11

10:00am Spotlight on the  
World JCC Meet-up  
3:30pm Monday Meal

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### LAG BAOMER

8:30am *Daf Shevui: A Weekly  
Study of a Page of Talmud*  
10:00am Al-Anon Group  
4:30pm Midweek Hebrew  
6:30pm Sholom Justice  
General Meeting

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10:00am Wednesday Study Group  
6:15pm Crown Family High School  
6:30pm Midweek Hebrew  
7:00pm JUF Citywide Event  
at Anshe Emet

17

9:30am Closing Day of  
Religious School  
9:30am Adult Ed  
10:30am Adult Ed Siyyum  
11:15am Family Celebration

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10:00am Spotlight on the  
World JCC Meet-up  
3:30pm Monday Meal

19

8:30am *Daf Shevui: A Weekly  
Study of a Page of Talmud*  
10:00am Al-Anon Group

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10:00am Wednesday Study Group

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### MEMORIAL DAY

OFFICES CLOSED  
BUILDING CLOSED UNTIL 3:30PM

10:00am Spotlight on the  
World JCC Meet-up

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8:30am *Daf Shevui: A Weekly  
Study of a Page of Talmud*  
10:00am Al-Anon Group

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10:00am Wednesday Study Group

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## Shavuot

MAY 29 | 10:30 AM

Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish people, and occurs on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the 49 days of counting the Omer.



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PULL-OUT  
CALENDAR



### THURSDAY

## Adult Education Siyyum (Conclusion)

SUNDAY | MAY 17  
10:30 AM

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11:00am Minnie Solomon z"l  
Book Club

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1:00pm Game Day  
Sponsored by Temple Sholom,  
JCC and CJE

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### FRIDAY

1

12:00pm Downtown Talmud Study  
5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Oneg

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5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Oneg

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5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Kabbalat Torah Graduation  
Shabbat Mishpacha Service  
6:30pm Makom 20s/30s  
& Late Shabbat  
7:30pm Oneg  
8:00pm Orr Shalom Teen Event

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5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Oneg

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SHAVUOT  
OFFICES CLOSED

10:30am Shavuot Service/Yizkor  
at Temple Sholom  
w/ Emanuel Congregation  
5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Oneg

### SATURDAY

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study  
1:00pm Mindful Jewish Aging

# JUNE 2020

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#### SUNDAY

**Or Chadash  
Annual  
Shabbat  
Service**

**FRIDAY | JUNE 26  
6:15PM**

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#### MONDAY

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8:00am Congregational Monday  
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JCC Meet-up

3:30pm Monday Meal

7:00pm Film Night

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10:00am Spotlight on the World  
JCC Meet-up

3:30pm Monday Meal

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10:00am Spotlight on the  
World JCC Meet-up

3:30pm Monday Meal

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10:00am Spotlight on the World  
JCC Meet-up

3:30pm Monday Meal

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#### TUESDAY

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10:00am Al-Anon Group

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10:00am Al-Anon Group

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10:00am Al-Anon Group

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10:00am Al-Anon Group

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10:00am Al-Anon Group

#### WEDNESDAY

3

10:00am Wednesday Study Group

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10:00am Wednesday Study Group  
6:00pm Annual WTS Dinner

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10:00am Wednesday Study Group

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10:00am Wednesday Study Group

**Rabbi Rossoff  
Farewell  
Shabbat**

**FRIDAY | JUNE 5  
6:15 PM**

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9:30am Feed the Hungry

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**FATHER'S DAY**

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WORSHIP

HOLIDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

ADULT ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

FAMILY EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

# COVID-19

There are few words left to describe the staggering losses the coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on our global society, economy, and routine lives. When this scourge ends – and it will end – and the retrospectives are made, the history books written, the oral stories told, we hope above all else the one action that stands out is how, despite social distancing, we all were able to come together. To cheer on those on the frontline. To help the less fortunate. To call and embrace a beloved one and make sure that despite the losses we were able to regain a much-needed sense of community.

If you haven't read how Temple Sholom created its own *Chesed* (Kindness) Squad to give people a glimmer of hope in truly a hopeless time, see page 14.

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PULL-OUT  
CALENDAR



THURSDAY

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11:00am Minnie Solomon z"l  
Book Club  
1:00pm Game Day  
Sponsored by Temple  
Sholom,  
JCC and CJE

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1:00pm Game Day  
Sponsored by Temple Sholom,  
JCC and CJE

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1:00pm Game Day  
Sponsored by Temple Sholom,  
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1:00pm Game Day  
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FRIDAY

5

12:00pm Downtown Talmud Study  
5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
Rabbi Rossoff Farewell  
7:30pm Oneg

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5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Oneg

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5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Shabbat Service  
6:30pm Makom 20s/30s Dinner  
& Late Shabbat  
7:30pm Oneg

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5:45pm Pre-Service Reception  
6:15pm Or Chadash Annual  
Congregational  
Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Oneg

SATURDAY

6

9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service  
9:45am Torah Study  
11:00am Mindful Jewish Aging

Makom  
20s/30s Dinner  
& Late Service

FRIDAY | JUNE 19  
6:30 PM

Annual WTS Dinner

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 10 | 6:00 PM  
PENDING COVID-19 SITUATION

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