

SD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

*A sacred community that
embraces, inspires and matters*

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2020



Senior Rabbi
**Shoshanah
Conover**

In these surreal times, we can feel confounded by nature's obliviousness to the pandemic.

Greens of summer give way to the auburns and rusts of autumn as they always do this time of year. Evening's fall breezes blow away the humid, mosquito-filled nights of just weeks before. Mother Nature continues to do what she always does and our Jewish calendar follows suit. Brilliantly conceived by the sages, our calendar remains fixed by the seasons. And Fall is the season of gathering. From High Holy Day Services to Yom Kippur Break-the-Fasts, from congregating in our Sukkot to dancing together around Torah Scrolls, we have become conditioned to come together during this time of year. "This is the power of gathering," according to chef Alice, "it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive."

We have found ways, since the beginning of the pandemic, to gather in creative ways—thoughtfully and joyfully. The digital nature of these gatherings brought a sense of intimacy as we welcomed one another into our homes. Yet, with the coming of *Elul* (the Jewish month before the New Year), we have found ways to gather in person, in small groups. We have met on the beach, in the parking lot, and in grassy spaces throughout the city—socially distanced, yet touched by one another's presence.

During the High Holy Days, we will hold more small group gatherings in person. During *Rosh Hashanah*, we will meet at the lake for *Tashlich* where we will symbolically toss away our sins from the past year. On *Sukkot*, we will gather in small groups outdoors, sheltered in our sacred huts. And on *Simchat Torah*, we will dance together with our sacred Torah Scrolls before and after our online *Shabbat* experience. As always, there will be digital options for gathering throughout this season, because no matter how we congregate, when our community of Temple Sholom gets together, sparks of holiness, joy and meaning fly!

We look forward to gathering with you in our Temple Sholom Community in 5781!

***Shanah tovah u'metukah —
Here's to a Happy and Sweet New Year!***

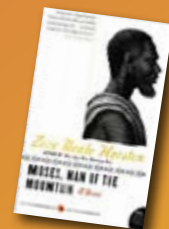
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

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WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

***Moses, Man of
the Mountain***

**by Zora
Neale Hurston**



Narrated in a mixture of biblical rhetoric, black dialect, and colloquial English, Hurston traces Moses's life from the day he is launched into the Nile river in a reed basket, to his development as a great magician, to his transformation into the heroic rebel leader, the Great Emancipator.



President
Jed Silberg

*As we head into 5781,
I have been reflecting
on a most interesting
and challenging year.*

Our Temple Sholom community continues to weather a very trying storm, one that we certainly did not see coming. While these challenges have changed the way we do business, we remain strong and vibrant. And while we have seen many businesses we frequent and organizations we care about struggle and even fold over the course of the past five months, **Temple Sholom thrives because of you and your trust in our institution.**

We are not without our challenges, but our clergy and staff teams, our Board and our lay leadership continue to work hard to ensure Temple Sholom continues to be Temple Sholom.

While I sorely wish to be with you this High Holy Day season, I know we will share meaningful digital experiences and I look forward to "seeing" you.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a happy, sweet and (perhaps, most important) healthy New Year.

*Shana tovah,
Jed*

Of Blessed Memory

- JULY 2**
Donna Strauss
Mother of Robert
(Kimberly) Strauss

JULY 5
Allen Meyer
Husband of Sue Meyer, father of
Lynn (Peter) Gutzmer

JULY 19
Beverly B. Dolinsky
Mother of Steve Dolinsky
(Amy Dordek-Dolinsky)

JULY 23
Howard Cohen
Father of Adam (Jamie)
Cohen, Grandfather of Beila,
Yael & Ezra Cohen

JULY 24
Julieta Sanchez
Grandmother of Juliana
(Chad) Schafer
- JULY 25**
Marcia Landman
Mother of Rick (Ferne) Landman

JULY 27
Elaine Kupfer
Mother of Michael
(Christine) Kupfer

AUG. 3
Blanche Cargerman
Grandmother of Robert
(Harmony) Dolezal

AUG. 12
Elinor Singer
Former Temple Sholom member

AUG. 13
Sylvia Neiberg
Grandmother of Alison (David)
Schwartz, grandmother of David
(Lizzie) Gussis

AUG. 9
“Kiki” Klein
Sister of Todd (Olia) Klein

Yahrzeits / First Year

- SEPT. 8**
Ronald Lee Sheiman
Father of Jill Sheiman

SEPT. 11
Donald Stillman
Father of Mindy Stillman

SEPT. 23
Annette Kimelman
Grandmother of
Shanah Kimelman-Annes

SEPT. 24
**Frances “Jean”
Patterson**
Grandmother of Jamie Cohen

SEPT. 24
Sheila F. Cyrluk
Mother of Jon Cyrluk
- SEPT. 27**
Shirley Rovner
Mother of Penny Rovner

OCT. 6
Jack Gilmore
Uncle of Jackie Watson

OCT. 10
**Marie Sandler
Vancura**
Grandmother of
Caroline Grossman

OCT. 16
**Dr. David Alan
Winkelstein**
Father of Joy Baer

OCT. 17
Kay Kleinman
Mother of Jeremy Kleinman

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!*

Yahrzeits / First Year Continued

- OCT. 24**
Richard Rubins
Father of Julie Wilen

OCT. 30
Mark Levey
- Husband of Chase Levey

OCT. 30
Ilene Quinn
Wife of Paul, mother of Max

Worship Schedule

- FRIDAY | SEPT. 4, 11, 18*, 25**
FRIDAY | OCT. 2, 9***, 16, 23, 30**
6:15 PM Shabbat Service
- SATURDAY | SEPT. 5, 12, 19*, 26**
SATURDAY | OCT. 3, 10***, 17, 24, 31**
- 9:00 AM** Minyan Service
9:45 AM Torah Study
- * Erev Rosh Hashanah & first Day of Rosh Hashanah
** Erev Sukkot & Sukkot
*** Erev Simchat Torah & Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret

Holidays will impact Shabbat Service times.
Please check the High Holy Day schedule for updated times.

Special Services

- FRIDAY | SEPT. 4**
7:45 PM Or Chadash Late Service | All are welcome!
- MONDAY | SEPT. 7**
8:00 AM Congregational Monthly Monday
Morning Minyan
Sponsored by It's Our Turn | All are welcome!
- FRIDAY | SEPT. 25**
7:45 PM Makom 20s/30s Shabbat
- MONDAY | OCT. 5**
8:00 AM Congregational Monthly Monday
Morning Minyan
Sponsored by It's Our Turn | All are welcome!
- FRIDAY | OCT. 16**
7:45 PM Makom 20s/30s Shabbat
& Or Chadash Late Service | All are welcome!

Mazal Tov

- JULY 19**
Teri & Roger Rudich
On the baby naming of their granddaughter Lyla Adelynn Rudich (born Jan. 1, 2020), daughter of Gillian & Ryan Rudich.
- AUG. 14**
Jonathan Siner & Janis Feldman Siner
On the marriage of their son, Samuel Siner to Zoe Sjogerman

New Members

MAZAL TOV! WELCOME TO OUR SACRED COMMUNITY.

- Max & Deborah Barack**

Libby Snow & Avi King
- Steven Gould & Ellen Wallace**

Go Paperless! Get a Digital D'var!

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



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Click the linked text

to automatically go
to a web-page and learn more.



Tentative Service Schedule

For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.sholomchicago.org/hhd

Selichot

SATURDAY | SEPT. 12

8:00PM Study Session:
"A Time to Embrace in
a Time of Refraining
from Embracing"
(Ecclesiastes 3:5)
9:00PM Service

Rosh Hashanah

FRIDAY | SEPT. 18

Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:30PM Congregational Service

SATURDAY | SEPT. 19

9:00AM Family Service
11:00AM Congregational Service
4:00PM Tot Service
5:00PM Tashlich (At the Lakefront.
Times will be staggered,
beginning at 5:00 PM)

SUNDAY | SEPT. 20

Second Day Rosh Hashanah
10:30AM Congregational and
Community Service

Westlawn
Memorial Service

SUNDAY | SEPT. 27

11:00AM Temple Sholom
Memorial Service at
Westlawn cemetery

Kol Nidre

SUNDAY | SEPT. 27

7:30PM Congregational Service

Yom Kippur

MONDAY | SEPT. 28

9:00AM Family Service
11:00AM Congregational Service
1:45PM Small Group Learning,
Reflection, and
Teen Experiences
3:00PM Yizkor
4:00PM Afternoon Service
4:45PM Neilah Service
6:00PM Havdalah

Sukkot

FRIDAY | OCT. 2

Erev Sukkot
6:15PM Service

SATURDAY | OCT. 3

Sukkot
9:00AM Festival Service

Simchat Torah

FRIDAY | OCT. 9

Erev Simchat Torah /
Consecration
5:00PM Simchat Torah Celebration
6:15PM Service

SATURDAY | OCT. 10

Simchat Torah /
Shmini Atzeret
9:00AM Festival Service
(Including Yizkor)

What to Expect

While our large, congregational High Holy Day services will be digital, we look forward to gathering together in small, safe groups to celebrate together. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

Simchat Torah

FRIDAY | OCT. 9

We will gather in the Temple Sholom parking lot to celebrate Simchat Torah and will then join together online/digitally to continue with a congregational service.

Please visit www.sholomchicago.org/hhd for the dates, times and additional details of our High Holy Day programming.

Sukkot

FRIDAY - FRIDAY | OCT. 2 - OCT. 9

We look forward to inviting the community into our Temple Sholom Sukkah (safely in small groups) and watching members of our community build their own Sukkot at home!

Elul

For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.sholomchicago.org/elul

As the Maharal of Prague said, "All the month of *Elul*, before eating and sleeping, a person should look into his soul and search his deeds, that he may make confession."

Jewish tradition points to the name of the month, *Elul*, as symbolically appropriate — the letters of *Elul* form an acronym for the words in the verse *Ani le dodi ve dodi li*—"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" (Song of Songs 6:3). Believing that the "beloved" refers to God, the sages take this verse to describe the particularly loving and close relationship between God and Israel. *Elul* is our time to establish this closeness so that we can approach the *Yamim Noraim*, or Days of Awe, in trusting acceptance of God's judgment. We approach the trial not out of fear, but out of love.

In the Jewish Calendar, the month of *Elul* is a time to reflect and prepare for the High Holy Days. While we weren't able to celebrate *Elul* in the traditional sense this year, we did come together in small, socially distanced groups, and virtually as a community during this special time.

Or Chadash

On August 22 (*Elul* 2), *Or Chadash* came together for a small, socially distanced in person *Havdalah* with Rabbis Gellman and Singer. We embraced our LGBTQ+ community and our rabbis in new roles as Rabbi Gellman begins supporting *Or Chadash* as its clergy liaison.

Mishpacha

On August 29 (*Elul* 9), *Mishpacha* gathered for a socially distanced "Chalk the Lot" *Shabbat* morning, where families celebrated *Shabbat* with a short service from the clergy, decorated our Temple Sholom parking lot with chalk drawings, and tie dyed!

Sholom Justice

On August 29 (*Elul* 9), Sholom Justice came together for a small, socially distanced in person *Havdalah*, looking back at the work accomplished in 5780 and looking ahead at what's to come in 5781.

IOT

On August 29 (*Elul* 9), *IOT* came together for a small, socially distanced in person *Havdalah* to celebrate *Elul* and spend time with our new Senior Rabbi, Shoshanah Conover.

There is still another opportunity to be involved with Temple Sholom for the month of *Elul*.

Makom

On September 5 (*Elul* 16) all 20s/30s in our Temple Sholom community and beyond are invited to join Rabbi Singer and *Makom* for a socially distanced *Havdalah* and outdoor screening of "The Book of Life," an episode from the award winning Amazon Prime show, *Transparent*.

Go to sholomchicago.org/makomhavdalah to RSVP www.sholomchicago.org/calendar.

A special thank you to Michael and Debi Prince for helping make these programs possible.

Thank You to Our Temple Sholom Donors!

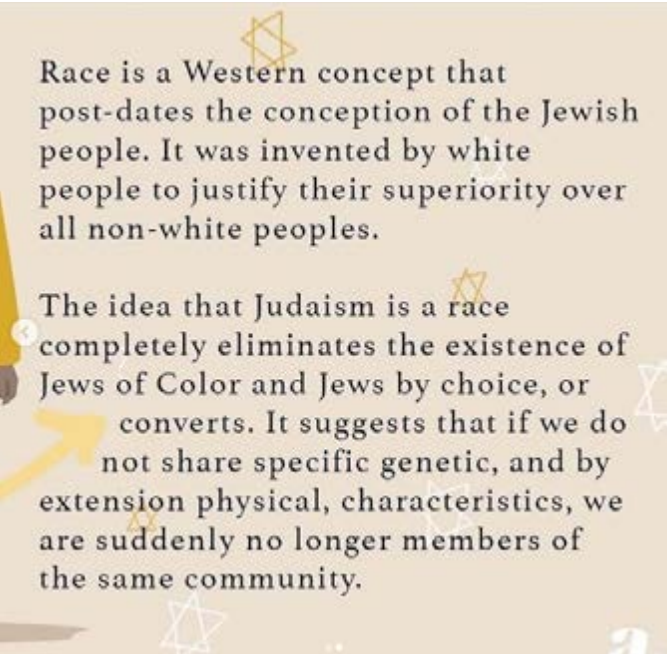
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In memory of Roland Baratz	Marla Gross		Judy & Mark Davis
In honor of Cantor Ben-David	Debbie & Marc Willage	In memory of M. Jack Lefcowitz	Marc Kaufman & Bill Healey
In memory of Laurie Bloomberg	Teri & Roger Rudich	In memory of Michael Mashkes	Gloria & Richard Reifler
In honor of Ada Rose Bowen Midler	Esther Bowen & Aaron Midler	In memory of Bessie Nemirow	Sherri & Joel Nemirow
In honor of Donald Borzak	Ellen & Eric Joss	In memory of Dettmar Nussbaum	Frank Nussbaum & Arnold Spinka
In memory of Trina Brickman	Jerry Gleicher	In memory of Ann Primack	Gloria & Richard Reifler
In memory of Beverly Clor	Bela Sirota	In memory of Walter Salsman	David & Suzanne Shoub
	Debbie & Marc Willage	In memory of Elizabeth & Irving Samuels	
In honor of Rabbi Conover	Katherine & Peter Conover	In honor of Fran & Rabbi Rossoff	
	Carol & Richard Halpern		Marilyn Samuels
	Arin Stone & David Lipschultz		Lois Fuhrer
	Debbie & Marc Willage	In memory of Helen Schneider	Carol & Kenneth Tarnoff
In memory of Harold Crites	Linda & Fred Barder	In honor of Kathy Shaevel	Frances Eaton
In memory of Norma Felsenthal	Carol & Steven Felsenthal	In memory of Sherry Silverberg	Evelyn Shaevel
In memory of Sara Forgash	Judith Ullman	In honor of Robert Spiegel	Teri & Roger Rudich
In honor of Mary Gardner	Harold Gardner	In honor of Eliana Starr	Dane & Michael Treister
In memory of Roberta Gilbert	Patricia Gilbert & Jeffrey Meyer	In memory of Evelyn Stoll	Judy & Mark Davis
In memory of Sandra Goldberg Granroth		In memory of Harry B. Stone	Susan Stoll
	Deborah Murdoch & Leslie Eckstat	In memory of Beatrice & Louis Sulzer	S. Ronald Stone
In memory of Burton Gordon	Arlene Weinstein	In honor of Temple Sholom Clergy	Joan Werhane
In memory of Mira Hamburg	Gloria & Richard Reifler	In honor of Temple Sholom Clergy & Staff	Lilli Kornblum
In memory of Richard Henig	Nancy Henig	In memory of Jane Susskind-Narins	
In memory of Michael Horowitz	Tommy & Scott Sheridan	In memory of Elizabeth Tackitt	Susan Frankel & Jeremy Perlin
In memory of Abe Hyman	Sherri & Joel Nemirow	In memory of Beatrice Tepper	Teri & Roger Rudich
In honor of Sheri Kamikow Goodman	David Goodman	In memory of Marnie Tepper	Frances Eaton
In memory of Art Kane	Linda Cohen	In honor of Karen Titus	Debbie & Marc Willage
In honor of Danni Kaplan	Samantha & Jeff Kaplan	In memory of Sonia Ullman	Debbie & Marc Willage
In honor of Eliza Kaplan	Samantha & Jeff Kaplan	In memory of Harry Weisman	Merle Schwartz
In memory of Stanley Kaplan	Frances Eaton	In memory of John A. Werhane	Judith Ullman
In memory of Esther Katz	Karen Wallerstein	In memory of Brent Willage	Sunny Steinlauf
In memory of Joyce & Rabbi Minard Klein	Michelle Lorig		Joan Werhane
			Debbie & Marc Willage

Gifts listed represent honorific giving from May and June 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 www.sholomchicago.org/donate Questions? Contact Toby at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.

Featuring Rabbi Rena Singer & Modern Ritual



I wanted to post about the question, “Is Judaism a race?” as soon as I saw this illustration and explanation by Aviva Davis for the publication *Hey Alma*. I, personally, had spent a lot of time confused about whether Judaism is considered a race. I remember that when I took standardized tests as a kid and would have to check off the box that collected data about students' race, I wondered why there wasn't a box labeled “Jewish.” The answer is - because Judaism is not a race! Judaism is a peoplehood and an ethnicity and a religion. I didn't learn the distinction between race and ethnicity until later in life. I figured that if I had been confused, there is a good chance that other people are also confused. Part of having difficult conversations, whether about race, or any other sensitive topic, is the ability to admit that we are still learning. I am grateful to Aviva Davis for creating this resource. The post and caption sparked a lot of conversation in the comments, which you can read online, or email me to continue the conversation!

Rabbi Rena Singer
rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org



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Hopscotch



Girls in the Pink Room



Swim Day!



Green Room in the Art
Tent Making Mask Bags



Boy Buddies in the Yellow Room

Gan Shalom Summer Camp Was a Tremendous Success!

It was so wonderful to have our Gan Shalom friends in person — engaging outside with their friends and teachers! Playing hopscotch, running through sprinklers, creating art projects and eating ice-cream on a hot summer afternoon is what summer is all about!



Snack Outside in the Red Room



Purple Friends Having Ice Cream on the Playground

Lifelong Learning

עֵת לְחַבֹּק וְעֵת לְרַחֵק מִחֻבֵּק:

Eit La'cha'vok v'Eit Lir'chok Me'icha'bayk

A Time to Embrace, A Time to Refrain from Embracing | **ECCLESIASTES 3:5**

To everything, there is a season...

This fall, as always, we will gather for the start of a new Religious School year. It may look different than previous years, whether we meet in small groups or online, but the reasons we meet remain the same: to embrace our learners as they are, inspire them with Jewish wisdom, culture and tradition to be the best version of themselves, and to understand how what they do matters in this world. **Why we connect within our learning community is more important than how we connect.**

I've spent the summer learning from local colleagues, as well as national ones as part of the URJ "What's Next for Jewish Education" cohort. Like our new Religious School Administrator, Rachel Lipson, I've studied at Spertus, focusing on "Educational Leadership for Turbulent Times," and I've trained in "Hebrew Through Movement" along with our new Youth Engagement Coordinator, Esther Fishbein. Rabbi Gellman and I spent the last year as part of JUF Education's "Shifting the Paradigm on Hebrew Learning," and together with our new clergy team, have envisioned new horizons for our Hebrew program.

No matter the challenges we face, Temple Shalom's Lifelong Learning programs are here to meet the moment. In partnership with our new Adult Education Committee, led by Jon Siner, we're focused on embracing the diversity within our community, and family education programs crafted to strengthen bonds within and amongst families through ancient wisdom that is more relevant than ever. With our new Lifelong Learning staff members in place, I am confident that our Religious School and Youth Engagement programs will soar to new heights this year. **So let's embrace this moment in time for what it is - a time to gather together, even as we refrain from embracing.**

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

Thank you to our Education Committees

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Irene Goldstein, Lifelong Learning VP
Michelle Rest, co-chair
Lisa Haber Sapir, co-chair
Lisa Curran
Susan Frankel
Andrea Goldstein
Courtney Goodman
Keri Rosenbloom
Rob Schnitz
Jeff Shyken

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Carolyn Bronstein
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Elizabeth Evans
Jeffrey Fayerman
Lara Froelich
Barbara Turner

ONWARD HEBREW TASK FORCE

Sarah Kamenetsky
Tal Pendo
Jackie Saepoff
Keren Weiss

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Julie Balber
Auden Granger
Samantha Levinson
Pam Lookatch
Tracy More

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Questions regarding Youth Engagement? Contact esther@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1533, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/youth-group.



Welcome Esther Fishbein, Our New Youth Engagement Coordinator!

We are excited that Esther joined the Temple Sholom staff in late July! Esther received her BFA in Theatre from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and spent a summer studying Shakespeare in London at LAMDA. She loves playing guitar, showtunes, traveling to new places, great coffee (because she's also a barista), and making new friends wherever she goes. Esther spent the past two years as a songleader at Congregation BJBE in Deerfield, a skill she picked up by spending her summers growing up at OSRUI. Esther will be working part-time based around Religious School and youth events.

Check out the calendar pages for Youth Engagement events!

Join Our Madrichim 8th–12th Grade Teacher Assistant Program!

EARN MONEY, GAIN EXPERIENCE, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Madrichim (teen assistants) help in Religious School on Sunday mornings, during midweek Hebrew classes or at Junior Youth Group events!

Visit www.sholomchicago.org/teens for details and to complete your online application by September 1.



IsraelNow Chicagoland 8th Grade Trips (formerly *Ta'am Yisrael*)

FEBRUARY 14-22, 2021

JUNE 7-16, 2021

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

Visit www.israelnowtrip.org to learn more



BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Questions regarding Religious School? Contact rachel@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1554, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer.

Sunday | September 13

Kicking off a month of building community amongst our learners!

Sunday | October 4

Religious School classes begin.

Check out the calendar pages for Religious School opening events!

ADULT EDUCATION

For full class and scholar descriptions, explore our curriculum and register online at www.sholomchicago.org/adult-education.

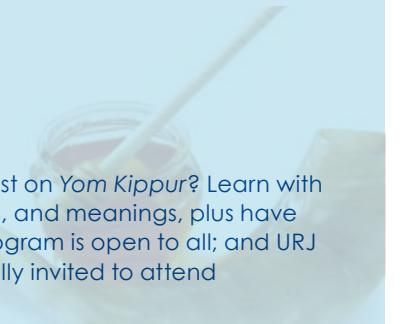
Questions regarding Adult Education? Contact lori@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1531.



High Holy Days 101 with Rabbi Singer

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 9 | 7:30 PM

What's the deal with the shofar anyways? What do I wear to services? Am I obligated to fast on Yom Kippur? Learn with Rabbi Rena Singer what to expect during this special time of year. Discuss traditions, rituals, and meanings, plus have your questions answered as we move into the holiest time of the Hebrew calendar. This program is open to all; and URJ Introduction to Judaism students, recent converts, and interfaith couples are enthusiastically invited to attend



Selichot Study Session

SATURDAY | SEPT. 12 | 8:00 PM

Theme: A Time to Embrace While Refraining from Embracing

Learn with your temple team and prepare for the High Holy Days

Know someone curious about Judaism?

Our FREE URJ 3-week Taste of Judaism fall class is open to the public!

MONDAYS NOV. 2, 9, 16, 6:45 PM
with our clergy team

www.reformjudaism.org/taste/chicago



Oct. Film Night

MONDAY | OCT. 12 | 7:00 PM

Cast a Giant Shadow

Melville Shavelson

In 1947, following the U.N. decision to split British Palestine into separate Jewish and Palestinian states, a former U.S. Army officer is recruited by the Jews to reorganize the Hagannah.





A look back, a look ahead

Women of Temple Shalom has had a very busy, exciting and diversified year! Last summer, almost 60 women of all ages were happily mingling over sangria and quesadillas at Revolucion restaurant to greet old friends, meet new women and learn about WTS and our upcoming plans. We enjoyed **A Little (Jewish) Night Music concert and dinner** featuring

former Interim Rabbi Rossoff's musical group *Kol Sasson* in October; a fun and fashionable **Shop for the Cause** afternoon at Maria Pinto's West Loop design studio in November to benefit the Reunification Ride; and a **stimulating discussion of Judaism and Reproductive Rights** in February led by our former clergy liaison and now Senior Rabbi Shoshanah Conover. We were planning our always-anticipated **Annual Women's Seder** and **June Annual End-of-Year Dinner** with an expert hot-topic guest speaker when the world stopped because of the coronavirus.

But thanks to technology, we have been able to continue mingling, learning, discussing, getting spiritual guidance and having fun. Our first virtual event in June attracted

nearly 100 women to our program of different ways to cope during these unsettling times. Our latest event, *Two Kitchens, Two Traditions*, in August showcased Israeli and American Rosh Hashanah dishes as well as the local social justice enterprise beelove.

We are planning more events and will share information in upcoming temple and WTS eBlasts, even as we dream of seeing all of you in person again.

We hope you will join us! See information below for how to join for only \$36 and be part of WTS this year.



SAVE THE DATE! PINK SHABBAT

FRIDAY | OCT. 30 | 6:15 PM
at Temple Shalom

Our first WTS Pink Shabbat will honor and remember those in our temple community who have been impacted by breast cancer and ovarian cancer. We will observe Breast and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month through meaningful readings, an informative speaker from Sharsharet and innovative ways to show your support.

BE PART OF OUR AMAZING WOMEN'S GROUP

We welcome all temple women to join the multigenerational, diverse and inclusive Women of Temple Shalom so we can continue to offer more events like the recent *Rosh Chodesh* and *Rosh Hashanah* virtual programs, future live events 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 Shalom community.

You can become a WTS member by checking the box when you renew your Temple membership or by going to www.sholomchicago.org/wts.

Your \$36 annual donation will support both WTS and Women of Reform Judaism and its many social justice programs around the country and world.



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New Ways to Connect - www.sholomchicago.org

As you might have noticed, our website looks a little different! We recently transitioned our old website onto a new platform. Our new website is in the process of being refined and perfected and we appreciate your patience while we continue to expand our methods of communication to our community. We are excited to develop better and easier ways to publish our latest news, current events, and general information. This has been an

ongoing project, behind the scenes, for many of our staff members, and we can't wait to involve our community by enhancing the ways we connect.

If you have any questions regarding our new website, please contact Isabel at marketing@sholomchicago.org.

If you would like tech assistance as we make this transition, please contact Stacy at stacy@sholomchicago.org.

SHOLOM JUSTICE

Thank you!

As we look forward to the new year ahead, we want to take some time to reflect on the year behind us. In the past year, we have had successful canned food drives, blood drives, holiday volunteer opportunities, a growing prisoner pen pal program, an empowering Sholom Justice *Shabbat* and, of course, our weekly Monday Meals *Mitzvah*! We have also continued to fight for justice and what is right, in our community and the country.

Since March, the way Sholom Justice traditionally comes together has changed, but we want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we moved online. Even though we were not able to come together in person, Sholom Justice was still able to come together virtually to host meetings, presentations, discussions, and social calls. Our congregants and clergy supported the Institute for Nonviolence in a community clean up, many

participated in peaceful protests across the city to fight for change and equal rights, and congregants still made it a priority to give blood even though we were not able to host a blood drive this Spring. Sholom Justice also continued conversations with our community partners to help with their critical needs during these challenging times. The Monday Meal *Mitzvah* also carried on each week! The monetary and food donations that we receive each week continue to make it possible to nourish those who are hungry in our Lakeview community. Sholom Justice is also working on re-designing our Feed the Hungry program, so be on the lookout for a new and improved program!

With the election around the corner, we have a group of congregants participating in a RAC-IL civic engagement campaign, "Every Voice, Every Vote." This initiative is to maximize voter turnout in the November elections. The major efforts we are working towards include mobilizing voters, combatting voter suppression, and engaging student voters. Request your mail-in ballot early at <https://bit.ly/cookballot>.

Email toby@sholomchicago.org to learn how to get involved or to be added to the Sholom Justice eBlast. Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar.

A Musical Evening in Millennium Park(ing Lot)

Every summer, IOT gathers in Millennium Park for a social evening featuring a world-class concert, picnic foods and drinks, balmy weather and good conversation. The only difference this year was that we gathered in the temple parking lot — masked and socially distanced, but still with a Grant Park Music Festival concert (livestreamed), good BYO foods and beverages, balmy weather and even better conversation because we were so glad to see each other again in person. A big thanks to temple staff for helping IOT make this event possible. IOT was the first temple community group to host an in-person event since the pandemic began.

Two Thumbs Up for Movie Night

The IOT community likes to go to movies and then talk about movies. The first IOT Film Night was so successful that we had two more by popular demand. We saw the movie on our own on Netflix, Prime Video or other platforms and then met on Zoom for a stimulating discussion led by professional film critic and Assistant Editor at RogerEbert.com, Matt Fagerholm. In June, we "wrestled" with "A Matter of Size", a Chicago Jewish Film Festival pick about Israeli sumo wrestlers, and in July, we galloped our way through "True Grit". For the third film in the IOT trilogy, we were all witnesses to the great film classic "Witness for the Prosecution". Future Film Nights will be announced in the temple and IOT eBlasts.

IOT Celebrates Annual Havdalah

Cantor Sheera Ben-David led the IOT community in a warm and meaningful Havdalah service with prayer, song and conversation. We simulated our annual live event with plenty of virtual social interaction. Due to the large number of participants, we broke into smaller Zoom rooms for chatting and virtual mingling as we shared the end of Shabbat and prepared for a new week.



Socially distanced IOT Park(ing Lot) event

IOT continues to sponsor a Monthly Congregational Minyan

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 AM ON ZOOM.

It's a relaxed, come-as-you-are early-morning service lasting approximately 30-45 minutes, led by one of Temple Sholom's clergy and featuring a Torah reading with explanation and discussion. The short service is followed by time to meet and socialize with friends, congregants and clergy. Join us for this beautiful way to start your week. *Minyan* will happen next on October 5th. See temple eBlasts for the Zoom link.

Watch for More IOT Events!

IOT has a lot of great events planned for the next few months. Watch for temple and special IOT eBlasts with announcements about future film discussion nights and a possible virtual trivia night. And if you have a terrific idea for this group of lively 50+ temple members, please contact either Jackie Lustig at **773-706-9953**, jackielustig@mindspring.com or David Goodman at **708-421-6664**, david@sherkamikow.com.

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

OrChadash

LGBTQ Members & Allies

Join Or Chadash and Allies for services and social events to bring our amazing LGBTQ+ community together.

FRIDAY | SEPT. 4
7:45 PM Service

FRIDAY | OCT. 16
7:45 PM Service

Clergy and Or Chadash lay leaders have worked to create and lead services that blend the traditions of Or Chadash and Temple Sholom.

The service requires no registration.

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/or-chadash

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



Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

THURSDAY | SEPT. 3 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"Lost Roses"
By Martha Hall Kelly

THURSDAY | OCT. 1 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"Romantics"
by Tara Conklin

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/book-club

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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 Late Service

FRIDAY | OCT. 16
7:45 PM Service

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

Questions? Contact Emma Harmon 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.

DAY | SEPT. 12
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

DAY | OCT. 17
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

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A Message to the Temple Sholom Community

Dear Temple Sholom Congregants:

We hope that this note finds you and your families safe and well. From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic crisis, we have been impressed and amazed by our community's flexibility, graciousness, and steadfastness.

Many of you have asked what you can do to help. The answer is as it always has been: Please support Temple Sholom in a way that is personally meaningful to you. Here are a few ideas:

If you can donate an extra \$10 this year, please do.
It makes a difference.

If you can pay for a full membership this year, please do.
It makes a difference.

If you can arrange for a dues/membership contribution payment plan now, please do. It makes a difference.

If you usually donate in December and can make the donation now, please do. It makes a difference.

If you can donate items for Monday Meal, or sponsor an entire evening, please do. It makes a difference.

If you can increase your giving tier this year, please do.
It makes a difference.

Visit www.sholomchicago.org/donate to make a donation, or contact Toby Sanders by emailing toby@sholomchicago.org or calling **773-435-1536**.

Visit www.sholomchicago.org/member here to view your membership page, or contact Stacy Charnay by emailing stacy@sholomchicago.org or calling **773-435-1545**.

We again thank our entire community, especially those who have participated, contributed and sacrificed during these exceptional times. We urge you to let us know how Temple Sholom can be of service and support to you.

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover, Senior Rabbi
Email: rabbiconover@sholomchicago.org

Jeremy Perlin, Executive Director
Email: jeremy@sholomchicago.org

Jed Silberg, President
Email: templesholomjed@gmail.com

SEPT. 2020 at Temple Sholom

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SUNDAY	MONDAY
Due to the ever-changing nature of COVID-19, B'nai Mitzvah will not be included in this calendar	
Please see our weekly eBlast for up-to-date names and times.	
6	7
1:00pm Minkyoo's Piano Music	LABOR DAY NO MONDAY MEAL 9:00am Music and Meditation 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
13	14
9:30am Feed the Hungry 9:30am Religious School Community day	9:00am Music and Meditation 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 3:30pm Monday Meal
20	21
ROSH HASHANAH 2 ND DAY 10:30am Rosh Hashanah Congregational & Community Service	9:00am Music and Meditation 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 3:30pm Monday Meal
27	28
KOL NIDRE 11:00am Temple Sholom Memorial Service at Westlawn 7:30pm Kol Nidre Congregational Service	YOM KIPPUR NO MONDAY MEAL 9:00am Yom Kippur Family Service 11:00am Yom Kippur Congregational Service 1:45pm Small Group Learning, Reflective, & Teen Experiences 3:00pm Yizkor 4:00pm Afternoon Service 4:45pm Neilah Service 6:00pm Havdalah

News to share? Email marketing@sholomchicago.org

We have a new website!

Please visit www.sholomchicago.org/calendar to see the most up to date times and descriptions of all our upcoming events.

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1	2
8:30am Talmud Study with Rabbi Conover 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan	10:00am Wednesday Study Group 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Clergy Conversations 6:15pm Madrichim Orientation
8	9
8:30am Talmud Study with Rabbi Conover 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan	10:00am Wednesday Study Group 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Clergy Conversations 7:30pm "High Holy Days 101" with Rabbi Singer
15	16
8:30am Talmud Study with Rabbi Conover 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 4:30pm Kef Club	10:00am Wednesday Study Group 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Clergy Conversations 6:15pm Crown Family High School 6:30pm Kef Club
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HOLIDAYS	ADULT ENGAGEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS	COMMUNITY EVENTS

LIFELONG LEARNING
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
FAMILY EDUCATION
ADULT EDUCATION

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4
11:00am Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan	3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 6:15pm Shabbat Service 7:45pm Or Chadash Late Shabbat
10	11
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan	3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 6:15pm Shabbat Service
17	18
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan	EREV ROSH HASHANAH 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Congregational Service
24	25
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan	3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 6:15pm Shabbat Service

SATURDAY
5
9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service 9:45am Torah Study
12
SELICHOT 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service 9:45am Torah Study 1:00pm Mindful Jewish Aging 8:00pm Selichot Study Session 9:00pm Selichot Service
19
ROSH HASHANAH 9:00am Rosh Hashanah Family Service 11:00am Rosh Hashanah Congregational Service 4:00pm Rosh Hashanah Tot Service 5:00pm Tashlich (lakefront)

On-site Community Groups Postponed

Our on-site groups including Klezmer House Band, JCC Weekly Meetup and Weekly Game Day will continue once we are able to gather safely together.

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Celebrate the High Holy Days with Temple Sholom!

Visit www.sholomchicago.org/hhd for more details!

PULL-OUT CALENDAR

OCT. 2020 at Temple Shalom

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SAVE THE DATE! PINK SHABBAT
with Women of Temple Shalom.

FRIDAY | OCT. 30 | 6:15 PM

Visit www.sholomchicago.org/mts
for updates and details.

1

11:00am Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

2

EREV SUKKOT

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
6:15pm Erev Sukkot Service

3

SUKKOT

9:00am Sukkot Festival Service
10:00am Torah Study

4

9:30am Religious School
Classes Begin

5

8:00am Congregational Monday
Morning Minyan
Sponsored by IOT
9:00am Music and Meditation
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
3:30pm Monday Meal

6

8:30am Talmud Study
with Rabbi Conover
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
4:30pm Midweek Hebrew

7

10:00am Wednesday Study Group
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
5:30pm Clergy Conversations
6:15pm Crown Family High School
6:30pm Midweek Hebrew

8

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

9

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
5:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration
6:15pm Simchat Torah Service

10

SIMCHAT TORAH

9:00am Simchat Torah
Festival Service
(including Yizkor)
9:45am Torah Study

11

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

12

9:00am Music and Meditation
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
3:30pm Monday Meal
7:00pm Film Night

13

8:30am Talmud Study
with Rabbi Conover
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
4:30pm Midweek Hebrew

14

10:00am Wednesday Study Group
3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
5:30pm Clergy Conversations
6:15pm Crown Family High School
6:30pm Midweek Hebrew

15

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

16

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
5:30pm Tot Shabbat
6:15pm Shabbat Service
7:45pm Makom 20s/30s &
Or Chadash

17

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

18

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5:30pm Tot Shabbat
6:15pm Shabbat Service

24

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

25

9:30am Religious School
9:30am Adult Ed

26

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27

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6:30pm Midweek Hebrew

29

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

30

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan
5:30pm Tot Shabbat
6:15pm Pink Shabbat Service
with Women of
Temple Shalom

31

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

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