

A sacred community that embraces, inspires and matters

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2021



Senior Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

"The future is called 'perhaps,' which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the important thing is not to allow that to scare you."

— Tennessee Williams

Transitions are rarely easy for anyone. That is why, in Judaism, we create rituals to bring comfort in times of great transition. Two flames mark the beginning of Shabbat. Great flames from a multiwicked candle brighten our way to a new week. Apples and honey sweeten the transition into a new year. Entering a New Year, even a secular one, gives American Jews an opportunity to reflect on the year that was and the one that is yet to be. All the more so as we witness the transition of power from one American President to the next. Add to that, impending elections in Israel... What will this mean for us? During the month of February and the beginning of March we will host a series of Brunch and Learns with leaders of organizations who will address how these transitions will affect American and Israel relations. These Brunch and Learns will take place on Wednesday mornings beginning February 10, 2021 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Rabbi Lindsey Danziger, lead organizer of Zioness — a

progressive organization that combats antisemitism/"anti-Zionism," will address how the shift in the progressive wing of American politics affects relations with Israel. The Director and Associate Director of AIPAC Midwest, Rabbi Jeremy Pappas and Lital Rosenberg, will discuss the possible complications with US relations if the government of Israel moves further to the right in the next election. The state of the Two-State Solution will be addressed by a representative from J Street. Finally, in this series we will hear about the view from college campuses with Emily Briskman, Assistant Vice President/ Executive Director of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago's Israel Education Center, along with some of Temple Sholom's finest college students.

We will kick off this topic with a very special Sunday Speaker, Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and founding member of Women of the Wall, who will speak on "Israel is Way Too Important to be Left Only to Israelis: Israel-Diaspora Relations Before, During and After Covid-19."

L'sholom,

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover rabbiconover@sholomchicago.org

WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

Mad and Bad: Real Heroines of the Regency

By Bea Koch

One of the most loved and idealized historical time periods and a huge inspiration for American pop culture, "Mad and Bad: Real Heroines of the Regency" reveals the independent-minded, real historical women who lived life on their terms. Daughter of Temple Sholom, Bea Koch, has written a critically acclaimed new book that looks beyond popular perception of the Regency and examines broader questions of culture focusing on women who broke barriers in fields of science, the lives of Women of Color, and the LGBTQ and Jewish communities. Mazal tov, Bea, and thank you for this wonderful addition to annuls of popular history!



President

Jed Silberg

As the calendar turns from one secular year to the next, much of the rest of the world gets to feel that sense of exuberance and renewal that we in the

Jewish community feel during *Rosh Hashanah*. But this year will feel a little different for us all as we change from 2020 to 2021, as there is now light at the end of the tunnel while there was only uncertainty in September.

Temple Sholom continues to be a rock and a stabilizing force for so many in our community in a most challenging time. So many of you have found a new home, albeit online, within the larger Temple community and I invite those of you who have not to turn the page and look for that one thing new to try out!

My best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Jed Silberg

Of Blessed Memory

OCT. 21 Ada Stock

Mother of Dr. Wendy Stock (James Baird)

OCT. 25

Eileen Watson

Cousin of Jackie Watson

NOV. 9

Gerald Gartman

Father of Matthew (Mary) Rhodes

NOV. 10

Robert L. Meyer

Father of Jeffrey Meyer (Trish Gilbert)

NOV. 17

Julius Rabai

Father of Teri Rabai (Bill Anspach)

NOV. 20

Sue Bowen

Mother of Esther Bowen (Aaron Midler)

NOV. 21

Lois Graff Rubin

Mother of Sheryl (Dr. Jonathan) Necheles

NOV. 23

Rochelle "Ricki" Berko

Mother of Allison (Matt) Zaner

NOV. 27

Dr. Walter Barker

Temple Sholom member

NOV. 28

Herb Pomerantz

Father of Steve (Judy) Pomerantz

NOV. 29

Edward Doocy

Step-father of Lizzie (Dave) Gussis

DEC. 5

Rita Rancke

Grandmother of Eric (Julia) Rancke

DEC. 14

Sharon Deutsch

Mother of Jennifer (Fred) Snyder

Yahrzeits / First Year

JAN. 2

Alvin Kantor

Grandfather of Katie Palay

JAN. 3

Doris Arnheim

Mother of Marci Levine

JAN. 7

David Unger

Father of Rebecca Unger

JAN. 8

Ginette Hondequin

Mother of Philippe Geyskens

JAN. 17

Carol Benach

Wife of Ronald Benach, Mother of Jeffrey Benach

JAN. 30

Eric Sacher

Brother of Dan Swartzman

JAN. 31

Michael Kleinman

Grandfather of Libby Snow

FEB. 14

Trina Brickman

Wife of Jerry Gleicher

FEB. 19

Betsy Benes Paradise

Loved one of Robert Gordon

FEB. 20

Judd A. Weinberg

Father of Richard Weinberg

FEB. 20

Steven Ewing

Brother of Charla Simon

FEB. 27

Robert Nagel

Uncle of Jodi Morady

New Members

MAZAL TOV! WELCOME TO OUR SACRED COMMUNITY.

Diana Cohen

Justin Bell & Hannah Lust

Martin & Kerri Herman

Jake & Naomi

Sarah &

Jonathan Karelitz

Mia & Danielle

Lisa Fried

Ari Levine

Stacee Reicherzer

Worship Schedule

FRIDAY | JANUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27

9:00AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

FRIDAY | JAN. 8

7:45 PM Or Chadash Shabbat

MONDAY | JAN. 4

8:00 AM Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan

Sponsored by It's Our Turn

FRIDAY | JAN. 15

6:15 PM Sholom Justice Shabbat

FRIDAY | JAN. 22

6:15 PM Shabbat Mishpacha Service featuring 5th Grade

FRIDAY | JAN. 29

5:30 PM Tu BiShvat Tot Shabbat

MONDAY | FEB. 1

8:00 AM Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan

Sponsored by It's Our Turn

FRIDAY | FEB. 5

7:45 PM Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | FEB. 12

6:15 PM After services we will have a special conversation

on antisemitism with the Directors of AJC Chicago.

FRIDAY | FEB. 19

7:45 PM Makom 20s/30s Late Shabbat

FRIDAY | FEB. 26

5:30 PM Purim Tot Shabbat

6:15 PM Shabbat Mishpacha Service featuring 1st & 2nd Grades

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!*



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If you would like to make a special honorific gift to Temple Sholom, please visit www.sholomchicago.org/donate **Ouestions? Contact Allison Barker at** allison@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.



Join us for **Shabbat Mishpacha!**

FRIDAY | JAN. 22 Featuring 5th Grade

FRIDAY | FEB. 26 Featuring 1st & 2nd Grades

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Featured Grade families are invited to join our Shabbat Zoom early to come together for virtual candle lighting with the Lifelong Learning team!

6:15 PM

Temple Sholom congregational Shabbat services, where the featured grade will be spotlighted on our virtual bimah!

After Shabbat services

Families with children of all agesare invited to stick around with Clergy, Jay Rapoport and Esther Fishbein for some extra Shabbat learning and activities.

To learn more about S*habbat Mishpacha* please contact **Emma Harmon** at **emma@sholomchicago.org.**











Gan Shalom Had a Wonderful Start to the New School Year!

The Gan Shalom children have been loving school and have been fully engaged with their teachers and friends while learning and growing every day! Whether it's listening to stories, going on nature walks or celebrating Sukkot, Simchat Torah or Election Day, the Gan Shalom children are loving every minute! The children were very busy building Sukkah's in their classrooms, unrolling the Torah scrolls to celebrate Simchat Torah, and voting in their classrooms on Election day. They are active learners in everything we do!

Our Kindergarten children have been focused on Reader's Theater, writing stories, learning math, science and social studies concepts and have become so independent over the last few months of school! It is truly amazing to watch our children grow – as many of them began Gan Shalom in our parent/child program! They are starting to turn six years old and their growth has been such an incredible experience to watch!



To learn more about Gan Shalom please contact Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood at heidi@sholomchicago.org



Lifelong Learning

עת לַחֲבוֹק

Fit La'cha'vok

A Time to Embrace | **ECCLESIASTES 3:5**

A Little Bit Of Magic



"I love Temple Shalom and how it brings people together." - Penelope, 3rd grade

There's a bit of magic happening at Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School these days. We started to notice it when our students would stick around to gather and chat or watch Hebrew movies in the main Zoom room during the breaks on Sunday mornings between t'filah (prayer) and classes. We saw

the inspirational words they posted in the chat in response to questions from our clergy about important leadership qualities, the things they love, and their hopes and wishes for the future. We felt it when families gathered for sweet moments before and after Shabbat Mishpacha services, or when parents shared their struggles during Yom Horim discussions with Rabbi Conover.

It's in the intergenerational relationships at the heart of our new 1-on-1 6th Grade Hebrew Boot Camp Mentorship pilot. It's the excitement of our teens researching potential guest speakers for Crown Family High School. It's the crackle of conversations about justice with 7th grade families and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), or 8th grade families and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA). It's in the gleeful giggles during JK-4th Grade Hebrew Through Movement sessions.



The seeds of relationships were sown this fall with our outdoor classes and youth events, and as we moved fully online, those connective sparks continued to flourish. As we enter 2021, our online learning community continues to evolve and innovate. Our faculty will gather to discuss "Building Community in Online Spaces" with our colleagues at JUF Springboard on the same Sunday - January 24 - that Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). speaks about "Justice & Education" as our Adult Education Guest Scholar. Other scholars will join us in coming months from around the country and Israel to a degree not possible when we met in person.

We plan to continue making magic at the end of February with our celebration of Purim, reinvented for times as topsyturvy as ancient Shushan!

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





BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



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

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Questions regarding Family Engagement? Contact Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/family-education.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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

URJ Camping Enrollment is Open for Summer 2021! Visit URJcamps.org

For new campers, Temple Sholom will split the cost with you for OSRUI's Kallah Atid trial sessions for rising 2nd-3rd graders August 11-15. Learn more about Kallah Atid at OSRUI.org.

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

JUNE 7-16, 2021

AUGUST 2-11, 2021

Limited Space Available! Visit www.israelnowtrip.org to learn more

ADULT EDUCATION

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

Join us for Winter **Education classes**

The Merchant of Venice and Other Problems

with Mitchell Brown

WED. | JAN. 6, 13, 20 & 27, FEB 3, 10 & 17 | 6:30 PM

Throughout the centuries, no great work of literature has been more contentious than Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. Far from a monolithic, anti-semitic work, it is as varied and nuanced as any of Shakespeare's other works and may rank among his greatest plays. In this class we will do a very close reading of Shakespeare's play and determine how much of its notoriety is justified. For the first class please try and read the first act. Any edition of the play will do, but the Folger is particularly recommended.

Ancient and Modern Stories That Help Us Survive a Lona Winter

with Rabbi Conover

SUNDAYS | JAN. 17, 24 & 31, FEB. 7 | 9:30 AM

Join Rabbi Conover for stories from the Talmud, passages from the Hebrew Bible, folktales and prayers that will warm your heart during these cold months.

Purim 101

with Rabbi Singer

WED. | FEB. 24 | 7:45 PM

Learn with Rabbi Rena Singer what to expect during the special times of year. Discuss traditions, rituals, and meanings, plus have your questions answered as we move through the Hebrew calendar.

The Legacy of RBG

WED. | FEB. 10 | 6:30 PM

Adult Education, Sholom Justice and Women of Temple Sholom co-sponsor a virtual visit to the "Notorious RBG" exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Part 1 of a series!

Continuing Classes

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

with Mitchell Brown **SUNDAYS | 10:45 AM**

Short Stories

with Cliff Scott-Rudnick SUNDAYS | 2:00 PM

> Please click on any of these events for more information.

Guest Scholar Series

Israel is Way Too Important to be Left Only to Israelis: Israel-Diaspora Relations Before, **During and After Covid-19**

CO-SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF TEMPLE SHOLOM



Anat Hoffman SUNDAY | JAN. 17 10:45 AM

The land of Israel is the home of the Jewish people, not only those who live there, but

to all Jews around the world. To maintain a healthy communal relationship, all Jews need to be seen as equal and feel like an active member of that community.

In this session, Anat Hoffman provides a historical overview of Israel-Diaspora relations, where things currently stand, and challenges and opportunities for the future.

Justice & Education

CO-SPONSORED BY SHOLOM JUSTICE



Randi Weingarten SUNDAY | JAN. 24 10:45 AM

Randi Weingarten is the president of the 1.7 million-member American

Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, which represents teachers; paraprofessionals and school-related personnel. She holds degrees from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the Cardozo School of Law. She worked as a lawyer for the Wall Street firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan from 1983 to 1986.

Dangerous Religious Ideas: The Deep Roots of Self-Critical Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam



Rabbi Rachel S. Mikva, Ph.D. SUNDAY | JAN. 31 10:45 AM

Join us in exploring the role of religion in the public square

and other important issues in Rabbi Dr. Rachel S. Mikva's newest book, Dangerous Religious Ideas: The Deep Roots of Self-Critical Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights **Activist**



Judith Heumann FRIDAY | FEB. 5 6:15 PM

Judy Heumann is an American disability rights activist. She is recognized

internationally as a leader in the disability community. Heumann is a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities. Her book, Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist, was published in February 2020. It tells her personal story of fighting for the right to receive an education, have a job, and "just be human."

Tales of the Holy Mysticat



Rabbi Rachel Adler SUNDAY | FEB. 7 10:45 AM

Tales of the Holy Mysticat is an engaging guide to Jewish literacy, based on Rachel's

series of online posts about her most peculiar cat. A collection of whimsical stories interspersed with cleverly drawn black-andwhite illustrations, it provides unique insights into Jewish texts and traditions by one of our most profoundly creative scholars.

Solitude Then and Now



Tzivia Garfinkel SUNDAY | FEB. 28 10:45 AM

Is "One the loneliest number" as the song says? What can we learn about

solitude as described in classic Jewish texts, ancient and modern? We'll read a variety of passages that will expand our understanding in this ongoing season of solitude.

Jewish and Democratic: Threats and Challenges to Israel's Democracy

CO-SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF TEMPLE SHOLOM



Rabbi Noa Sattath SUNDAY | FEB. 28 3:00 PM

In recent years, authoritarian regimes have been gaining strength worldwide, mostly

following financial and social crises. Although Israel has managed to keep its democracy intact, Israelis must remain aware and be vocal about its violations. During this session, Rabbi Sattath will scrutinize the different threats and challenges to Israel's democracy.

To register for guest scholar series or to see an expanded full list, visit www.sholomchicago.org/guest-scholars and register online.

Other Learning **Opportunities**

Talmud Study

with Rabbi Gellman TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM

Wednesday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM

JANUARY

A Time to Embrace

FEBRUARY

with Jay Rapoport, RJE **Israel Matters**

with Rabbi Conover and featured guests

Brunch & Learn

Know Someone Curious About Judaism?

MONDAYS | JAN 25, FEB. 1 & 8 6:45 PM

Our FREE URJ 3-week Taste of Judaism winter class with our clergy is open to the public!

reformjudaism.org/taste/Chicago

Want to Dive Deeper Into Judaism?

MONDAYS | 6:45 PM **BEGINNING FEB. 22**

Our 18-week URJ Introduction to Judaism class begins Monday, Feb. 22 with our clergy/education team.

reformjudaism.org/intro/IL

Film Nights with Cliff Scott-Rudnick

Ushpizen MONDAY JAN. 4 | 7:00 PM





Humor Me MONDAY | FEB. 1 7:00 PM



Sholom Justice Shabbat

FRIDAY | JAN. 15 | 6:15 PM

This year's Sholom Justice Shabbat will feature special guest and speaker, Sol Anderson, Executive Director of I Grow Chicago. I Grow Chicago is powered by community and leading from the streets. Their grassroots healing

justice model works at the intersection of individual healing and collective change. All of their programs work to address the traumatic effects of violence and poverty. We are excited to welcome Sol to our Sholom Justice and Temple Sholom community!

Exciting Recent News



Thank you to everyone who helped deliver Chanukah boxes to those in the community in need this past December. During these especially difficult times for many, it's important we continue to help when and where we are able. Also thank you to Matty Major, Aaron Midler, Aaron Rios-

Lebowitz and Teri Rudich for their behind the scenes help!



Even though we were not able to host our traditional expanded Thanksgiving meal this year, we were able to make our to-go meals a bit more festive to celebrate the holiday. We want to continue to give a huge shout out and THANK YOU to everyone who has and continues to contribute to

the Monday Meal! If you would like to contribute items to the meals, please contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org for the sign-up or visit sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam.



Since we "re-launched" Feed the Hungry with its new face lift, the program has been going strong! We appreciate all the families who have sponsored past Sundays and who have signed up to sponsor future dates. Thank you to the Schafer, Conover, McDermott, and Nick

families who sponsored the November and December Feed the Hungry Sundays! We appreciate your support and commitment.

If you are interested in learning more about this program or have questions, please contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or visit www.sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam.



Upcoming Events

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAYS | JAN. 10 & 31, FEB. 14



Monday Meal

MONDAY | JAN. 4, 11, 18 & 25, FEB. 1, 8 & 22





It Was a Busy Fall For It's Our Turn



November and December were busy months for IOT, filled with socializing, stimulating discussion and fun and games. When we planned a post-election program nine days after the

election, we had no way of knowing that the national contest would still be in question. Long-time political expert Dick Simpson, author, professor, former two-term Alderman of the 44th Ward and all-round maven on Chicago politics, was our very special quest speaker on "What Was this Election All About?" He shared his insights and analysis of the election on the national, state and county levels, and our IOT participants had a lot of thoughtful questions to ask him. Thanks to Jerry Field for planning this outstanding program. We were so pleased that this event attracted many people who were new to IOT programs, and we hope to see them again soon!

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM ALPHA ON YOUR VICTORY

TEAM	POINTS
TEAM ALPHA	25
HIP HIP HORRAY	20
TEAM JEOPARD	Y 17

Later in November, IOT hosted a late Saturday afternoon Trivia and social event. Three teams competed fiercely in such categories as tv shows, Broadway musicals, food and drink. Thanks to Lilli Kornblum for organizing and leading this fun event.

And to end the year, IOT participated in the temple's community group Chanukah candle lighting. After representatives from IOT leadership lit the sixth candle and recited the blessing, it was time for a Chanukah Party. With beautiful menorahs glowing on many screens, we vied to be champions in a virtual dreidel-spinning contest for a memorable way to end an unforgettable 2020. Our thanks to party planners Nancy Pollack and Wendy Brown.

IOT Continues to Sponsor a Monthly Congregational Minyan

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

service lasting approximately 30-45 minutes, and clergy. Join us for this beautiful way to start

Watch for More IOT Events!

It's Our Turn has many great ideas for future events. Watch for temple and special IOT eblasts for announcements and more information. Under consideration:

Virtual tour of Museum of **Broadcast Communications**

IOT Shabbat Service

Zoomtail Happy Hour

Film Discussion Night

Virtual Tour of the Tenement Museum

Ideas? 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





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

FRIDAY | JAN. 8 7:45 PM Service

FRIDAY | FEB. 5 7:45 PM Service

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/or-chadash To be added to the communications list, contact Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.



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 | FEB. 19 7:45 PM Service

Makom Together (young couples)

Introduction to Cheese with cheesemonger Randall Felts of Beautiful Rind SUNDAY | JAN. 31 5:00 PM \$18/cheese board

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/makom Questions? Contact Emma Harmon 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 | JAN. 7 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM "City of Thieves"

By David Benioff

THURSDAY | FEB. 4 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Visit sholomchicago.org/book-club for the latest book selection.

For more information, visit

www.sholomchicago.org/book-club

To be added to the communications list, 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.

SATURDAY | JAN. 9 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SATURDAY | FEB. 20 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

For more information, visit

www.sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging

To be added to the communications list, contact

Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.



WTS Sponsors Two Major Speakers

From the Israel Religious Action Center

Women of Temple Sholom is kicking off a new annual series of expert speakers on important topics with programs in January and February, both co-sponsored with the temple's Adult Education program. Both speakers are key figures in the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC). The programs are open to all in the temple community.

ANAT HOFFMAN, Executive Director, IRAC

Israel is Way Too Important to be Left Only to Israelis: Israel-Diaspora Relations Before, During and After Covid-19

SUNDAY | JAN. 17 | 10:45 AM | ZOOM FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE PG 7.

RABBI NOA SATTATH, Director, IRAC

Jewish and Democratic: Threats and Challenges to Israel's Democracy

SUNDAY | FEB. 28 | 3:00 PM | ZOOM FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE

We are thrilled to open our speaker series with Anat Hoffman, a major Israeli leader and activist. She is Executive Director of IRAC, Director and founding member of Women of the Wall, and a former member of the Jerusalem City Council. In 2013 the Israeli newspaper Haaretz named her "Person of the Year", and the Jerusalem Post listed her fifth among its "50 Most Influential Jews". She will talk about the historic nature of Israel-Diaspora relations, where things currently stand, and challenges and opportunities for the future, including the unprecedented health and economic crisis caused by Covid-19. To register, please visit sholomchicago.org/wts.



SAVE THE DATE! Annual WTS Women's Seder

MON. | MAR. 15 | 6:00 PM

We won't gather in person, but we'll still share the beauty, joy and tradition of our annual Women's Seder as we gather

virtually around a Zoom screen to share a holiday meal, read from our specially-created Haggadah, sing and maybe even dance together. More details to follow, but plan to be part of this wonderful event, creatively reimagined for our pandemic world.



Rabbi Singer's First WTS Class

Rabbi Singer presented her first class for Women of Temple Sholom in December and it was a huge hit. With "Hot Topics in Jewish Feminism", she was able to bring both her passion

and expertise on this subject to a multigenerational group of women eager to learn and share their own experiences. Women were invited to join the Zoom event with a glass of

wine or cup of tea, and the pre-program social time created a feeling of warmth and togetherness. Some of the "Hot Topics" included intersectionality, Israel, race and feminism. After Rabbi Singer's remarks, she provided questions for lively and meaningful discussions in small breakout rooms. It was a wonderful evening of listening, learning and sharing, and we all agreed this is a topic that we could keep talking about for a long time.

WTS HAS MORE PLANS FOR 2021

WTS is planning some exciting programs for 2021. Some of the events under consideration are Women in Film with a professional facilitator, a book discussion with a female author and theme, and a storytelling event featuring personal stories from temple members. We would love to hear from you if you have other ideas or if you would like to be a part of planning an event.



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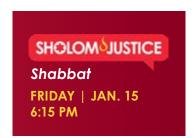


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SUNDAY



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NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/ **ADULT ED**

MONDAY

Guest Scholar: Anat Hoffman SUNDAY | JAN. 17 10:45 AM

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8:00am **Congregational Monday Morning Minyan** Sponsored by IOT 9:00am **Music and Meditation** 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan Monday Meal 3:30pm 6:45pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm Film Night: Ushpizen

TUESDAY

Guest Scholar: Randi Weingarten SUNDAY | JAN. 24 10:45 AM

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8:30am Talmud Study with Rabbi Gellman 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:00pm Midweek Hebrew

WEDNESDAY

Tu BiShvat Virtual Seder **THURSD** 8:00 PM

6

10:00am Wednesday Study Group 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Clergy Conversations 6:30pm Midweek Hebrew 6:30pm Adult Ed

7:00pm Crown Family High School

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9:30am Feed the Hungry 9:30am Religious School 10:45am Adult Ed 12:30pm Chavrei Shalom Youth Event

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9:00am Music and Meditation 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 3:30pm Monday Meal 6:45pm Intro to Judaism

12

Talmud Study 8:30am with Rabbi Gellman 3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:00pm Midweek Hebrew

13

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7:00pm Crown Family High School

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9:30am Religious School 9:30am Adult Ed 10:45am Adult Ed/WTS Guest Scholar Anat Hoffman

2:45pm Noar Shalom/ NFTY678 Hang-out Youth Event

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OFFICES CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

3:30pm Monday Meal

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7:00pm Crown Family High School

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9:30am 3rd Grade Yom Horim 9:30am Religious School 9:30am Adult Ed 10:45am Adult Ed/Sholom Justice Guest Scholar Randi Weingarten

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9:30am Feed the Hungry 9:30am Religious School Adult Ed 9:30am 10:45am Adult Ed Guest Scholar Rabbi Rachel S. Mikva, Ph.D. 11:30am Jr. Congregation 5:00pm Makom Together Introduction to Cheese

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THURSDAY

Guest Scholar: Rabbi Rachel S. Mikva, Ph.D.

SUNDAY | JAN. 31 10:45 AM

11:00am Minnie Solomon z"l **Book Club**

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

FRIDAY

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OFFICES CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S DAY

6:15pm Shabbat Service

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3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 6:15pm Shabbat Service 7:45pm Or Chadash Late Shabbat

SATURDAY

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

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3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

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

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3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

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3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan Family Candle-Lighting 6:00pm Sing-along with Lifelong Learning Team Shabbat Mishpacha 6:15pm

Service featuring 5th Grade 7:15pm Family Learning Session with Clergy/Education Team 23

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

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 8:00pm Tu BiShvat Virtual Seder 29

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan 5:30pm Tu BiShvat

6:15pm Shabbat Service

Tot Shabbat Service

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am Torah Study

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On-Site

Groups

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Our on-site groups

including Klezmer

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Weekly Meetup and Weekly

Game Day will

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Kaddish D'Rabbanan

Clergy Conversations

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5:30pm Clergy Conversations

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6:30pm The Legacy of RBG

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10:45am Adult Ed Guest Scholar

Rabbi Rachel Adler

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NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/ **ADULT ED**

9:30am Feed the Hungry

9:30am Religious School

12:30pm Noar Shalom/Chavrei

Shalom Youth

Hamenstashen

10:45am Adult Ed

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PRESIDENT'S DAY

TUESDAY

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5:00pm Midweek Hebrew

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7:45pm Purim 101

with Rabbi Singer

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

10:45am Adult Ed Guest Scholar

Tzivia Garfinkel 3:00pm Adult Ed/WTS

> **Guest Scholar** Rabbi Noa Sattath

Guest Scholar: Rabbi Rachel Adler

SUNDAY | FEB. 7 10:45 AM

Guest Scholar: Tzivia Garfinkel

SUNDAY | FEB. 28 10:45 AM

Guest Scholar: Rabbi Noa Sattath

SUNDAY | FEB. 28 3:00 PM

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:45am

Guest Scholar: Judith Heumann

FRIDAY | FEB. 5 6:15 PM

Judy Heumann is an American disability rights activist. She is recognized internationally as a leader in the disability is a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities. Her book, Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist, was published in February 2020. It tells her personal story of fighting for the right to receive an

11:00am Minnie Solomon z"l **Book Club**

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

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Shabbat Service with 6:15pm

Adult Ed Guest Scholar Judith Heumann

7:45pm Or Chadash

Late Shabbat

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

6:15pm Shabbat Service

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9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am Torah Study

1:00pm Mindful Jewish Aging

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3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

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3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

6:15pm Shabbat Service 7:45pm Makom Late Shabbat 20

9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am Torah Study

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EREV PURIM

3:00pm Kaddish D'Rabbanan

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3:00pm

5:30pm

6:00pm

6:15pm

PURIM

Kaddish D'Rabbanan Purim Tot Shabbat Service

Family Candle-Lighting Sing-along with

Lifelong Learning Team Shabbat Mishpacha Service featuring 1st & 2nd Grade

7:15pm Family Learning Session with Clergy/Education Team 27

9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service

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