

ShD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

JULY/AUGUST 2021



Senior Rabbi
**Shoshanah
Conover**

In late May, with the backdrop of a fragile ceasefire in Israel and Gaza and a torrent of antisemitic attacks around the world (and right here in the Chicago area), we decided to gather as a community in Temple Sholom's sanctuary—both in person and from our homes. We needed a place of quiet to collect our thoughts, process our feelings, and become lifted in prayer. In short, we needed a sanctuary of shalom, our sanctuary of Temple Sholom. It's here that we can feel ourselves seen, where we are invited to be heard.

Even in the grandeur of our sanctuary, the evening felt intimate and personal. Our high school seniors reflected on their time spent at Temple Sholom. For them, our synagogue has been one of openness to explore life's big questions; a place in which God's energy is felt in community; a safe haven to come after crashing into some of life's obstacles; a congregation that invites us to

change ourselves for the better so that we can change the world.

Seeing our community through their eyes gives us hope and inspiration. Soon, we will all gather again in the sanctuary for our High Holy Days. Some will join in person. Some will join from home. All will feel the embrace of our open, energetic, and transformational congregation. Inside this issue, you will find details about how we will celebrate these High Holy Days. I leave you with this New Year Prayer based on a hymn by Rabbi David Einhorn (1809-1879):

*God of years, God of eternity,
Bless us now and always.
Bless our homes and our families.
Be with us in our dreams
And in our hopes.
Be with us through these Days of Awe,
As we search our souls within
And see the lasting shelter
Of Your Sholom.*

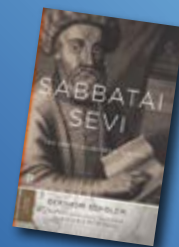
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

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WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

***Sabbatai Sevi:
The Mystical
Messiah,
1626–1676***

**By Gershom
Gerhard
Scholem**



Sabbatai Sevi offers a vividly detailed account of the only messianic movement ever to engulf the entire Jewish world. Its implications on the origins of every major Jewish movement today are as mesmerizing as they are mind-boggling.



President
Sherry Weil

As I begin my Board Presidency, I find myself reflecting on my Temple Sholom journey. I first came to the temple to say *yahrzeit* for my dad, 30 years ago. It was close to where I lived, and that is what informed my decision. My daughter Megan was only about a year old, and I hadn't started looking at temples or preschools yet. I'm a native Cincinnati and I grew up in a very large reform congregation, Isaac M. Wise Temple, and the size of Temple Sholom was familiar to me. As you can imagine, it was an emotional time for

me and I remember being comforted by the woman sitting next to me—who I later learned was Roberta Schwartz, Rabbi Schwartz's wife.

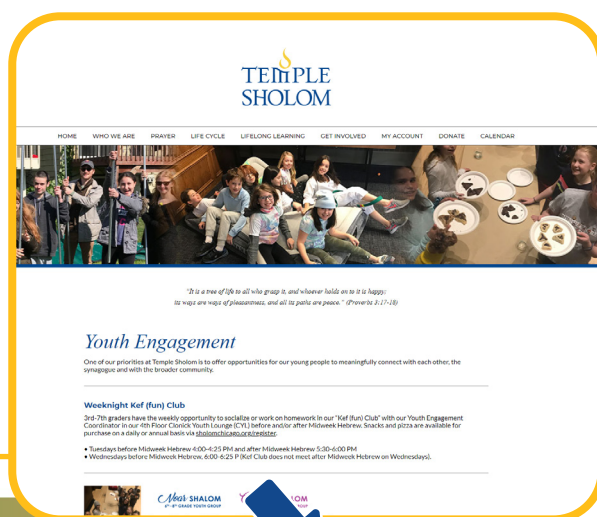
I know that feeling of warmth and comfort was a key reason why Larry and I chose to attend *Gan Shalom* with our daughters Megan and Hayley. My mom and tot class, with our one and only Helena, was followed by additional years at Gan, religious school, Bat Mitzvahs, confirmations, lifelong friendships, three terms as a board member, and now the honor of serving as President of our board of directors.

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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

Upcoming Outdoor Youth Events

Chavrei SHALOM
3rd – 5th GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Noar SHALOM
6th – 8th GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Chavrei Shalom

SUNDAY | MAY 2 | 3:00 PM

**Noar Shalom &
Chavrei Shalom Games Night**

THURSDAY | MAY 13 | 7:00 PM

**8th Graders are invited to a
"Taste of Crown Family High
School"**

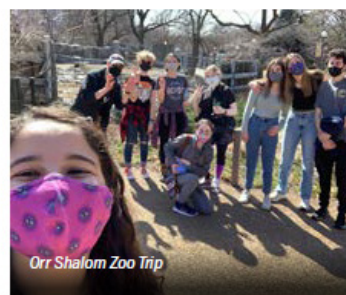
WEDNESDAY | MAY 12 | 6:15 PM

Even before becoming an official high schooler, our 8th graders can try out Crown Family High School! They'll be able to meet with our older teens, eat dinner from a local restaurant together, and get the lowdown on high school directly from peers. They will be encouraged to take control of their Jewish education for the next year by choosing their own topics!

See the Future of Temple Shalom as we honor our graduating seniors and high school Madrichim teaching assistants!

FRIDAY | MAY 14 & 21 | 6:15 PM

Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha



Orr Shalom Zoo Trip



Chavrei & Noar Shalom
Hamantaschen Hurrah

Of Blessed Memory

MAR. 18

Betty Rubin

Grandmother of Lindsay (Ari) Levin,
great-grandmother of Ryan
& Naomi Levin

APR. 29

Dr. Eugene L. Bronstein

Father of Carolyn Bronstein (John
Tapper), grandfather of David,
Lauren & Adam Tapper

MAY 4

Arnold E. Perl

Father of Stephanie (Jonathan)
Marks, grandfather of Rachel,
Joshua & Julia Marks

MAY 6

**Whitney Mayster
O'Connell**

Daughter of Lynda & Larry Mayster

MAY 11

Barbara Keller Taylor

Mother of Liz Taylor (Jim Kaplan)

MAY 16

Ronald Burstein

Father of Rachel (Brad) Parks,
grandfather of Maya Henschel

MAY 22

Mitchell Shifrin

Brother of Sandra Shifrin

MAY 28

Arlene Weinstein

Temple Sholom member

MAY 28

Jerry Baskin

Father of Laurie Baskin (Steve
Fadem), grandfather of Rachel &
Chloe Fadem

JUNE 6

Ruby Korn

Grandmother of Libby Snow
(Avi King)

Yahrzeits / First Year

JULY 2

Donna Strauss

Mother of Robert Strauss

JULY 5

Allen Meyer

Husband of Sue Meyer,
father of Lynn Gutzmer

JULY 19

Beverly Dolinsky

Mother of Steve Dolinsky

JULY 20

John Spanke

Loved one of Jackie Watson

JULY 23

Howard Cohen

Father of Adam Cohen,
husband of Karen Cohen

JULY 24

Julieta Sanchez

Grandmother of Juliana Schafer

JULY 25

Marcia Landman

Mother of Richard Landman

JULY 26

Robin Perelman Klima

Loved one of Robert Gordon

JULY 27

Elaine Kupfer

Mother of Michael Kupfer

AUG. 3

Blanche Cargerman

Grandmother of Robert Dolezal

AUG. 4

Betty Lou Malmud

Loved one of Beth Snyder

AUG. 7

Elinor Singer

Temple Sholom Member

AUG. 9

Katherine "Kiki" Klein

Sister of Todd Klein

AUG. 10

Sylvia Neiberg

Grandmother of Dave Gussis,
grandmother of Alison Schwartz

AUG. 17

Barbara Ann Doherty

Loved one of Ezra Meadors

AUG. 18

Matthew David Tarnoff

Nephew of Ken Tarnoff

AUG. 31

Jerome Berger

Father of David Berger

AUG. 31

Nadine Fourt

Mother of Martha Fourt

New Members

**Kyle Anderson &
Jennifer Sommer**

Mother of Robert Strauss

Karen Cohen

Eric Holubow

Eleanor & Miriam

Marisa Johnson

Elana & Jared Kaplan

Avery & Brody

**Spencer & Emma
Lederman**

Debbie Lipsett

**Matthew Lux & Arielle
Shanker**

Lauren & Ross Rocklin

Siena & Dawson

**Matthew & Emily
Rosen**

**Carrie Schedler &
Jason Zhou**

Sandra Shifrin

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!*

Mazal Tov

MAY 1

Rabbi Scott Gellman and Ma'ayan Eckstein on the birth of their son, Yair Carmel Gellman-Eckstein.

MAY 15

Carrie Schedler & Jason Zhou on their wedding.

MAY 29

Avi Snow and Libby King on their wedding.

JUNE 2

Matthew & Emily Rosen on the birth of their son, Noah Montgomery Rosen.

JUNE 5

Arielle Shanker and Matthew Lux on their wedding.

JUNE 6

Emily Feldman Siner & Edwin Benjamin Groner III ("Ben") on their wedding. Emily is the daughter of Jon Siner & Janis Feldman Siner.

JUNE 8

Matty & Erica Major on the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Ruth Major.

Worship Schedule

Please watch our weekly eBlast, Sholom Weekly, for information about what services are being moved to a mixed-presence (in-person & virtual) model.

FRIDAY | JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

FRIDAY | AUG. 6, 13, 20, 27

6:15 PM *Shabbat Service*

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

SATURDAY | AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28

9:00 AM *Minyan Service*

9:45 AM *Torah Study*

Special Services

FRIDAY | AUG. 6

7:45 PM *Or Chadash Shabbat*

FRIDAY | AUG. 20

6:15 PM *Open House Shabbat*

7:45 PM *Open House Makom Shabbat & Dinner*

SATURDAY | AUG. 28

8:00 PM *Selichot Study Session*

9:00 PM *Selichot Congregational Service*

A Message from Temple President, Sherry Weil (Continued from Page 1)

I love how much a part of my family's life Temple Sholom has been and will always be, in happy and sad times. I want to ensure that we, as a community, remain a vital, relevant and meaningful part of your life. When former temple President David Lipschultz and I were asked to lead the visioning journey in 2012, I wanted to participate because I wanted to ensure that Temple Sholom remains a vibrant community, so that my children and their children could join the temple and raise their families here. We never could have imagined that we would live in a world that experienced the deadly and destructive force of COVID-19. Now as the board and staff work together, and under Rabbi Conover's guidance, we are looking to answer some important questions: How do we build on where we've been, and make sure that we're going in the right direction. We need to move forward together with a sense of urgency to determine what our temple community really is for our families and members, so that we continue to meet the current needs of our community and anticipate future needs, and doing this in a way that only Temple Sholom can. Yes, our temple life looks and feels different, but what an incredible opportunity we've been given to strategically build on the innovation that we've seen over the past year.

I am so grateful for the support of our incredible clergy team, staff and fellow board members, and all the lay leaders who have answered the call to serve our sacred community. Outgoing President Jed Silberg has been an amazing mentor and friend over the past year, helping prepare me to take on this enormous job. My husband Larry has provided unwavering support and humor dealing with my many board calls and meetings that are taking priority now, and will continue over the next couple of years.

I can guarantee that there might be times where we'll have to once again pivot quickly, but I know that we will: with grace, fortitude and the spirit of our mission top of mind: To be a sacred community that embraces, inspires and matters.

I would love to hear your thoughts on your vision for Temple Sholom, so please don't hesitate to connect with me at **President@sholomchicago.org**. I'd love to get to know you, and hear what's on your mind.

Sherry Weil

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& Rabbi Minard Klein
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In Memory of Francine Motenko
In Memory of Marvin Willage
In Honor of Gabe Perlin

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& Louis Schneider
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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 visit www.sholomchicago.org/donate
Questions? Contact Allison Barker at
allison@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.

High Holy Days

5782 2021–2022
sholomchicago.org/HHD

As our new membership year begins on July 1st and we look ahead to the High Holy Days (5782), we want our members to know about what we expect worship to look like during the upcoming holiday season:

- In-person services will be available this year to current members (those who renew their membership for the 2021 - 2022 membership year).
- Digitally streamed services will once again be available. These services will be of the same high quality as they were last year.
- Those who plan to attend High Holy Day Services in-person will be asked to complete a Health & Safety Questionnaire, which will include a question regarding vaccination status.
- Those who attend in-person services will be required to wear a facemask, irrespective of vaccine status.

We look forward to celebrating the High Holy Days together and offering our congregants both in-person and online options.

- We are currently in the process of designing an online platform that will enable congregants to select their seats for services in the sanctuary.
- Both Congregational and Family Services will be offered. Family services will be socially distanced and geared towards those with children under age twelve. Those with children twelve years and older are invited to attend Congregational Services.
- At this point, we are planning an online Rosh Hashanah Tot Service.

Visit sholomchicago.org/HHD as we post and continue to update all of our High Holy Day information.

Service Schedule*

*Subject to change

KEY

IN-PERSON - IP
ONLINE ONLY - O
MIXED-PRESENCE
(IN-PERSON & ONLINE) - MP

Selichot

SATURDAY | AUG. 28

8:00PM Study Session MP
9:00PM Service MP

Rosh Hashanah

MONDAY | SEPT. 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30PM Congregational
Service MP

TUESDAY | SEPT. 7

9:00AM Family Service MP
11:00AM Congregational
Service MP
4:00PM Tot Service O
5:00PM Tashlich (Lakefront) IP

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 8

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

10:30AM Congregational and
Community Service O

Cemetery Visit

SUNDAY | SEPT. 12

It is traditional to visit the gravesites of loved ones during the High Holy Days. Temple Sholom is providing our community with the beautiful prayers for visiting the graves of loved ones on their own time. See the High Holy Day webpage for prayers.

Kol Nidre

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 15

5:30PM Early Congregational
Service MP
7:45PM Late Congregational
Service MP

Yom Kippur

THURSDAY | SEPT. 16

9:00AM Family Service MP
11:00AM Congregational Service
1:30PM Small Group Learning
and Reflective
Experiences MP
3:00PM Yizkor MP
4:30PM Afternoon Service O

Yom Kippur Continued

THURSDAY | SEPT. 16

5:30PM Neilah Service O
6:00PM Havdalah O

Sukkot

SATURDAY | SEPT. 18

9:30AM Tot Service IP
10:00AM Zoo to You
Children's Experience IP

TUESDAY | SEPT. 21

10:30AM Festival Service O

Simchat Torah

SUNDAY | SEPT. 26

4:30PM Congregational
Simchat Torah
Celebration/
Consecration IP

TUESDAY | SEPT. 28

10:30AM Festival Service O



Kindergarten Step-up!



Kindergarten practicing their math skills



Orange Class celebrating Israel's Birthday!

Mazel Tov to all the Gan Shalom children on such a wonderful school year!

It's hard to believe that the Gan Shalom school year has come to a close! It has been a fantastic year filled with friendship, growth and development with so many new skills learned. The children have blossomed and are ready for their next steps.

A sincere thank you to this wonderful, amazing community and to our magical Gan Shalom teachers for all that they do every day! Mazel Tov to our Junior Kindergarten graduates. They are ready to enter Kindergarten in the fall. Our Kindergarten friends are reading, writing and have learned so many skills that they will take with them as they are ready to leap into 1st grade.

We are excited to share that our Parent/Child classes are back for summer 2021 and the 2021/2022 school year! For more information, please contact **Heidi Cooper**, Director of Early Childhood Education at heidi@sholomchicago.org or **773 525-4867**.



Gan Shalom JK Graduates



Helena celebrating Shabbat in the Red Room

Lifelong Learning

Eit La'cha'vok

עת לַחְבוֹק

A Time to Embrace | ECCLESIASTES 3:5

Mazal Tov to the Class of 2021!



We are so proud of our Crown Family High School graduates. With the world changing around them, they rose to the occasion at our *Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha* services in May. They have reminded us to stay resilient, creative, and open to new possibilities in these tumultuous times. Although the path ahead is

uncertain, we are inspired by their journey, their accomplishments, and their words from our virtual *bimah*.

Jay Rapoport, RJE

Director of Lifelong Learning

jay@sholomchicago.org

"Here, I am uplifted by the clergy, staff, congregation, my peers, and teachers alike. The energy that all of these people exude is how G-d comes through in my life. I know that I will always have this community to fall back on, which gives me great comfort as I move forward to the next phase of my life."

- Eleanor Gelb, **Senior Representative Orr Shalom Youth Board**

"One of the first communities that I felt a part of after I moved was Crown Family High School and Temple Sholom. They accepted me and allowed me to continue my Jewish education, passion for social justice and the opportunity to be part of a close knit Jewish community. When reflecting on my time at Temple Sholom, I have realized that this is the community I have turned to and will turn to most of the time. Whether that is through my friends at the high school or advice from the rabbis, cantor or Temple Sholom staff that I know will be there for me whenever I need help."

- Eli Perlin, **Co-President Orr Shalom Youth Board**



Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha

"My experiences at *Gan Shalom* and *Temple Sholom* have given me a greater sense of purpose. I want to give back to a community that has given me so much. My *Gan Shalom* experience continued even after I graduated. Each summer I come back to work with Erica. I saw that teaching other children the joy of a Jewish preschool changes them and in turn makes their parents happy, which makes my community better. I realize now the experiences I was creating for myself and the students were more important than me just building my resume, they were becoming part of my life's journey."

- Ethan Morady, **Senior Seminar Student**

"My years on the *Orr Shalom* Board and my years as a *Madrich* and my years as a student has made this one of my happy places. I hope I can make it one of yours as well. To many of you this is your religious school, your workplace, and your place of worship; shouldn't it be a place filled with fond memories and amiable friends? Each one of you is a valuable role model in our Jewish community, and each one of you deserves to decide what we do here. I will make it my duty to give you direction, as well as, a voice."

- Marcus McDermott, **incoming President of Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board**

"When my mom bribed me to go to two Crown Family High School nights for 20 dollars, I decided to give it a try. I surprisingly found myself willingly going back every week for our Wednesday night dinners and I'm pretty sure my mom never paid me."

When asked in a senior seminar what are the things in life that make me the happiest. I realized through Crown Family High School that Temple Sholom is something that makes me the happiest. I valued having a special community, away from homework, school, and family. Crown Family High School provided me with a support system and it gave me a place where I can learn about the whole side of my identity that, honestly, I did not think that much about before my *Bat-Mitzvah*."

- Rebecca Schnitz, **Co-President Orr Shalom Youth Board**

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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



Chavrei Shalom Kickball



Chavrei Shalom Zoo Event



8th Grade Taste of Crown Family
High School



Thank you to our amazing 8th grade Midweek Madrichim:

Max Silberg

Micah Stone

Abe Weiss

Mazal Tov to our newly elected 5782 Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board:

President

Marcus McDermott

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Sydney Curran

Recruitment Chair

Casey Luchs

Co-Vice-Presidents

Michael Bayer
& Daniel Radner

Worship Chair

Maya Levinson

Sophomore Representative

Sammy McDermott

Communications Chair

Max Silberg

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

FEBRUARY 14-23, 2022

MARCH 21-30, 2022

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!

Limited Space Available!

Visit www.israelnowtrip.org to learn more.

Temple Sholom Supports Jewish Camping

OSRUI update

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020
- 2021 TRIPS & RETREATS:**

Mishpacha Family Camp

Getaway at OSRUI

MARCH 25-27, 2022

Orr Shalom High School retreat:

OCTOBER 15-17, 2021

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
- Madricha is the feminine version of "madrich"

All 8th-12th grade B'nai Mitzvah are eligible. Madrichim (assistants) help out as leaders in Religious School classrooms or office on Sunday mornings, during Midweek Hebrew or Junior Youth Group events!

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens to complete your online application

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.



JK-8th Grade Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School & Crown Family High School Registration opened with Membership Renewal in June.

Religious School classes begin Sunday, September 19. Online and in-person options available.

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.

TEACHING POSITIONS:

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

Candidates, please submit resume to Jay@sholomchicago.org.



Ice Cream/Taste of Religious School



Outdoor Hebrew



Thank you to our amazing Host Committee and Contestants for our Who Knows One? Religious School Parent Fun(d)raiser, who helped to craft an exciting night:

Host Committee

Lisa Curran
Andrea Goldstein
Rachel Rapoport
Maryn Robinson
Keri Rosenbloom
Erin Wilson

Contestants

Lahnna Addington
Erica Attanasio
Lisa Curran
Josh Goodman
Caroline Grossman
Sarah Karelitz

Karen Mellman-Smith
Jessica Min
Tracy More
Steve Pomerantz
Jed Silberg
Erin Wilson

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**.

Continuing Classes

Shakespeare Discussion

with Mitchell Brown

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM

STAY TUNED FOR ALL
ADULT EDUCATION 5781
CURRICULUM INFORMATION
COMING THIS FALL.

Got an idea for a great guest speaker? Send it to jay@sholomchicago.org.

Other Learning Opportunities

Tuesday Talmud Study

with Rabbi Conover

TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM

Wednesday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM

Summer Book Discussion

with Karen Titus

Film Nights



Where's Papa (1970)
MONDAY | JULY 12
7:00 PM



Moos (2016)
MONDAY | AUG. 2
7:00 PM



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Membership Year 2021-2022

In the past 18 months through the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen how more than ever, our congregational community strengthens us, supports us, and lifts one another up through even the toughest of times.

As Temple Sholom embarks on a new membership year in 2021-2022 and the Hebrew year 5782, we are grateful for our members who sustain us.

In the coming year, your membership will be more important than ever as we embrace a new normal full of exciting possibilities for what Temple Sholom will be now and for the future. We look forward to imagining, in partnership with our members, what Jewish belonging looks like at Temple Sholom in a post-pandemic world.

Your annual commitment to support Temple Sholom through your membership is vital to our success in our mission to Embrace, Inspire, and Matter. While membership commitments cover a significant portion of Temple Sholom's operating expenses, they do not cover everything. Therefore, to further our sacred mission, we ask for donations to cover our annual budget.

Temple Sholom's Annual Fund creates opportunities for us to be flexible in supporting the greatest needs of our community at any given time. Year to year, these needs

vary, and often relate to worship, education, building projects and new programming. In the upcoming membership year, our greatest need will be maintaining our community's well-being as we navigate the new norm of post-pandemic hybrid living. As we shift our programming model to meet members where they are both in our newly reopened building and online from their homes, we anticipate the necessity of structural and physical updates to our spaces to accommodate this new way of life.

As you renew your membership commitment this year, we hope you will consider making an additional donation to the Temple Sholom Annual Fund. Information on membership renewal, your past year's Annual Fund giving, and future giving can be found at sholomchicago.org/membership-renewal.

For questions regarding your 2020-2021 annual membership commitment, please contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org.

For more information about donations to Temple Sholom's Annual Fund, please contact **Allison Barker** at allison@sholomchicago.org.

COMMUNITY GROUP OPEN HOUSES & PRE-HIGH HOLY DAY EVENTS

Starting in July, many of our community groups will be having Welcome Back & Open House events. This will be a time for old friends to come together and re-connect, as well as an opportunity to meet new people with similar interests.



And many more!

For more information on our open houses, be on the lookout for community group communications or visit www.sholomchicago.org/community-groups

"Welcome Shabbat" & Member Anniversary Services

FRIDAY | AUG. 20 | 6:15 PM | TEMPLE SHOLOM

Join the Temple Sholom Clergy, staff & community as we close out the summer and celebrate *Shabbat* together. We will also be celebrating members who have special membership anniversaries this year.

Temple Sholom's Party in the Parking Lot!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM | TEMPLE PARKING LOT

This will be the first opportunity for you to pick up your special Temple Sholom High Holiday SWAG (Stuff We All Get) & prayer books. Meet us in the parking lot for pickup and to catch up with friends, staff and clergy. There will be an activity for kids and an ICE-CREAM TRUCK for all!

*Registration information to come

Additional High Holiday SWAG Bag & Prayer Book Pick Up

Can't make it to the party? We've got you covered.

Stop by Temple on the designated dates below to receive your SWAG and books.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

*Dates subject to change. Registration/timing information to come.

For more information about the above events and community group activities, please contact **Emma Harmon** at emma@sholomchicago.org or **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org.



SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER OPEN HOUSE!

MONDAY | AUG. 9 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | EL PRESIDENTE, 2558 N. ASHLAND

Come meet, mingle and hear what's coming up for WTS for the rest of 2021 and looking ahead to 2022. For members and members-to-be, it's a great opportunity to nosh and drink while greeting old friends and meeting new ones. Watch for future e-blasts with more information.

A Year in Review

2020/21 was certainly a memorable year for Women of Temple Sholom, in many ways for a lot of terrible things brought about by the global pandemic, but also for how our group learned to adapt to find community and meaning in new and positive ways to help us all get through such a difficult, unprecedented time. Our tagline "Stronger Together" was never truer.

Whether virtual or in-person, WTS plans all of our programs and events to be informative, meaningful, spiritually engaging, entertaining, and all with components of social justice and the opportunity to connect with the fabulous women in our temple community.

Last July, Rabbi Rena Singer "zoomed" into Temple Sholom figuratively and literally as both Assistant Rabbi and as the clergy liaison to WTS. She ably led our August 2020 virtual Rosh Hashanah holiday cooking program, Two Kitchens, Two Traditions, showcasing Israeli/Sephardic and American/Ashkenazi dishes with two guest chefs. She also combined social justice and honey in an interview with Daphne Williams of Beelove, the social enterprise of the North Lawndale Employment Network. This program led to the creation of a WTS online cookbook of favorite holiday dishes that is given to all WTS members.

WTS presented a Pink Shabbat in October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month to honor and remember those in our temple community who have been impacted by this disease. Women read words of meaning and wisdom during the service, and we presented an informative speaker from the *Sharsheret* support organization.

We kicked off our Hot Topics series in December with Rabbi Singer's great discussion on Modern Jewish Feminism. We

had a huge virtual attendance and lively breakout room conversations on Jewish feminism today and "back in the day." This was so popular that we followed up with a Part II in April. We also presented our first Women's Night at the Movies, discussing Ma Rainey's Black Bottom with a professional film critic, again so popular that we held another movie night last month, talking about Promising Young Woman with a professional female film critic.

After having to cancel our annual Women's Seder last year because the pandemic had just started, we were able to reimagine this beloved WTS event in a virtual format. It was a beautiful evening – warm, festive, spiritual, and filled with song, dance, and delicious food from the Hearty Boys. Though we missed being physically together, longtime Seder Chair Marilyn Oskin and her team made this a very special and memorable event.

WTS held a fascinating Book Discussion in May with award-winning author Fern Schumer Chapman on her mother-daughter memoir *Motherland: Beyond the Holocaust- a Mother-Daughter Journey to Reclaim the Past*. It was a spellbinding story of loss, trauma, love and reconciliation presented by a master storyteller.

In addition to all of our own WTS programs, we also partnered with other temple community groups this past year to be part of several special events: two dynamic speakers from the Israel Religious Action Center with Adult Education, and a tour of the "Notorious RBG" exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Center plus a panel discussion with local RBG colleagues, with Sholom Justice and Adult Education.

We have many new programs planned for the rest of 2021 and beyond, both live and virtual. Watch for the next D'var, eBlasts and other temple information so you can be part of this dynamic group!

BE PART OF OUR AMAZING WOMEN'S GROUP

We welcome all in our temple who identify as women to join the multigenerational, diverse and inclusive Women of Temple Sholom 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 Sholom community.

You can become a WTS member 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.

SAVE THE DATE: IOT OPEN HOUSE!

THURSDAY | JULY 22 | 5:30 PM
LINCOLN PARK NEAR TEMPLE SOLOM

Join us for an evening in the park where we will connect with old friends and meet new ones. BYO chairs, blankets, food, and drinks. A variety of snacks and sweet treats will be provided by IOT. Park location & more information will be provided upon registration. Be on the lookout for registration.

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.

Ideas? Please contact either
Jackie Lustig at **773-706-9953**,
jackielustig@mindspring.com, or **David Goodman**
at **708-421-6664**, **david@shrikamikow.com**.

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

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!



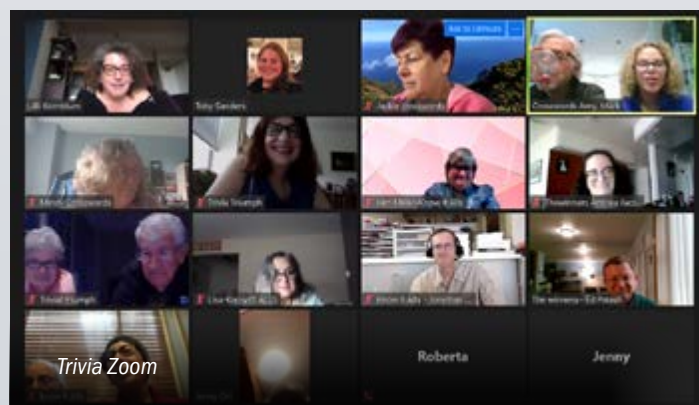
Even though IOT was not able to meet in person this past year, we still had a packed social calendar. We enjoyed a few **"Nights at the Movies"**, with our resident film critic, Matt Fagerholm. Matt led us in a variety of film discussions, ending the season with "Asia".

A big hit this year was our annual Chanukah party. The evening was filled with song and light, as well as a hard-fought dreidel spinning contest. Be sure to start practicing for next year! IOT also had a few trivia nights with our amazing and talented, congregant host, Lilli Kornblum. We also had our special IOT Shabbat in the Spring, featuring many IOT participants reading words of prayer during the service. Before Shabbat, we had a fun and lighthearted cocktail/mocktail hour.

Throughout the year, IOT also sponsored monthly Monday morning minyans for the congregation to enjoy. They happened once a month and were a nice way for congregants to come together, pray and start their Monday and week off.

LOTS OF PLANS FOR 2021/22

The IOT calendar is in formation, but we have big plans for in-person events including a "Spirits" Tasting, a Chanukah party, and new twists on old favorites like Havdalah, IOT Shabbat and the perennially-popular Trivia Night.





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

FRIDAY | AUG. 6 | TEMPLE SHOLOM
7:45 PM *Or Chadash Shabbat* (in-person)

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

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 | AUG. 20
7:45 PM *Makom Shabbat* &
Dinner (in-person & outside)

For more information, visit

www.sholomchicago.org/makom

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Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

THURSDAY | JULY 1 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"The Vanishing Half"
By Brit Bennett

THURSDAY | AUG. 5 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"Homeland Elegies"
by Avad Akhtar

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 | JULY 10 | ZOOM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SATURDAY | AUG. 21 | TEMPLE SHOLOM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM OPEN HOUSE

For more information, visit

www.sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging

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

Upcoming Events

Monday Meal

MONDAY | JULY 12, 19, & 26,
AUG. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAY | JULY 11, AUG. 8, & 29

Sholom Justice Open House

SUNDAY | AUG. 22 | 4:30 PM | RAVENSWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD

Join us in person as we reflect on our accomplishments from this past year and see what's to come for 2021-2022! Look for registration information in our e-blasts.

Advocacy 101: Social Justice is Powered by Advocacy

TUESDAY | OCT 5 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Join Sholom Justice and Jackie Baldwin (JCUA Community Organizer) who has a wide range of social activist experience. Jackie will discuss with us how advocacy works and how we can help make real change in our city and state.

Fall Blood Drive

SUNDAY | OCT. 24
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM | TEMPLE SHOLOM

Exciting Recent News

It's been another successful year for Sholom Justice, and while we couldn't be in person for most of it, we accomplished a lot. We kicked off a busy year by joining forces with RAC & RAC-IL for their **Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign**. This campaign aimed to maximize voter turnout by mobilizing voters, combat voter suppression and engage student voters in the November election. Following a historic election, we continued our annual **Chanukah Box** event, providing Chanukah meals to those in the community in need. Thank you to all our drivers! We started 2021 with a very busy January. We welcomed Sol Anderson (former Executive Director of I Grow Chicago) to our **Sholom Justice Shabbat** as he helped Temple Sholom understand how I Grow's grassroots healing justice model works at the intersection of individual healing and collective change. In partnership with Eco

Chavura, we hosted the first annual **Tu Bishvat Seder**. Sholom Justice also showed our support for frontline workers and **donated over 100 meals to the healthcare workers at Mount Sinai Hospital**. To close out the busy month, the **Pretrial Fairness Act** was passed in both houses of the IL General Assembly as a part of a criminal justice reform package. This act will reduce mass incarceration in our state and have a major impact on ensuring that no one is held captive pretrial or presumed guilty because of their inability to pay for their freedom. In February, we co-sponsored a **virtual visit to the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Museum exhibit and panel discussion** with Adult Ed and Women of Temple Sholom. The Panel featured Cook County Judge Abbey Romanek, Retired Judge Carole Kamin Bellows and Dean Nina Appel where they discussed their personal experiences with the late Justice. In March, we signed the **#InvestInUs**

solidarity letter for U.S. leaders to fund community solutions to end gun violence. In April, we were able to host our **blood drive** in the temple parking lot after a long hiatus without one. Vitalant was able to collect 16 units and we will certainly collect more at our future drives. In May, through lots of effort, the **BIO Bill & Fix the FOID Bill** passed out of the committee!

While all the above was going on, we still passed out our **Monday Meal to-go bags** each week, provided meals to Northside Housing, re-designed our **Feed the Hungry** program which has been extremely successful, and we keep growing our **Prison Pen Pal Program**! We can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work you continue to do for our various programs, projects and advocacy work. Get ready for another busy year ahead!

Questions regarding Sholom Justice, want to contribute items to the Monday Meals, how to get involved or be added to our e-blast? Contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org or visit sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam for more information. Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar.



Wondering Where Our Pull-Out Calendar Is?

Instead of a printed calendar, we now offer a digital, up-to-the-minute calendar for you to register and see upcoming Temple Sholom and community events.



To access our calendar, you can scan our QR code with your camera to open up the calendar

webpage or visit www.sholomchicago.org/calendar.

To go paperless, visit
www.sholomchicago.org/go-digital.



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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The world is a much changed place since I set out on this journey over two years ago, but one thing that has not changed is my pride in what we have been able to accomplish together. So many have served as confidants, guides, partners and friends and for that I am deeply grateful... but special thanks are due to Rabbi Conover and to Jeremy Perlin, my true partners over the last two years, and to Rabbi Rossoff for helping me jump right into this role in mid-2019.

Serving as President of Temple Sholom has been a highlight of my life and such an honor. I thank you for entrusting a small part of our Temple timeline to my care.

I wish for Sherry the same wonderful and meaningful experience over the coming two years and know we all stand ready to help her lead Temple Sholom as we emerge from the pandemic a strong, vibrant and very much relevant force in our lives.

Jed Silberg