

SD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

MAY/JUNE 2021



Senior Rabbi
**Shoshannah
Conover**

Temple Sholom's Inaugural Distinguished Speaker Series

Rabbi Conover in conversation with Jan and Bruce Tranen about the inspiration behind their gift establishing annual Distinguished Speaker Series programs.

Rabbi Conover: Jan and Bruce, you could have endowed a speaker series anywhere. Why was it important to you to make it happen at Temple Sholom?

Jan: One of my father Joseph Levy, Jr.'s z"l favorite childhood memories was of the day his mother Sarah Levy z"l took him to Temple Sholom to hear Eleanor Roosevelt speak. I don't know the topic of Mrs. Roosevelt's speech that day, or that of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s later speech at the temple, but I do know that Temple Sholom has long provided a forum for great thinkers and believers in social justice and reform. Bruce

and I are grateful we can help to continue the conversation.

Rabbi Conover: And, Jan, your family is so dear to me, and I feel grateful that I knew your Dad, and that I know your Mom. I appreciate how far back the connection between Temple Sholom and your family goes. We're all still imprinted by those people who shaped your father, who then shaped you, and then as we look at the many drawings by your grandchildren behind you—there are still so many who will continue this legacy through your vision.

When we first discussed how you could make an impact through a gift to Temple Sholom which would impact our Social Justice initiatives, you said that it is essential for us to hear from the most esteemed thought-leaders, activists, and social commentators of our day so that we, as a congregation, can act courageously on the most important issues of our time.

Bruce, could you talk about courage?

Bruce: I think, as we have seen with COVID, gun violence, and rampant poverty, it is very easy to feel

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SAVE THE DATE

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with Ezekiel Emanuel

overwhelmed and helpless. While we hope our politicians and leaders of large organizations will take on these issues, we also need inspiration and guidance to give us the courage to tackle them ourselves. We hope the Distinguished Speaker Series will address this need.

Being inspired by someone to motivate people to get involved in the way they choose will be a good thing.

Rabbi Conover: Will you tell the story of what courage means to you?

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President
Jed Silberg

many who assisted, counseled, volunteered time, and shared their thoughts with me on how we can continue to make our temple a community that embraces, inspires, and matters.

One thing I have learned over the last two years is that you all care... you really do... and the past year has especially proven it.

As my time as President of the Board of Temple Sholom of Chicago comes to a close, I want to take the opportunity to share thanks and gratitude to so

I have also learned that we have the most dedicated and passionate professional team a synagogue could hope for.

This opportunity has been such a meaningful one for me and has also shined a light on the fact that so much is possible when we all work together towards a common goal. In this case, our goal of maintaining our beloved Temple in a time of great uncertainty and concern.

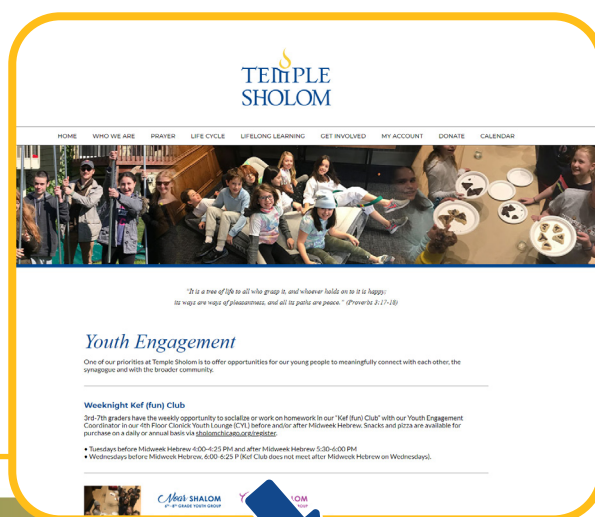
I thank you for the trust you have placed in me to lead, albeit for a brief period of time, this wonderful community.

Jed Silberg



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Upcoming Outdoor Youth Events

Chavrei SHALOM
3RD – 5TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Noar SHALOM
6TH – 8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

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SUNDAY | MAY 2 | 3:00 PM

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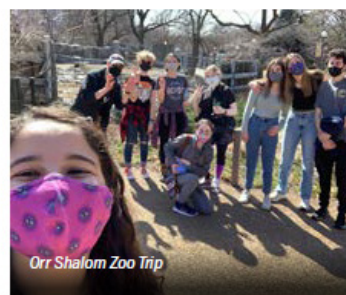
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Of Blessed Memory

DEC. 21

Gloria K. Brissman

Mother of Charles (Caryn) Brissman

MAR. 9

Donald Martin

Brother-in-law of Marilyn
(Fred) Oskin

MAR. 13

Suzanne Cohn

Wife of David Cohn,
mother of Aliza Cohn

MAR. 25

Gerald Bayer

Husband of Joan Mae Bayer, father
of Joel (Renay) Bayer, grandfather
of Michael & Samuel Bayer

MAR. 28

Hymie Phillips

Father of Lior Phillips (Adam Kivel),
grandfather of Oren &
Zev Phillips-Kivel

APR. 1

Moris Tcath

Father of Laurie (Peter) Sterling

APR. 16

Barbara Fox

Grandmother of Mat (Stacy)
Charnay, great-grandmother
of Levi and Abra Charnay

Yahrzeits / First Year

MAY 5

John David Reeser

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

MAY 22

Dr. Harry King

Father of Dr. Richard (Erica)
King, Grandfather of
Rachel (Jay) Rapoport

MAY 26

Mark "Buma" Fintel

Father of Dr. Dan Fintel
(Dr. Robin Fintel)

JUNE 5

John Marshall Griffith

Father of John (Matthew) Griffith

JUNE 16

Jane Susskind-Narins

Mother of Pamela Narins
(Eric Revels)

JUNE 23

Norman (Nachman)

Ross

Father of Jessica (Andy) Min

JUNE 25

David Berkson

Husband of Joan Berkson
Father of Dr. Michael
(Grace) Berkson

Mazal Tov

DEC. 7

Lior Phillips and Adam Kivel on the birth of their sons,
Oren and Zev.

JAN. 11

Shari and Jerry Michaels on the birth of their grandson,
Max Polansky, son of Lyndsey and Michael Polansky.

FEB. 20

Jonathan Siner and Janis Feldman Siner on the engagement
of their daughter Emily Siner to Ben Groner.

MAR. 21

Maddie Elkins and Steve Sulkin on their wedding.

Worship Schedule

FRIDAY | MAY 7, 14, 21, 28

FRIDAY | JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

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

SATURDAY | JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

MONDAY | MAY 3

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

FRIDAY | MAY 7

7:45 PM Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | MAY 14

5:30 PM Shavuot Tot Shabbat

6:15 PM Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha

FRIDAY | MAY 21

6:15 PM Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha

7:45 PM Makom Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 4

7:45 PM Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 18

6:15 PM Congregational Pride Shabbat
sponsored by Or Chadash

SATURDAY | JUNE 19

8:30 PM Or Chadash Pride Havdalah

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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In Memory of Esther Friedman
In Honor of Rabbi Scott Gellman
In Memory of Morton Glisker
In Memory of Evelyn Gumbiner
In Memory of Jennie Hyman
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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.

Join us for Shabbat Mishpacha!

FRIDAY | MAY 14 & 21

Kabbalat Torah Graduation

Shabbat Mishpacha featuring grades 8th-12th

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Grad 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 Shalom congregational *Shabbat* services, where the featured grade will be spotlighted on our virtual *bimah*!

After Shabbat services

Grad families are invited to schmooze with clergy and Jay Rapoport for some extra *Shabbat* learning and activities.

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

Gan Shalom

Early Childhood Education Center

Gan Shalom Children are Loving School and Learning New Things Every Day!

We have become magnificent artists over the last month at *Gan Shalom* during our study of various artists! Monet, Keith Haring, Georgia O'Keeffe and Georges Seurat to name a few. The children learned about different styles of art and engaged with different mediums such as tempura paint, watercolor, collage materials, and clay. What a wonderful opportunity to appreciate these beautiful artists and their work while also creating a sense of love and appreciation for their masterpieces!

The children also learned all about Passover through stories, movement, songs, art, and food. The children enjoyed *matzah* for snack, had a Passover Seder with our Clergy and learned how to make *matzah* with a Zoom experience at the *Matzah Factory*. The children learned all about what a Seder is and made delicious *matzah* pizza and *charosef*!



ENROLLING NOW: KINDERGARTEN 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have a rising kindergartner and are interested in learning more about our exciting Kindergarten program, please contact Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Education at *Gan Shalom*/Temple Shalom. This program is being offered for a second year in a row! The program features two very experienced co-teachers, daily in-person experience, small class size, competitive academic curriculum, common core standards, social emotional development, and so much more. The school day begins at 8:30 AM with extended hours until 5:30 PM. Hot lunches and snacks are included.

Gan Shalom registration is open for summer camp 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**.

Lifelong Learning

Eit La'cha'vok

עת לחבוק

A Time to Embrace | ECCLESIASTES 3:5

What's Next for Lifelong Learning at Temple Shalom?



What a year it's been! We've brought on a new Lifelong Learning team, created a hybrid outdoor/online Religious School program, welcomed Adult Education Guest Scholars from all over the country and Israel, continued our learning with the **JUF Education: Shifting the Paradigm on Hebrew Learning** cohort, and focused on inclusion

efforts as part of **Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month**.

What's next?

This spring, we continue to build upon our Religious School faculty LGBTQ+ inclusion training in partnership with Keshet, welcome our 8th graders into our **Tichon Shalom** high school community as we celebrate our graduates at **Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha**, and hope for warm days when Religious School, Crown Family High School and our youth groups can meet outdoors again.

As we approach next fall, we look forward to welcoming back former Religious School families that took a break this past year, rebooting our **Mishpacha**

family programming, and re-envisioning our Hebrew program in partnership with clergy, faculty and parents on the heels of our JUF Education cohort. Since the cohort began in late 2019, we have added **JK-4th Grade Hebrew Through Movement** with trained specialists, **3rd-7th Grade Midweek T'filah** (prayer) led by our faculty, and piloted our **6th Grade 1-on-1 Hebrew Boot Camp Mentorship** program.

On May 13th, we hope that you will join us for a night of fun(d)raising and Religious School parent connections as 12 parent contestants compete on **Who Knows One?** (formerly Jewish Geography Zoom Racing). This will be a much-needed opportunity for parents to connect over a night of fun and community in support of our beloved **Beit Sefer Shalom** Religious School, to sustain our learning opportunities through these challenging times, and invest in future innovations. Join us to watch on the Temple Shalom Facebook page... and keep your phone close by in case you are called to be on the show!

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.

Beit Sefer SHALOM
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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

Save \$100/child with Early Bird pricing through June 30!

Online and in-person options available.

Last Day of Religious School Family Celebration & Lunch

SUNDAY | MAY 23

Stay tuned for details!



A Beautiful Day for Outdoor Hebrew



6th-8th Grade T'filah



Who Knows One? (formerly Jewish Geography Zoom Racing) Religious School Parent Fun(d)raiser

It's not who you know.

It's who [who you know] knows.

THURSDAY | MAY 13 | 7:00PM

WWW.SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG/WHO-KNOWS-ONE

Host Committee: Lisa Curran, Andrea Goldstein, Rachel Rapoport, Maryn Robinson, Keri Rosenbloom, Erin Wilson

Temple Sholom Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School presents a Jewish geography game show!

6 Teams. 3 Chosen Ones. 1 FUN Night.

Engage with us online as teams of Religious School parents compete in a race to find "The Chosen One." Pledge support to play along and help your favorite teams win!

This special event for Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School is free and open to the public on the Temple Sholom Facebook Page.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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Orr Shalom Zoo Trip



*Chavrei & Noar Shalom
Hamantaschen Hurrah*

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



Mazal Tov to Our Graduates!

Crown Family High School Senior Seminar Students & Madrichim

Rachel Liskar, **Co-President Orr Shalom Youth Board**

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

Crown Family High School Senior Seminar Students

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

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Isabel Roseth

Max Samuels

Tessa Samuels

Rebecca Schnitz,
Co-President Orr Shalom Youth Board

Senior Madrichim

Elliot Landolt

Lanie Liebovitz

Zachary Stahl

Thank you to our 5781 Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board

Co-Presidents Rachel Liskar
Eli Perlin
Rebecca Schnitz

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Event Chair Daniel Radner

Senior Representative Eleanor Gelb

Junior Representative Michael Bayer

Sophomore Representative Natalie Schnitz

Freshman Representative Sammy McDermott

We are grateful to ALL of our teen Madrichim

Michael Bayer

Samuel Bayer

William Bremen

Beila Cohen

Sydney Curran

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Samantha Dombar

Rachel Eisenberg

Max Fischer

Michael Gilson

Hailey Glaser

Caleb Goldstein

Asher Grossman

Maya Henschel

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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.

Guest Scholars

Great Stained Glass in Chicago Synagogues



Lindy Rubin
SUNDAY | MAY 2
9:30 AM

Our local Jewish spaces are filled with amazing works of art. What makes

the stained glass at Temple Sholom so special and unique? Get to know our treasures, many of which were created by great artists of our time!

Lindy grew up in South Africa and earned a master's degree in Education from University of Chicago, with a thesis on the importance of using works of art in teaching. She has taught in the Chicago area for many years to adults, at Hebrew schools and secular schools – and teaches about art at our very own *Gan Shalom*!

Jews in American Politics



Fred Lazin,
Professor Emeritus,
Ben Gurion University
SUNDAY | MAY 16
9:30 AM

From outsiders to mainstream success to the Trump era. A look at the changing status of Jews in American politics from outsiders in the 1930s (the failure to rescue European Jewry), to their becoming influential mainstream actors in the 1970s and 80s (the rescue of Soviet Jewry), to the present. Have we followed a process of Americanization and acceptance? Did the 2016 election change the status of American Jewry?

Is God Transgender?



Rabbi Mark Samath
Co-Sponsored
by Or Chadash
WEDNESDAY
JUNE 9 | 6:30 PM

Counter to everything we grew up believing, the God of Israel was understood to be a dual-gendered deity. So writes Rabbi Mark Samath in his acclaimed book, *The Name*. In this one-night presentation Rabbi Samath leads us on a four-thousand-year journey of discovery, tracing the so-called "ineffable name" of God from its earliest-known inscription on a 14th century BCE Egyptian monument, as he investigates the phenomenon of gender-bending present throughout the Hebrew Bible and invites us to consider its implications — for ourselves and for those we love who identify as women, non-binary, transgender, or otherwise LGBTQ+.

Continuing Classes

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

with Mitchell Brown
SUNDAYS | 10:45 AM

Short Stories

with Cliff-Scott Rudnick
SUNDAYS | 2:00 PM

Other Learning Opportunities

Tuesday Talmud Study

with Rabbi Conover

TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM

Wednesday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM
MAY

Exploring Reform Judaism

with Rabbi Gellman

JUNE

Summer Book Discussion

with Karen Titus

Film Nights



Mamale (1938 Poland)
Green Films
MONDAY | MAY 3
7:00 PM



The Cake Maker
(2017 Israel, Germany)
MONDAY | JUNE 7 |
7:00 PM

Join our clergy for Spring Adult Education Classes

Holidays 101: Shavuot

With Rabbi Singer

WEDNESDAY | MAY 12 | 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.

Prayer & Worship 101

With Cantor Ben-David

SUNDAYS | MAY 2 & 9 | 11:00 AM

Deepen your understanding of the main Jewish prayers and Sacred Music within our *Shabbat* services and Jewish Liturgy. Cantor Ben-David will spend time delving into worship, prayer comprehension and the choreography that guides us when we pray.

Adult Education Siyyum

SUNDAY | MAY 23

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 Shalom and community events.



To access our calendar, you can visit **www.sholomchicago.org/calendar** or scan our QR code with your camera to open up the calendar webpage.

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Temple Sholom of Chicago's Inaugural Distinguished Speaker Series

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Georges C. Benjamin
Reframing Healthcare: Bridging the Gap in an Unequal World
WEDNESDAY | MAY 5 | 7:00 PM
ZOOM

Georges C. Benjamin, MD is the Executive Director of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and one of the nation's most influential physician leaders. His TED Talk, *The Secret Weapon Against Pandemics*, has garnered nearly **1.8 MILLION VIEWS** in less than a year and he is a frequent guest on National Public Radio programs, including *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*.

Dr. Benjamin is leading APHA's push for health equity through the organization's Speak for Health Campaign. He and his colleagues at the APHA strive to make America the healthiest nation in one generation through science-based advocacy and complimentary programs. Much of this work centers on the regulation of tobacco products, providing healthier food options in schools, promoting automobile safety initiatives to reduce traffic deaths, and more.

Join us on May 5th to learn how Dr. Benjamin envisions the reframing of healthcare in the United States, while also speaking passionately and eloquently about other health issues having the most impact on our country today.



Ezekiel Emanuel
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ZOOM

Ezekiel Emanuel, MD is Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and the Diane S. & Robert M. Levy University Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, as well as Co-Director of the Healthcare Transformation Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as Special Advisor to the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

In addition to academic and policymaking roles, he frequently contributes to the public discourse about a wide range of healthcare issues. Notably, Dr. Emanuel authored a provocative article for the October 2014 issue of *The Atlantic* entitled, *Why I Hope to Die at 75*. His perspective is regularly featured in the *New York Times* & *Washington Post* and on CNBC and National Public Radio.

Most recently, Dr. Emanuel served on President-Elect Biden's COVID-19 Advisory Board during the presidential transition. He was previously a Special Advisor for Health Policy in the Obama Administration and a member of President Clinton's Health Care Reform Task Force. While Special Advisor for Health Policy, he was a prominent voice on healthcare reform and the Affordable Care Act.

Join us on June 2nd to hear Dr. Emanuel's uniquely thoughtful perspective on the most difficult issues in medicine and healthcare delivery today.

Temple Sholom of Chicago's Inaugural Distinguished Speaker Series

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Bruce: I've spent many years cycling around Chicago, the US and Europe. In the Alps, I've faced some very, very long, difficult climbs in very remote places and it is easy to feel discouraged and hard to keep going. In France, there's a lot of support for cyclists and when you are on a country road on a tough climb, sometimes someone on the side of the road, whether a young child or an older guy with an espresso, will look at you and say, "Courage!" It makes you want to keep going, just keep pedaling, you'll get to the top.

Last year, when I was diagnosed with cancer, a cycling friend of mine sent me an email saying just that: "Courage!" Just keep going, do your treatments and you'll get to the end of this. And so that word took on a deeper meaning for me; not just to keep pedaling, but keep going. Which led to this speaker series: a chance to look at big problems and keep going.

Rabbi Conover: Jan, can you talk about why this topic—equitable access to healthcare—was the topic that felt most important to open the Distinguished Speaker Series?

Jan: The last year of COVID has magnified already existing healthcare inequalities. We are hoping that the experts we've invited to speak will be able to teach us more about the impact of the virus and to suggest ways in which we can provide support to others.

Rabbi Conover: Yes. And I appreciate your emphasis. Our speakers will help us learn what we can do to make sure that equity in the healthcare system will become better than it was before COVID. Harkening back to Bruce's comments on courage: May the speakers we host this spring—and in future years through your generosity—inspire us to courageous acts of *tikkun olam*, repairing our world. I'm in awe of you and your vision—and this world will be a better place because of how you have inspired our community of Temple Sholom. Thank you.



HUC – Chicago Reform Congregations Community Connection

Congregational Conversations: Reform Judaism and the Divisiveness of Politics

TUESDAY | MAY 25 | 12:00 PM

In his inaugural address, President Biden called for an end to the "uncivil" war that our nation is currently facing. What does Judaism say about the state and nature of political discourse in America? Reform Jews are widely considered to lift up progressive values but that doesn't mean that all congregants at Reform synagogues are Democrats or liberals. Just because we are Reform Jews doesn't mean we all agree on how to tackle the current economic and political challenges in our society.

Join the Reform congregations of Chicago and their Rabbis for a conversation lead by Andrew Rehfeld, HUC-JIR President, as these Jewish communal leaders unpack the implications of Reform Judaism in a time where politics seem more divisive than ever.

Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

**THURSDAY | MAY 6
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
"The Book of V"
By Tova Mirvis

THURSDAY | JUNE 3 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
"The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish
Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China"
By Jonathan Kaufman

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 | MAY 15
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**SATURDAY | JUNE 12
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

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

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Women OF TEMPLE SHOLOM

OUR WOMEN'S SEDER: BEAUTIFUL, MEANINGFUL, MEMORABLE

The 2021 Women of Temple Sholom (WTS) Women's Seder was a huge success! After having to cancel the annual event last year due to the pandemic, this year's event attracted one of our largest, most diverse and multigenerational attendances ever. Over 90 women participated, including many in-town and out-of-town mothers, daughters, and other family members and friends. We also welcomed a contingent from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Thanks to the expert planning and coordination by WTS Steering Committee member Marilyn Oskin and her



team, the evening included readings from our updated *Hagaddah*, a delicious Hearty Boys holiday dinner, and breakout room "tables" for socializing. We concluded the evening with our traditional tambourine shaking and dancing.

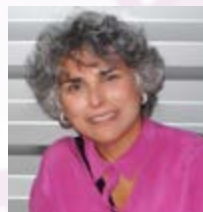
Rabbi Rena Singer, the WTS clergy liaison, did a fabulous job leading her first WTS Women's Seder and sharing with us her fun family tradition of an imaginary *afikomen* hunt (it was "hidden" in Rabbi Shoshannah Conover's office as a nod to her being Temple Sholom's first female rabbi in its history). Cantor Sheera Ben-David contributed her always-wonderful musical talent. Both clergy leaders helped make the evening so memorable and special for all.



RABBI SINGER LEADS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOT TOPICS PROGRAM

Rabbi Singer's December program, *Hot Topics in Modern Jewish Feminism*, led to a desire to explore

the topic even further. While the first part of her series gave us an overview of Modern Jewish Feminism, her April program delved into more specific areas of intersectionality: What does it look like to work with, or not work with, people we disagree with? How can we accept or reject intersectionality, especially concerning issues such as the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, and Black/Jewish relationships? What are some tools we can use to talk about these issues in civil, open-minded ways? Rabbi Singer's presentation along with breakout room conversations resulted in another informative and thought-provoking event. Look for more WTS Hot Topics programs.



COMING THIS MONTH....

Local Author to Share Unique Mother-Daughter Holocaust Story

SUNDAY | MAY 23 | 3:00 PM | ZOOM

Local author Fern Schumer Chapman became her mother's voice because her mother was

never able to overcome the lifelong trauma of her own story about being sent to America alone at 12 to escape the Holocaust, losing her parents, her country, her entire identity. Never speaking about it until Fern was about to become a mother herself, the two went to Germany for her mother to try to reclaim her history and for Fern to break the wall of silence that had always surrounded her mother. Fern's memoir ***Motherland*** describes their journey of forgiveness, reconciliation and self-discovery, and how trauma affects entire families and generations. This is a Holocaust story unlike any other you have heard or read. Two of Fern's books have also been featured on Oprah Winfrey's shows.

This is not a book club, so you don't have to read the book beforehand to enjoy the event, though you probably will want to read it after you hear this fascinating presentation. More information about Fern Schumer Chapman and her works is available at www.fernschumerchapman.com

These WTS events are free, but registration is required. To register, please visit www.sholomchicago.org/wts



Women's Night at the Movies Promising Young Woman

MONDAY | JUNE 14 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Watch this five-time Oscar nominee film on your own on Prime Video, then come to what is sure to be a provocative discussion, led by Rebecca Martin, film critic and editor of Cinema Femme.

To learn how to become a member of WTS, please visit sholomchicago.org/WTS or contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org with any questions.

Recent News



March and April were busy months for IOT!

In March, we sponsored the Monthly Morning *Minyan* and by popular demand, we had an Oscar-themed film discussion with our resident film guru, Matt Fagerholm. Once again, our movie nights were sold out, and everyone came dressed to impress in their best Oscar attire. The group discussed "The Shape of Water" and "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." In March, we also hosted a special IOT *Shabbat* and a pre-service "Drinks & Nosh" social hour. It was great seeing so many faces and can't wait until we can see each other in person again.



In April, we once again sponsored the Monthly Morning *Minyan* and hosted another trivia night! Trivia night is another crowd favorite. Lilli Kornblum acted as our excellent trivia host and as always, it was another evening filled with friendly competition. Great job to all the teams and the winning team on a well-earned victory!

Upcoming Events

As more dates and information become available, please be on the lookout for IOT'S free events in May and June!

- SATURDAY | MAY 8 | 6:00 PM
Israeli Film Festival Discussion
- Virtual *Havdalah* - **back by popular demand!**
- Zoomtails - **back by popular demand!**
- Millenium Park(ing) Lot

IOT Continues to Sponsor a Monthly Congregational *Minyan*

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

The Monthly Morning *Minyan* (sponsored by IOT) is a relaxed, come-as-you-are, early-morning service that lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. It is led by one of Temple Sholom's clergy, and features 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 May 3 & June 7. Check Sholom Weekly (Temple Sholom's weekly congregational communication sent each Monday morning) for the Zoom link.

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



Pride Month 2021

Our *Or Chadash* community shares what Pride means to them

"Pride is more than a time to celebrate that which was once unable to be celebrated. It is an acknowledgement of our inherent diversity. It is a festival for love – love of others, and love of ourselves. It is a triumph of radical self-acceptance." - **Meig Dickson**

"During Pride Month, I wish I could thank every brave human being who has broken down barriers for the LGBTQ+ community. Discrimination, tragically, remains a reality in much of the world. But in Pride Month, remembering where the LGBTQ+ community was years ago when I was coming out, I rejoice that in recent years – especially with Marriage Equality and other historic milestones – we've come so far." - **Roger Pines**

Why This Year, We Need Pride More Than Ever



"In 2021, as we approach a hopeful end to a global pandemic that has kept us physically separated from our community, celebrating LGBTQ+ Pride is more important than ever. Of course, our celebrations will still look different this year

than we are accustomed to, but our LGBTQ+ communities will continue to find beautiful ways to come together. In a year full of challenges, shocking emotional weight and perpetual isolation, the joy and celebration that is Pride seems a sweet dose of much-needed medicine as we celebrate the victories and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community. As we gather virtually throughout the month of June, let us celebrate triumphs of inclusion while remembering the work we still need to do for those in the LGBTQ+ community who suffer under prejudice, discrimination, and disproportionate rates of violence."

- **Rabbi Scott Gellman**

Join Us for Our June Events

FRIDAY | JUNE 4 | 7:45 PM

Or Chadash Shabbat

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 9 | 6:30 PM

"Is God Transgender?" with Adult Ed
Guest Scholar Rabbi Mark Sameth

FRIDAY | JUNE 18 | 6:15 PM

Congregational Pride Shabbat
Sponsored by *Or Chadash*

SATURDAY | JUNE 19 | 8:30 PM

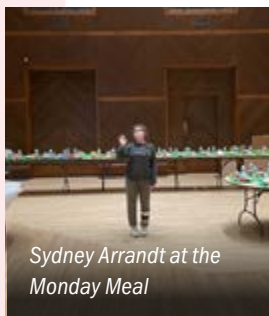
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Communities Pride *Havdalah*

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Exciting Recent News

In February, Sholom Justice was able to donate over 100 meals to Mt. Sinai Hospital to support their medical staff to say thank you for all they do. In March, along with Adult Education and Women of Temple Sholom, we co-sponsored a virtual tour of the RBG exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and a panel discussion with retired Judges who worked with and knew RBG. Both events were a great success!



Sydney Arrandt at the Monday Meal

Also, in March, Sholom Justice hosted a toiletry drive that benefited The Night Ministry. The Night Ministry helps to support the homeless population in Chicago and the Chicago land area. In April, we hosted a mobile Vitalant vehicle in the parking lot at temple. This was the first

Sholom Justice sponsored blood drive since the start of the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who came out to donate!

Our Monday Meal "to-go" bags are still being handed out each week to those in need, as well as to Northside Housing to support their residents. Thank you to the Arrandt, Dorfman & Rotman families, and our dedicated regular volunteers who supported the March and April Meals. We want to continue to give a huge shout out and THANK YOU to everyone who contributes to the Monday Meal! If you would like to contribute items to the meals, please contact Toby Sanders for the sign-up, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam.

Since we "re-launched" Feed the Hungry with its new face lift, the program has been going strong! Thank you to the Abrahams, DeWolfe/Rappaport, Weinberg families and our other dedicated volunteers who sponsored the March and April Feed the Hungry Sundays.

Upcoming Events

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAYS | MAY 9, 30, & JUNE 13

Monday Meal

MONDAYS | MAY 3, 10, 24, JUNE 7, 14, 21, & 28

Questions regarding Sholom Justice, how to get involved or be added to our e-blast? Contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org for more information. Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar.

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.

SUNDAY | MAY 16

1:00 PM Makom Shavuot Brunch

FRIDAY | MAY 21

7:45 PM Small, virtual Shabbat dinner

For more information, visit www.sholomchicago.org/makom.
Questions? Contact Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1542**.



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overview of all our
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calendar](https://sholomchicago.org/calendar)**
for a full schedule.



SHAVUOT

SUNDAY | MAY 16 | 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
3100 N. LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Join us at Lincoln Playground Telscher for
ice cream, a shofar choir, and an
interactive Torah reading with our
clergy, staff, and community!

Visit **SholomChicago.org/Shavuot**
for more event details!

