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TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

JULY/AUGUST 2022



Senior Rabbi
**Shoshanah
Conover**



Assistant Rabbi
Rena Singer

You're Invited

Rabbi Conover's installation as Senior Rabbi of Temple Sholom will take place on Friday, August 19, and Rabbi Singer's installation as Assistant Rabbi will take place on Friday, September 9.

An installation is a ritual where the synagogue comes together to celebrate new rabbinic leadership. It usually takes place in the rabbis' first year at the synagogue.

Here are some Q & A's for Rabbi Conover and Singer about their upcoming installations.

You've both been in your current positions at Temple Sholom for 2 years! Why do an installation now?

Rabbi Conover: Though it seems silly to say: Better late than never. At the time when these installations would have occurred (August and September 2020), the pandemic was staring us down and keeping us home. We decided to wait until our community could gather properly -- in person and from home -- without fear or disappointment. Two years later, while we are still calling these events "installations," in some ways they are a confirmation and celebration of Temple Sholom's resilience, innovation, stability, and inspiration.

Rabbi Singer: Our tradition instructs us never to miss an opportunity to come together, celebrate, and eat. The first year of working as a mostly virtual rabbi through the worst parts of the pandemic was so strange. This is an opportunity to say thank you to our community for supporting one another so profoundly through that difficult time, and to celebrate with many of you in person who got used to seeing us on zoom!

Who will be installing you and why?

Rabbi Conover: My mentor, Rabbi Larry Hoffman. As a student at HUC-JIR in New York, I took many classes with Rabbi Hoffman, who is a world-renowned Jewish liturgist. He opened one class with this question: "If you could see God face to face, what

is the one question you would ask?"

The question I formulated to answer this prompt has inspired every choice I have made as a rabbi since then. I'll share with you my response at my installation!

Rabbi Singer: Rabbi Sara Luria is a Jewish innovator and mentor. She asks the best questions about how we can create what the next generation of Jews need. She has helped me find the courage to be the kind of rabbi I want to be.

What are you excited about for your installation?

Rabbi Conover: I am excited that my installation will be an opportunity to celebrate the past, present, and future of Temple Sholom. Throughout its history, Temple Sholom has had some of the finest rabbis in the world embody the vision and values of a relevant Reform Judaism in its time and place. Being a rabbi at Temple Sholom has been the gift of a lifetime. I am inspired daily by our congregants, clergy, and staff who believe deeply in the power of Temple Sholom to nurture individuals and families so that we can nurture and repair the brokenness in our world. And, I'm excited for the food trucks, too!

Rabbi Singer: I am excited to be together and to celebrate this incredible community.



President
Sherry Weil

I'd like to express our gratitude to three Board Members whose board service ended July 1. Marc Kaufman was Board President from

2017-2019, and has been a mentor and leader to all of us. He most recently served as the Strategic Plan Space Workstream co-chair.

Pam Lookatch has been on the Board since 2015, and we are indebted to her for her masterful leadership and stewardship in our Development work. Aaron Charfoos joined the Board in 2018, most recently co-chaired the Leadership Council and has been a trusted

advisor to me and our past Presidents. Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your incredible contributions to our Temple community.

We are excited to welcome new Board Members -- Amy Rosenow and Rob Schnitz -- who will be working with our Finance and Administration/Legal areas. I'm looking forward to an innovative year ahead as we implement the strategic plan, filled with gatherings and celebrations at Temple and in our community. Thank you to all for your membership, commitment and love for Temple Sholom.

Sherry Weil

Of Blessed Memory

APR. 16

Jay Glickman

Brother of Jodi (Eric Brown)
Glickman

APR. 24

Sari Lipschultz

Mother of David Lipschultz
(Dr. Arin Stone), grandmother
of Micah Stone

APR. 29

Marla Tison

Sister of Helene Kohn

MAY 5

Jean Rose

Mother of Sara Kaplan

MAY 5

Morton Jaffe

Stepfather of Jayne
(Jerry) Krulewicz

MAY 8

Fuchs Adalbert Nuta

Father of Lia Epshtesky

MAY 14

Mae Buttermann

Aunt of Lilli Kornblum

MAY 14

Jane Ellen Lipman

Mother of Louis (Abby) Lipman

MAY 16

Hannah Hess

Mother of Kathy (Ken) Tallering

MAY 26

Dr. Evelyn Perloff

Mother of Judy Perloff (Nancy
Smith), grandmother of Anna Smith
Perloff and Kate Smith Perloff

MAY 31

Nancy Jane

Cohen Nowak

Mother of Karen (Robert) Lewis,
grandmother of Megan and
Adam Lewis

JUNE 1

Sanford "Sandy" A. Bank

Father of John (Ellyn) Bank,
grandfather of Nikki (Drew)
and Kara

JUNE 5

Andrea Mayster-Levin

Daughter of Larry (Lynda) Mayster

JUNE 6

Frieda Cohen Kowalsky

Mother of Gary Cohen
(Dr. Larry Gard)

JUNE 11

Fern Bomchill Davis

Temple Shalom Member

JUNE 11

Dorothy Nagler

Mother of Nancy Domash

JUNE 15

Marcus Mares

Brother-in-law of David Sheffer

Mazal Tov

NOV. 17, 2021

Dr. Mitchell & Sharon Sheinkop on the birth of their
grandson, Stiles Sheinkop. The proud parents are Judith
and Eric Sheinkop.

MAY 6, 2022

Rabbi Aaron M. and Janese Petuchowski on the birth of their
grandchild, Avi Fisher Petuchowski. Avi is the son of Benjamin
Petuchowski and Janna Fisher, brother of Izzy.

JUNE 18, 2022

David Goodman on the wedding of his son, Eric Goodman to
Amanda Hume.

New Members

Membership with our sacred community is how we grow! Know
somebody who is interested in membership? Connect them with
Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org.

MAR. 25

Eric Somogyi

APR. 6

Amy Taylor

APR. 25

Patrick Graney-Dolan

Temple Shalom
Development Associate

APR. 30

**Morgan Fogel &
Gideon Ticho**

MAY 2

Jude Kamler

Temple Shalom Manager of Strategic
Engagement: Membership &
Community Programs

MAY 4

Matthew & Dora Snyder

Colette, William, Gavin

MAY 9

Patricia McMillen

MAY 16

Lauren Grossman

B'nai Mitzvah

AUG. 27

Dylan Flaum

Yahrzeits / First Year

JULY 10

Catherine Basso

Mother of Teresa Basso Gold

JULY 23

Kenneth Siegal

Father of Helene Kohn

JULY 29

Tim Wolf

Brother of Rabbi
Shoshanah Conover

AUG. 5

Juliana Schafer

Wife of Chad Schafer, Mother
of Izzy Schafer

AUG. 5

Eleanor Meyer

Mother of Jeff Meyer

AUG. 31

Susan Mazer

Loved one of Lilli Kornblum

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!

Worship Schedule

Please watch our weekly eBlast, Sholom Weekly, for information about which services are mixed presence (in person & virtual).

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

FRIDAY | AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

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

SATURDAY | AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

FRIDAY | JULY 1

7:45 PM Or Chadash
Shabbat

FRIDAY | JULY 15

6:30 PM Makom Shabbat

FRIDAY | AUG. 5

7:45 PM Or Chadash
Shabbat

FRIDAY | AUG. 19

6:15 PM Rabbi Conover
Installation Shabbat

In Loving Memory

With the High Holy Days upon us, you are invited to participate in Temple Sholom's **Book of Remembrance 5783**.

This is a special way for family and loved ones to be remembered each year through an act of *tzedakah*, the Jewish tradition of charity.

The book will hold the names of departed family and loved ones and will be available both in print and online ahead of High Holy Day services.

To make your gift and add your personal entry online, please visit sholomchicago.org/bor. For questions, contact Toby at toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1536**.

Entries due Monday | Aug. 1, 2022

One person's candle is a light for many.

- The Talmud

Westlawn
Cemetery & Mausoleum



Lakeshore
Jewish Funerals

Thank You to Our Temple Sholom Donors!

In Memory of Rebecca Adelman
In Memory of Jan Albers
In Memory of Roland Baratz
In Honor of Cantor Sheera Ben-David

In Honor of Lincoln Joah Berkley
In Honor of Don Borzak
In Memory of Suzanne Cohn
In Honor of Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

In Memory of Charlotte Drucker
In Memory of Susan Feldstein
In Memory of Shirley Clonick Fleischman
In Memory of Mildred Fuhrer
In Honor of Rabbi Scott Gellman
In Memory of William Goldberg
In Honor of Dr. Jane Goodall
In Memory of Sheri Kmaikow Goodman
In Memory of Sandra Granroth
In Memory of Israel Halpern
In Honor of Robert Herzog
In Memory of Donald Kaplan

In Memory of Esther Katz
In Memory of Rabbi Minard Klein
In Memory of Joyce Klein
In Memory of Dr. Philip Lapidus
In Honor of Ida Lessman
In Memory of Sari Lipschultz

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Penny Rovner
Roger & Teri Rudich
Jed & Sharon Silberg
Bela Sirota
Jan Tranen

In Memory of Helene Marx
In Memory of Sylvia Mashkes
In Memory of Dr. Allan Miller
In Memory of Francine Motenko
In Honor of Arthur Nierenberg

In Honor of Annabel Nitekman
In Memory of Jerry Primack
In Memory of Sally Rosen
In Memory of Albert Saltz
In Memory of Elizabeth Schneider
In Memory of Abraham Schwartz
In Honor of Stiles Sheinkop
In Memory of Mary Sherwood
In Memory of Mitchell Shifrin
In Memory of Sylvia & Samuel Siegel
In Honor of Rabbi Rena Singer
In Memory of Thelma Spill
In Memory of Andree Stone
In Memory of Bob Tarnoff
In Honor of Temple Sholom Staff
In Memory of David Tepper
In Memory of Maxine Unger
In Memory of Jacqueline Willage
In Memory of Marvin Willage
In Memory of Dorothy Zusel Berke

Bonita Marx
Richard & Gloria Reifler
Sarah & Jonathan Karelitz
Robert & Barbara Stone
Claire Niederberger
Craig Niederberger & Karen Lewak
Teri Rudich
Richard & Gloria Reifler
Randy Rosen
Irwin & Janice Saltz
Frances Eaton
Irwin Siegel
Mitchell & Sharon Sheinkop
Ross Goldberg
Sandra Shifrin
Irwin Siegel
Sara Kaplan
Cookie Marks
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Gabrielle Schwertfeger
Marc & Debora Willage
Rebecca Unger
Marc & Debora Willage
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Roger & Eleanor Feldman

Gifts listed represent honorific giving from March and April 2022

These thoughtful gifts to Temple Sholom, in addition to membership contributions, enable us to further our sacred mission and support the greatest needs of our community at any given time.

If you would like to make a special honorific gift to Temple Sholom, please visit www.sholomchicago.org/donate. Questions? Contact Patrick Graney-Dolan at patrick@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.

High Holy Days

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sholomchicago.org/HHD

Below please find some important information about the High Holy Days at Temple Sholom this year. We will be sharing additional updates about the High Holy Days beginning in Mid-July. Please stay tuned and check your inboxes or visit sholomchicago.org/hhd.

- If the city of Chicago remains at a "High COVID Level" during the High Holy Days, we may require facemasks for those attending services and High Holy Day programs in person at Temple Sholom.
- Temple Sholom requires proof of full vaccination for those who are eligible to be vaccinated and come into the building. For purposes of these protocols, an individual is 'Fully Vaccinated' when:
 - The individual is two (2) weeks past completing the full initial course of a COVID-19 vaccine; and
 - One (1) week past receiving a booster of any type, once eligible for a booster.
- Members (and their guests who have purchased tickets) are invited to attend in person (this could change if there are unforeseen restrictions due to COVID).
- This year Temple Sholom will hold one *Kol Nidre* service, beginning at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 4. This year's *Kol Nidre* Service will be available both in person and online.
- *Tashlich* will take place at 4:00 PM this year (previously at 5:00 PM) on Monday, September 26.
- The Children's High Holy Day Experience (JK - 3rd Grade) and babysitting (children under 4 years) return for the High Holy Days! Both are available during our Morning Congregational Services on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.
- To receive High Holy Day tickets, congregants must be members in good standing. This means that you have paid 50% of your Annual Membership Commitment, set up an installment plan for your Membership Commitment, or have communicated with Temple Sholom's Finance Department concerning your needs during the 2022 - 2023 membership year. For membership related questions contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org. For payment related questions contact Jodi Morady at jodi@sholomchicago.org.

Service Schedule*

*Subject to change

KEY

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

Selichot

SATURDAY | SEPT. 17

8:00 PM Study Session MP
9:00 PM Dessert Reception IP
9:30 PM Service MP

Rosh Hashanah

SATURDAY | SEPT. 24

11:00 AM Tot Service MP

SUNDAY | SEPT. 25

Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 PM Congregational Service MP

MONDAY | SEPT. 26

9:00 AM Family Service MP
10:45 AM Children's High Holy Day Experience IP
11:00 AM Congregational Service MP
4:00 PM *Tashlich* (Lakefront) IP

TUESDAY | SEPT. 27

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

10:30 AM Congregational and Community Service MP

Self Guided Cemetery Visit

SUNDAY | OCT. 2

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. Visit sholomchicago.org/hhd for prayers.

Kol Nidre

TUESDAY | OCT. 4

7:30 PM Congregational Service MP

Yom Kippur

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 5

9:00 AM Family Service MP
10:45 AM Children's High Holy Day Experience IP
11:00 AM Congregational Service MP
1:30 PM Learning Sessions MP

Yom Kippur (Continued)

3:00 PM Yizkor MP
4:00 PM Afternoon Service MP
5:15 PM Neilah Service MP
5:45 PM Havdalah MP

Sukkot

MONDAY | OCT. 10

10:30 AM Festival Service with Emanuel Congregation MP

FRIDAY | OCT. 14

5:00 PM Tot Shabbat MP

Simchat Torah

SUNDAY | OCT. 16

4:00 PM Congregational Simchat Torah Celebration/Consecration MP

MONDAY | OCT. 17

10:30 AM Festival Service & Yizkor with Emanuel Congregation MP



We hope all our families have a wonderful summer and we look back to being together at the start of the new school year. Please use the QR code to share your ideas and feedback about family programming and stay tuned for communication from Mishpacha!



SCAN ME

To learn more about *Mishpacha*, please contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org.



Gan Shalom had such a fantastic school year!

The children have spread their wings and have grown into beautiful butterflies! Thank you to our wonderful children and families for making this year so special! Mazel Tov to our Junior Kindergarten graduates: Noga Bernstein, Lucy DuBois, Micah Fishman, Chloe Fogel, Piper Godfrey, Lila Hantman, Brody Kaplan, Greyson Katz, Lillian Kramer, Jackson Michalowski, Liev Minkus, Maxwell Olstein, Emet Rapoport and Sam Turken. You are off to exciting new beginnings! Wishing our Gan Shalom friends a wonderful summer!

For more information about *Gan Shalom*, contact **Heidi Cooper**, Director of Early Childhood Education, at heidi@sholomchicago.org or 773-525-4867.



Pink class celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut



12-18 month class catching bubbles



Mazel Tov to the Gan Shalom junior kindergarten graduates of 2022!

Lifelong Learning

Got ideas, enthusiasm or feedback for Lifelong Learning?

To get involved or provide feedback, contact Jay Rapoport, RJE, Director of Lifelong Learning, at jay@sholomchicago.org.

Ma-Gadlu Ma'asecha Yah, m'od amku mach'sh'votecha

מה גדלו מעשיך " מאד עמקו מחשבתך

How great are your works, *Adonai*! How profound the thought they inspire. | **PSALM 92:6**

A Year of Inspired Thinking (and doing and feeling and praying)

"Reflections on Becoming NFTY-CAR President" by Lauren Tapper



Being a member of the Reform Jewish Youth Movement (NFTY) the past three years has connected me to a national Jewish community and has given me

leadership skills that I will carry with me for years to come.

But I cannot talk about NFTY without crediting Temple Sholom for introducing me to the youth group and for setting me on a path of Jewish enrichment and leadership. Caleb Bromberg, the previous Youth Engagement and Curriculum Coordinator, encouraged me to attend my first NFTY event: a Jewish leadership training session. After that, I found myself going to countless other events, ranging from movie nights to *sukkah* making to interfaith dialogue programs. Even when Covid-19 struck during my freshman year, I continued to attend NFTY events virtually.

I learned the ties between Judaism and social justice from my time in

the Religious School and through the mentorship of Rabbi Conover. This led to my first opportunity for leadership in NFTY, the Social Action Committee, where I led events on topics like diversity in the Jewish community and mental health.

Eventually my leadership turned into a regional board position. I served as the Communication Vice President for the Chicago Area Region this past year, and I was just recently elected as the 2022 - 2023 Chicago Area President. It is a privilege to be able to help lead the organization that has given me so many friendships and opportunities these past few years. I hope to bring more Temple Sholom high schoolers into NFTY to experience the same community and love for Judaism that I have. I would not be in NFTY or be the leader I am without Temple Sholom.



NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. Together, we pursue *tikkun olam*, personal growth, youth empowerment, and deep connections, all rooted in Reform Judaism.

Visit nfty.org for more information.

Thank you to our Education Committee members!

Religious School Committee

Lisa Curran
Todd Florin

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Rob Schnitz

Jeff Shyken
Heidi Steiner

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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



Religious School Closing Day Family Celebration



JK-8th Grade Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School & Crown Family High School Registration is Now Open!

Save \$100/child with Early Bird pricing through July 8!

Online and in-person options available.



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

A transformative Jewish experience for teens.

FEB. 13-22 OR MAR. 20-29, 2023

Visit israelnowtrip.com to learn more.



BE A TEMPLE SHOLOM MADRICH(A)!

Join Our Madrichim Teen Teacher Assistant Program

- Earn money or community service hours
- Stand out on college applications
- Be a stronger candidate for summer jobs
- Make a positive impact upon students
- All 8th - 12th grade students are eligible

Madrichim (assistants) help out in Religious School classrooms or office on Sunday mornings, during Midweek Hebrew or Junior Youth Group events!

*madricha is the feminine version of "madrich"

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens to complete your online application by **Aug. 15**.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Questions regarding Youth Engagement? Contact **Sam Cohen** at sam@sholomchicago.org, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/youth-group.



L'taken Teen Social Justice Weekend Seminar Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.

FEB. 10-13 | 2023

Make a difference both at the national and local level by learning to lobby on Capitol Hill about issues you are passionate about, with hundreds of Reform Jewish Teens! Participants earn 35 hours of community service for participating in this unique social justice program.

For more information, visit RAC.org.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022 - 2023 TRIPS & RETREATS AT URJ CAMP OSRUI

5th - 8th Grade
Youth Retreat
NOV. 4-6 | 2022

Orr Shalom High
School Retreat
DEC. 9-11 | 2022

Mishpacha Family
Camp Getaway
at OSRUI
MAR. 10-12 | 2023



In case you missed it!

Excerpts from Speeches Delivered by Our High School Seniors at Crown Family High School Graduation

“When the college process got hard and school got stressful and the pandemic ruined everything, Crown Family High School was the rock that got me through it all. A time I could socialize and learn with my peers that made me feel whole in a time when many things were falling apart.”

-Michael Bayer

“At Temple on Wednesdays, I was able to be genuine with myself and with other Jewish teens, as I rediscovered the community and environment that I first grew to be a part of in my freshman year. Having the ability to decompress and be included in such unique and enriched conversations surrounding the Jewish culture, media, modern issues, and everything in between was a huge factor in why I still feel so connected with Judaism.”

-Beila Cohen

“What's important to me [are] the amazing friends I've made here and the unique education I've received...Every Wednesday night is filled with a sense of communal passion that has forced me to increase my depth of character. What makes me truly want to be here is how our heated debates are rooted in different interpretations of scripture and how our conversations about world issues often resolve with how we, as students, can take social action to make a difference...Even though my four years have been rather tempestuous, Crown has been a constant. It's made me who I am and has instilled a sense of passion in me for everything I do.”

-Marcus McDermott

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED



Mazal Tov to Our 5783 Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board

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Daniel Radner

Junior Representative
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Go to sholomchicago.org/community-groups for a full list of our Community Groups. Visit their pages to learn more about them and to register for events.



Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

THURSDAY | JULY 7 | 11:00 AM
MIXED-PRESENCE

"Where the Crawdads Sing" By Delia Owens

THURSDAY | AUG. 4 | 11:00 AM
MIXED-PRESENCE

"The Keeper of Lost Things" By Ruth Hogan

For more information and the 2022-2023 full schedule, visit www.sholomchicago.org/book-club.

To be added to the communications list, contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.

SHALEM שְׁלֵמָה

EMBRACING RACIAL
& ETHNIC DIVERSITY

The mission of *Shalem*, Temple Sholom's Embracing Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee, is to promote an inclusive environment where a cross-section of racial and cultural identities can thrive through the Jewish experience.

PARENT GATHERING | DETAILS COMING SOON

Visit sholomchicago.org/shalem to get the latest updates.

If you are a person of color or have a person of color in your family, please join *Shalem* for our first parent gathering. We are looking forward to meeting families who connect with *Shalem's* mission.

If you are interested in getting involved in this group in any way, please reach out to **Rabbi Singer** at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org.



Inspired by our fellow congregant, Juliana Schaffer, of blessed memory, the Chesed Circle continues to strengthen our Temple Sholom community by phone check-ins with each congregational family throughout the year.

Congregants we reached earlier this year expressed deep appreciation for the calls.

One congregant's response reflects what we've heard from many: "We so appreciate your call and how caring the Temple Sholom community is."

Volunteer callers are needed for this ongoing effort!

Making calls to a small number of fellow congregants – just to check in – takes little time and is rewarding. To make it easy, we provide our volunteers with calling tips and a sample script for breaking the ice or leaving voicemail.

If you're moved to help spread Temple Sholom's caring spirit, sign up now! We'll contact you over the summer about calls leading into the High Holy Days.

For more information about volunteering - or to volunteer - please visit sholomchicago.org/chesed-circle. To be added to the communications list, contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1546**.

The Chesed Circle Meal Train continues to provide home-cooked or store-bought meals to congregants experiencing significant life challenges. Interested in volunteering to provide meals or deliver them? Visit the Chesed Circle webpage listed above. Together, we can make a difference!

IT'S *Our* TURN

Temple Sholom's community group that creates adult-only events for those who are 50(ish) and over.

Another Wonderful Year in the Books!

While we continue to navigate what our new normal looks like, IOT had another successful year of events! We started last fall with two "Picnic in the Park" events to hang out and nosh around. Our Annual Chanukah Party was once again a favorite amongst the attendees, and of course everyone's dreidel skills were put to the test. For the first time, IOT had a joint book & movie discussion featuring Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express* & the 1972 movie version. This past April, we were able to have our annual IOT Shabbat in-person and we gathered after the service for a private, Mexican-themed oneg. It was great to finally be together in person after a long winter and enjoy good company and tasty food. We rounded out the year with our last film discussion of *More Than I Deserve*, a film which was featured at the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema.



IOT-ers enjoying our IOT Shabbat Oneg in April

Be On the Lookout for Our 2022-2023 Event Calendar.

We are already looking forward to what next year will bring. Stay tuned for our Open House/Kick-off event in the late summer/early fall! Watch for Temple Sholom and special IOT eBlasts with 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@sharikamikow.com.



ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE: SOCIAL... AND MORE!

TUESDAY | AUG. 2 | 6:00 PM | IN PERSON
LARK PATIO/3441 N. HALSTED / FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER

Don't miss Women of Temple Sholom's great annual Open House, this year at Lark (on their patio), voted the neighborhood's best! It's a chance to meet and reconnect with friends and discover the many reasons to join the temple's group of dynamic, active women. In addition to

social, we're adding social action, serving up information and action on current critical issues facing us, along with delicious food (vegetarian) and a cash bar (Happy Hour prices). Watch for more details soon!

Coming This Fall....

Program with Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

Screening of the film *Stranger/Sister* and panel discussion with the director. The group fosters friendship, understanding and social change between Muslim and Jewish women.

50 Years of Women in the Rabbinate

An event to celebrate the historical journey of remarkable women rabbis, including two of our very own!

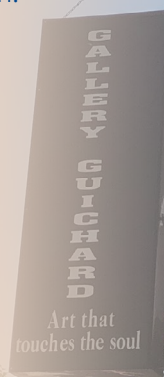
We Give Back

WTS regularly makes donations to support the work of a variety of organizations, often in connection with a program we have presented or with an important current issue. Recently, we made contributions to HIAS to support its work with refugees; to JUF's special Ukraine Project; and to the National Alliance for Children's Grief in honor of teen author Amelie Liu's amazing program at Crown Family High School.



Bronzeville

WTS, *Shalem* and our guests had a wonderful afternoon at Gallery Guichard in Bronzeville. We learned about this history of the the building, the gallery, and explored a few artists in resident's spaces. In addition to exploring the collection and art currently on display, we also enjoyed time in the Gallery's Great Migration Garden.



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 23 | 1:00 PM | ZOOM

SATURDAY
AUG. 20 | 1:00 PM | ZOOM

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 773-435-1546.

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Makom Returned to In-Person Events at the Temple in May with Our Fried Chicken Shabbat!

We enjoyed delicious wings from Crisp and The Chicago Diner (for our vegan/vegetarian friends), as well as a beautiful service led by Rabbi Singer.

With the arrival of summer, we have been savoring the opportunity to spend time outdoors by hosting *Shabbat on the Beach*. We are so lucky to have access to Lake Michigan and the beautiful Chicago beaches! No matter the season, we can always make *Shabbat* special and accessible in creative ways, and we look forward to celebrating together this upcoming year.

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 Service

FRIDAY | JULY 15 | 6:30 PM
Makom Shabbat on the Beach

For more information, visit sholomchicago.org/makom. To be added to the communications list, contact **Jude Kamler** at jude@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.

SHOLOM JUSTICE

Monday Meal

MONDAYS | JULY 11, 18, 25

MONDAYS | AUG. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAYS | JULY 10, 31

SUNDAY | AUG. 14

Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for information about our annual Sholom Justice BBQ/Kick-off Event on **Sunday, Aug. 7 at 5:00 PM** & our annual High Holy Day Food Drive, benefiting Nourishing Hope (formerly Lakeview Pantry).

Questions about *Sholom Justice*, contributing items to the Monday Meal, getting involved or being added to our e-blast? Contact at toby@sholomchicago.org, **773-435-1546**, or visit sholomchicago.org/tikkun-olam for more information. Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar.

PROGRAM UPDATES & CHANGES

Our **Monday Meal Mitzvah (MMM) Program** started in the early 2000s and quickly became a cornerstone of Sholom Justice & Temple Sholom, feeding up to 60 people each week and over 100 at our special themed holiday meals. To stay "in business" when COVID-19 hit, we had to pivot to our Meals-to-Go Program because we knew there was no way we could stop helping those in need (MMM 2.0). Well, the time has come to re-open our doors for MMM 3.0! We are excited to offer a sit-down meal once again in a warm (or cool) and safe environment, starting on **August 1!** Please be on the lookout for communication with updated volunteer descriptions, health & safety protocols, and how to sign-up.

Feed the Hungry (FTH) Program is going strong with the help of our family & Religious School volunteers. Since FTH started, the meals have been delivered to

The Greater Bethlehem Healing Center on the West Side and in recent months we have noticed a decline in people showing up for a meal for a variety of reasons. Due to the dedication and brain power of our FTH Cohort, our drop-off site changed location in June to Another Chance Assembly in the Austin Neighborhood. This location change will allow our FTH program to continue to reach as many individuals as possible who need meals. We are also excited for another wonderful year of family sponsors & Religious School classes volunteering.

The **Advocacy Group** is taking off and making waves. The group has been meeting and has decided to focus their efforts for the upcoming year to one local issue, allowing the efforts to stay concentrated and to not be spread too thin. To be added to the advocacy email list, please contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org.

After patiently waiting, we are excited that Sholom Justice & Temple Sholom were able to welcome our sponsored **Refugee Family** in late June! We cannot repeat ourselves enough, that we truly appreciate everyone who was/is apart of this very special and important initiative. From helping us raise funds, donating furniture, purchasing items from Target and the team who welcomed the family at the airport, helped set-up the apartment and our mentors/tutors, it "takes a village" & what a special village it is to be a part of. Be on the lookout for photos and recaps!

GAME DAY

THURSDAYS | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | IN PERSON

Starting July 7, join us for some friendly competition while we play various games including Mahjong and Canasta.

Contact toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1546** to be added to the regular communication & for the sign-up link!

GAME DAY IS BACK!



Moments from the congregational Pride Shabbat led by Or Chadash



Or Chadash just wrapped up an eventful Pride Month, where we celebrated and reflected upon what it means to be both Jewish and LGBTQ+.

"As a woman, as a lesbian, as a Jew, I know that much of what I call history others will not. But answering that challenge of exclusion is the work of a lifetime."

- Joan Nestle (b. 1940), co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in Park Slope, Brooklyn

During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and the defiant display of resistance that helped spark the gay liberation movement, which has served as an inspiration to

feminist, queer, and trans liberation movements throughout the world.

What goes frequently unacknowledged, however, is how the history of Pride was, and still is, deeply tied to Jewishness.

In 1920s and 1930s Berlin, gay, Jewish sexologist Magnus Hirschfeld's *Institut für Sexualwissenschaft* was one of the most prominent organizations promoting women's equality, gay rights, and trans rights. Many of Hirschfeld's students became pioneering figures in trans medicine after fleeing from Nazi Germany. Lesbian feminists like Adrienne Rich, Shulamith Firestone, and Leslie Feinberg were Jewish, the intersection of Jewishness and queerness playing a vital role in their writing and advocacy. Playwrights like Larry Kramer and Tony Kushner have married HIV/AIDS activism with Jewish philosophy, politics, and theology. Trans poet Joy Ladin

(who spoke at Temple Shalom this year!) has explored the trans and queer resonances that can be discovered in Torah, and the organization SVARA has become a pioneer through their Queer Talmud Camp and Trans Halakha Project. Queer history is Jewish history, and it's still unfolding.

As LGBTQ+ rights continue to come under assault in our country - from the rolling back of reproductive rights, Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill, and the denial of trans kids' access to vital mental healthcare and medical treatment in Texas - it is, more than ever, essential that straight and cisgender Jews see LGBTQ+ rights as central to the project of creating a more just world, that our allies see the struggle, quoting Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz, as "life-giving, nourishing, as our own."

Nathan J. Lamp

Or Chadash Steering Committee

We are excited to offer mixed-presence Or Chadash late services! Join us in person or online via Zoom (no registration required).

Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | JULY 1 | 7:45 PM

FRIDAY | AUG. 5 | 7:45 PM

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

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

Welcome to Our Two New Staff Members



This Spring, we filled two critical staff positions.

Jude Kamler joined Temple Sholom as our Manager of Strategic

Engagement: Membership & Community Programs. In this position, Jude is responsible for working with community groups and fostering new members.

Jude joined Temple Sholom as a congregant in 2021, where they found meaningful connection through the *Or Chadash* and *Makom* community groups. Now, they are grateful to have the opportunity to support the engagement of current and prospective members and help facilitate meaningful experiences for the beautiful and vibrant Temple Sholom community.



Meanwhile, **Patrick Graney-Dolan** joined us as our Development Associate. In this role he supports key aspects of Temple Sholom's

development initiatives, including working on the Annual Fund and Book of Remembrance, and will also provide critical assistance in planning and executing the temple's Distinguished Speakers Series program.

Patrick graduated from Saint Louis University with a marketing degree and spent two years volunteering through the AmeriCorps program in St. Louis before beginning at Temple Sholom.



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Save the Date

Rabbi Conover's Installation

FRIDAY | AUG. 19 | SHABBAT
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Congregational Oneg
to Follow

Join us for *Shabbat* as we celebrate Rabbi Conover's installation as our Senior Rabbi, and continue the celebration with us afterwards with good food and company!

