

SD'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

MARCH/APRIL 2022



Associate Rabbi
Scott Gellman

This last year, *Chanukah* may have surprised us by being just two days after Thanksgiving! When *Chanukah* comes so early on the Gregorian calendar, we can be pretty sure that we are in a leap year on the Hebrew calendar. A Hebrew leap year is more distinctive than one extra day in February. Rather, on March 4th 2022, we will begin the extra special Hebrew month of *Adar II*. In order to keep the Hebrew calendar from eventually giving us *Chanukah* in the summer, an extra month of *Adar* is added before the "regular *Adar*," thus giving us *Adar I* and *Adar II*. This month is even more joyful because it contains the holy day of *Purim*. *Adar II* is viewed as the most joyous month of the year and even comes with its own motto: *Mi-shenikhnas adar, marbim be-simcha* or "When *Adar* arrives, joy increases." We take that joy and spread it around, sending gifts to our friends, family,

and those in need. Our joy is lifted even higher as we celebrate Queens Vashti and Esther and all the women in our lives who show such tremendous bravery.

One month after *Purim*, we gather to recall and relive the story of the exodus from Egypt; from slavery to freedom. In the time leading up to *Pesach* (Passover) we partake in a search in our homes to remove *chametz*, any food that contains a leavening agent, which we try not to consume during Passover. Beyond what we eat, we can also use this as an opportunity for a personal cleansing of the metaphorical "crumbs" that crowd our lives. We evaluate our relationships with people and things as we examine ourselves and our egos. We take the month between *Purim* and Passover to move from joyous celebration of our peoples' resilience, to a more reflective joy of freedom.

In this season of celebration, we hope you find new and meaningful ways to experience joy.

Rabbi Gellman
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WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

The Social Justice Torah Commentary

By a diverse array
of authors (including
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover)

Edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block

Read more on pg. 15 and
join us for a panel and book
signing!

THURSDAY | MAR. 10
7:00 PM | TEMPLE SHOLOM



JOIN TEMPLE SHOLOM FOR OUR NEXT DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING JANE GOODALL

Read more on
the back cover!



President
Sherry Weil

Spring is finally in the air, and as we look forward to making plans for the coming months, I'm excited to share an update with you on the Strategic Visioning and Planning Process that's underway. We've made a lot of progress since you first heard Lindsay Levin's and Troy Neely's inspiring address to the congregation at *Yom Kippur*.

These are the workstreams, and their leaders:

- **21st Century Space:** Jed Silberg, Marc Kaufman, and staff Jeremy Perlin
- **Engagement Through Learning:** Carolyn Bronstein, Lara Froehlich and staff Heidi Cooper and Jay Rapoport
- **Engagement Through Peak Moments:** Lilli Kornblum, Lindsey Levin and Toby Sanders
- **Financial Sustainability:** Pam Lookatch, Michael Radner, Steve Wolf and staff Jodi Morady

I'm especially excited to let you know that we've engaged the architectural firm of Finegold Alexander, based in Boston, to work with our Space workstream to help us visualize "What's Possible" as we think about renovating our historic and beautiful synagogue for our 21st century and beyond needs.

Each workstream has held focus groups, and I know that many of you participated in the congregation-wide focus group held in February. The information that all of you have shared is key to identifying initiatives that we'll move ahead over the next five years. Thanks to all of you who have been part of this, and to the Core Strategic Visioning team and Stacy Charnay, our Director of Administrative and Member Services, for managing the project.

Stay tuned for the next update about what the teams have learned, and where we'll be headed from here. Thank all of you for being part of our special, sacred community.

Take care,
Sherry Weil

Of Blessed Memory

DEC. 21

Sylvia Stern

Mother of Lisa (Warren) Solocheck

JAN. 12

Jeffrey Shanin

Father of Greg (Randi) Shanin

JAN. 15

Susan Feldstein

Mother of Rachel (Gary) Axelrod

JAN. 28

Dr. Allan Miller

Father of Stacie (Jeff) Newmark

JAN. 19

Frances B. Reicher

Grandmother of Kim (Bob) Strauss

FEB. 9

Elaine Knobel (2/9)

Wife of former Temple Sholom
Interim Senior Rabbi Peter
Knobel z"l

B'nai Mitzvah

MAR. 3

Adam Given

MAR. 5

Judah Given

MAR. 19

Carson Price

MAR. 26

Landon Netzky

MAR. 26

Lev Lippitz

APR. 2

Peyton Prass

APR. 2

Rin Kleinman

APR. 2

Hailey Shaw

APR. 9

Jared Harris

APR. 9

Annabel Nitekman

APR. 23

Abigail Hyde

APR. 23

Annabel Goldstein

APR. 30

Alexis Sarnoff

APR. 30

Fischer Addington

Mazal Tov

JAN. 3

Nathan and Aly Prater on the birth of their son, Ari.
Big brother is Chase (3).

JAN. 15

Erez Solomon on becoming a U.S. Citizen.

JAN. 15

Former employees Caleb Bromberg and Rebecca Weller
on their engagement.

FEB. 9

Matt Dicker & Kelsey Hornbach on the birth of their son,
Henry Brett. Big sister is Hannah (4).

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.

NOV. 29

**Danielle Komen &
Michael McDonald**

DEC. 8

**Romeo Santana &
Sarah Epstein**

DEC. 13

Claire Niederberger

JAN. 13

Stephen Swedlow
Sophia Andrew

Yahrzeits / First Year

MAR. 9

Donald Martin

Brother-in-law of Marilyn Oskin

MAR. 13

Suzanne Cohn

Wife of David Cohn

MAR. 13

Rochelle Battock

Aunt of Glori Rosenson

MAR. 16

Candy Brehm

Aunt of Dr. Stephanie Brehm

MAR. 18

Betty Rubin

Grandmother of Lindsey Rubin and
Lindsay Levin

MAR. 25

Gerald Bayer

Husband of Joan Bayer, father of
Joel Bayer

MAR. 28

Hymie Phillips

Father of Lior Phillips

APR. 1

Moris Tcath

Father of Laurie Sterling

APR. 16

Barbara Fox

Grandmother of Mat Charnay

APR. 29

Dr. Eugene Bronstein

Father of Carolyn Bronstein

Worship Schedule

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

FRIDAY | MAR. 4, 11, 18, 25

FRIDAY | APR. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | MAR. 5, 12, 19, 26

SATURDAY | APR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

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!

Special Services

FRIDAY | MAR. 4

6:15 PM WTS Shabbat

FRIDAY | MAR. 11

5:00 PM Purim Tot Shabbat

6:15 PM Shabbat Mishpacha Featuring Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten

FRIDAY | MAR. 18

6:15 PM Chesed Circle Shabbat

7:45 PM Makom Shabbat

FRIDAY | APR. 1

6:15 PM "Attitude of Gratitude" Shabbat Mishpacha Featuring 6th & 7th grade

FRIDAY | APR. 8

6:15 PM Sexual Violence Awareness Shabbat

FRIDAY | APR. 15

5:00 PM 1st Seder

6:15 PM No Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | APR. 16

10:30 AM 1st Day Passover Festival Service & Torah Study

6:00 PM 2nd Seder

FRIDAY | APR. 22

10:30 AM 7th Day Passover Service/Yizkor

FRIDAY | APR. 29

5:00 PM Yom Ha'atzmaut Tot Shabbat

6:15 PM IOT Shabbat



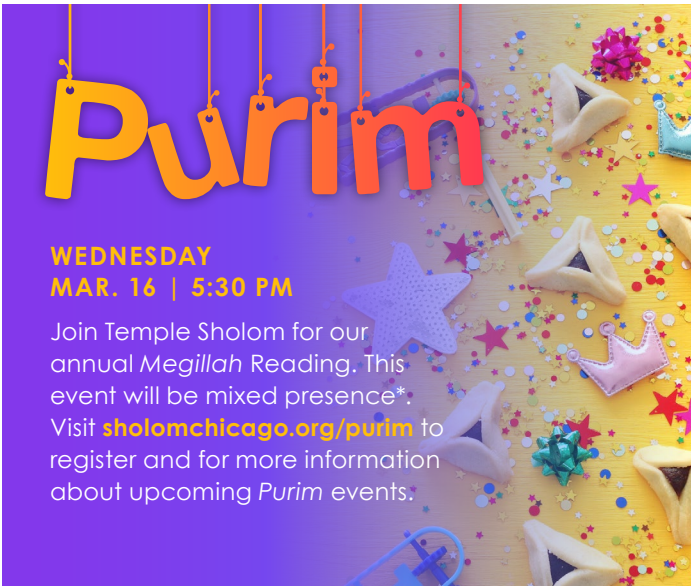
WE ARE HERE
Songs From The Holocaust

TUESDAY | APR. 26
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

The Illinois Holocaust Museum, Temple Shalom, Sheerit Hapleitah of Metropolitan Chicago, and CJE SeniorLife Holocaust Community Services present "WE ARE HERE," a concert of songs written in the ghettos and concentration camps of occupied-Europe. Conceived by Ira Antelis and lead producer David Mendelson, the concert will honor the memory of all those who were murdered, and highlight the artists and writers who, in the worst of times, continued to create. With a 50-piece choir, performances and readings from some of Chicago's top artists, cantors and leaders, this powerful commemorative concert will include a candle-lighting ceremony and memorial prayers.

Together, we will honor the memory of those who were murdered during the Shoah and pay tribute to those who survived and have made a better world for us all.

For more info visit: facebook.com/wearehereconcert



WEDNESDAY
MAR. 16 | 5:30 PM

Join Temple Shalom for our annual Megillah Reading. This event will be mixed presence*. Visit sholomchicago.org/purim to register and for more information about upcoming Purim events.



Passover

SATURDAY | APR. 16 | 9:00 AM

Save the date for Temple Shalom's virtual Seder Song Sing-a-long followed by the 2nd Night Seder. Visit sholomchicago.org/passover for all up-to-date information

*Temple Shalom uses the term "mixed presence" to indicate that in-person and online options are both available.

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Michelle Goldwin Kaufman
Sarah Kelly

In Memory of Ida Lessman

In Memory of Mark Levey
In Honor of Tyler Levinson
In Memory of Robert J. Lipsig
In Honor of Phoebe Little
In Honor of Madeleine Major
In Memory of Fred Markus
In Memory of Bess & Julius Meyerovitz
In Memory of
Rabbi Dr. Jakob Josef Petuchowski
In Memory of Melvin Potash
In Memory of Julius Rabai
In Memory of Blanche Randall
In Memory of Sol Reifler
In Memory of Arlene & Ron Rosenson
In Memory of Lois Graff

In Honor of Robbie Rudich
In Memory of Ron Sackheim
In Honor of Richard Samuels
In Honor of Barbara Samuels
In Memory of Richard Schreier
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Roger & Eleanor Feldman

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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 Chelsie DuPlanty at chelsie@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1540.

mishpacha

family | community | friends

School to participate. This is a great way for students to connect to Shabbat services and for families to meet each other while welcoming in the warmth of Shabbat.

Shabbat Mishpacha

While families are always invited to attend Shabbat services, Shabbat Mishpacha honors families of various grades by inviting them to participate in the service, online or in person. Families do NOT have to be enrolled in Religious

Parent
Hangout
THURSDAY
APR. 28

Take a break from the kiddos as we welcome warmer weather and schmooze over drinks and food! More details

and the link to register can be found at sholomchicago.org/mishpacha.

**Save the date
for upcoming
Shabbat
Mishpacha
services!**

FRIDAY | MAR. 11
Featuring Junior &
Senior Kindergarten
Families

FRIDAY | APR. 1
Featuring 6th & 7th
Grade Families

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

Gan Shalom

Early Childhood
Education Center

**While winter arrived with an arctic blast,
it remains sunny and warm inside at Gan
Shalom!**

The children celebrated *Tu Bishvat* with a variety of activities. We planted an orchard of trees in the Children's Forest in Israel, read stories, and participated in wonderful art and science activities. We planted parsley and grass seeds, had a fruit seder with a variety of different fruits to taste, and learned all about what the trees give back to us!

We opened two new baby classes in January for our little ones!

**Summer camp registration will open in
March!** For more information about our 2022-
2023 school year and parent/child program,
please contact **Heidi Cooper**, Director of Early
Childhood Education, at
heidi@sholomchicago.org or **773-525-4867**.



Save the date

Purim Tot Shabbat
FRIDAY | MAR. 11 | 5:00 PM

Check sholomchicago.org/calendar
for the most up-to-date information on
which services are online or in-person.



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'votcha

מה גדלו מעשיך " מאד עמקו מחשבתך

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

An Inspiring Past, Present & Future



This year, I'm celebrating my gratitude for my time in Chicago (so far) with "Attitude of Gratitude," my first new album of Jewish music since I moved here in 2014. I recorded remotely over the summer with Jewish Rock Radio's "Chicago Sings" group, who performed on our *bimah* back in early 2020, before the world changed. The

oldest song on the album, "Ki Karov Eleicha," (It's Near to You) was the first of many theme songs I wrote for our *Beit Sefer Shalom* Religious School students, and recording the song reminded me of so many special moments over the years here, where I could see how the traditions of our ancestors gently and palpably support us in these challenging times. The song features two treasured former Temple Sholom colleagues: Rabbi Donald Rossoff on flute, and former Gan Shalom songleader/Makom Shabbat bandleader (and current Hebrew Union College cantorial student) Beth Reinstein singing and playing her Ukulele.

As I recently celebrated the engagement of our former Lifelong Learning team members Caleb Bromberg and Rebecca Weller, I was reminded of how we've moved from strength to strength over the years, and it was an

opportunity to brag about our current education team - the wonderful Rachel Lipson and Sam Cohen, who continue the proud tradition of caring for our beloved students and families. I'm feeling such appreciation every day for the incredible people - staff, clergy, leadership, families, students - who make Temple Sholom such an incredible place to work, with a bright future ahead. Looking forward to celebrating *Purim*, reminding us how to remain light-hearted in dark times, and *Pesach*, bringing a taste of freedom and spring!

Jay Rapoport, RJE

Director of Lifelong Learning

jay@sholomchicago.org



Join us for "Attitude of Gratitude" Shabbat on Friday, April 1!

"Attitude of Gratitude" is streaming now on Spotify and available on all digital music platforms!

Scan with your Spotify app!

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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

SPRINGBOARD



18 UNDER 18 HONOREE
JOSIE STAHL

18 under 18: Mazal tov to Josie Stahl!

We are incredibly proud of our teen *Madricha* Josie Stahl who has just been announced as an 18 Under 18 Honoree. We look forward to celebrating her and the entire teen community at 18 Under 18: A Celebration of Jewish Teens on April 3rd, hosted by Springboard. For more information visit juf.org/springboard/18-Under-18-Home.aspx

URJ Camp Enrollment is open for Summer 2022!

Visit URJcamps.org

Join Temple Sholom at URJ Camp OSRU! this Summer! Rabbi Singer and Jay Rapoport, RJE will serve as Segel (faculty) in July, and Youth Engagement Coordinator Sam Cohen will be there all summer!

For new campers, Temple Sholom will split the cost with you for OSRU's *Kallah Atid* trial sessions for rising 2nd-3rd graders August 10-14. Learn more about *Kallah Atid* at OSRU.org

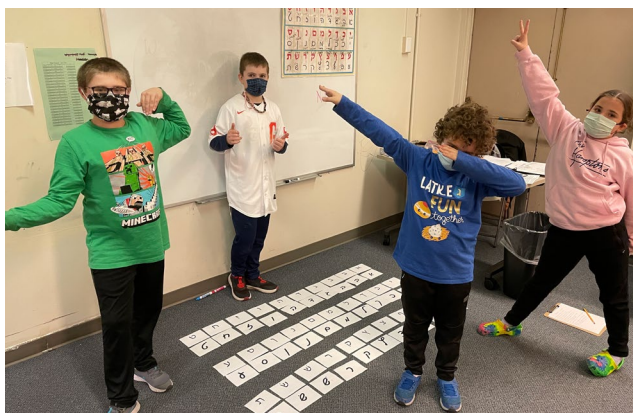
**8th Grade Taste of Crown
Family High School**

**WEDNESDAY
MAR. 9 | 6:15 PM**

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



Purim

Midweek Megillah Readings

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 16
5:30 PM - CONGREGATIONAL
7:00 PM - STUDENTS ONLY

Midweek Hebrew & Crown Family High School students join our clergy for our congregational Erev Purim experience!

Religious School Chagigat Purim

SUNDAY | MARCH 20 | 9:30 AM

We will kick off a morning of festive activities for students with our silly Purim shpiel (play) featuring our clergy and staff "players"!

For all Purim events at Temple Shalom visit sholomchicago.org/purim

No Religious School Classes - Spring Break/Passover Break – **APR. 10 - 20**

FAMILY EDUCATION

Questions regarding Family Education? Contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1545**, or visit www.sholomchicago.org/family-education.



JK - 2nd Grade Families are always welcome at Junior Congregation:

SUNDAY | MAR. 27
11:30 AM

SUNDAY | APR. 24
11:30 AM

Join us for Yom Horim (Parents' Day) events:

5th Grade
SATURDAY
MAR. 5

8th Grade
SUNDAY
MAR. 6

2nd Grade
SUNDAY
APR. 24

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**.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER
FOR ALL CLASSES AND
EVENTS ON OUR WEBCAL
[SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG/
CALENDAR](http://SHOLOMCHICAGO.ORG/CALENDAR)

Film Zoom Nights

with Cliff Scott-Rudnick



Gentleman's Agreement
(1947)
MONDAY
MAR. 7
7:00 PM

The Great Dictator
(1940)
MONDAY
MAR. 21
7:00 PM



Turn Left at the End of the World (2004)
MONDAY
APR. 4
7:00 PM



Casablanca
(1942)
MONDAY
APR. 18
7:00 PM



Join our Clergy for Spring Adult Education Classes via Zoom:

Spiritual Cooking

with Rabbi Singer

PURIM

WEDNESDAY | MAR. 9 | 7:30 PM

PASSOVER

WEDNESDAY | APR. 6 | 7:30 PM

Join Rabbi Singer for a series of classes on Jewish holiday foods. Together we will study the stories and meaning of the food connected to a holiday while also learning and sharing cooking tips and tricks. These classes are being taught in partnership with RJ on the Go, a new virtual teaching platform for the Reform movement. They are open to Temple Sholom members, as well as Jews around the country and world!

Modern Jewish Thinkers

Part 2: Emil Fackenheim, Reform Judaism, and Sinai
with Rabbi Scott Gellman

**WEDNESDAYS | MAR. 23, 30,
APR. 6 | 6:30 PM**

Fackenheim studied Judaism under Leo Baeck at the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums in Berlin, was arrested on Nov. 9, 1938 and was finally able to emigrate to Canada, where he became a prominent Reform rabbi and professor at University of Toronto. Explore his thoughts concerning the Holocaust and theology of the events of Sinai.

Other Learning Opportunities

Talmud Study

with Rabbi Conover

TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM | ZOOM

Short Stories

with Cliff Scott-Rudnick

SUNDAYS | 2:00 PM | ZOOM

Wednesday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM | ZOOM

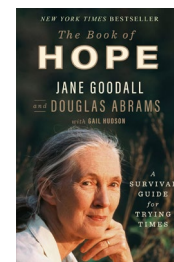
**MARCH Exploring Reform
Judaism**

with Rabbi
Gellman

APRIL Prayer & Liturgy 101

with Cantor Ben David

Guest Scholar Series



Book Discussion:
Jane Goodall's
"The Book of Hope"
with Rabbi Conover

**SUNDAY | MAR. 6 |
9:30 AM**

In a world that seems
so troubled, how

do we hold on to hope? Join Rabbi Conover to discuss the latest book by our Distinguished Guest Scholar Jane Goodall in advance of Jane's conversation on March 13! In this personal memoir, "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times," Jane focuses on her Four Reasons for Hope: The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit. No requirement to read ahead of time, as we will discuss excerpts, but feel free to come prepared to discuss.

Want to Dive Deeper Into Judaism?

MONDAYS FEB. 28 - MAY 16 | 6:45 PM

Our 18-week URJ **Introduction to Judaism** class begins Monday, Feb. 28 with our Clergy-Education team.

sholomchicago.org/intro

Know someone curious about Judaism?

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

MONDAYS | APR. 25, MAY 9, 16 | 6:45 PM

with our Clergy team

sholomchicago.org/taste

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

Guest Scholar Series Continued



On Missing a Place and a Language: Yiddish Poetry in Translation

with Efrat Bloom
SUNDAY | MAR. 6 | 10:45 AM

We will think about the relationship between language, memory, and nostalgia in immigration—another Jewish theme through reading translations of Yiddish poems by Jacob Glatshetyn and Moyshe-Leyb Halpern, and a nonfiction piece by Gary Shteyngart. As the evolution of these debates over the past 50 years has changed the position of Israel's allies in progressive spaces on the left, promoted an alignment with a new "Judeo-Christian" establishment on the right, and created profound polarization over Israel ever since, we will try to draw some conclusions about how this may affect American Jews in the future.



A Megillah in Poetry (and by the way, you're writing it too.)

with Rick Lupert
Co-sponsored by Brotherhood

SUNDAY | MAR. 20 10:00 AM

Join sometimes funny, sometimes wise, often Jewish, poet and spoken word artist Rick Lupert (Author of "God Wrestler: A Poem for Every Torah Portion") for a one hour, interactive session featuring poems about Purim and other Jewish topics. Participants will also have the opportunity to write and share their own poems through easy writing exercises. Who knows? Maybe we'll have written a whole new Megillah by the end of it.



New Day in Babylon and Jerusalem: Zionism, Jewish Power & Identity Politics Since 1967

with Dr. Sara Yael

Hirschhorn, Visiting Assistant Professor in Israel Studies, Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies at Northwestern University

SUNDAY | MAR. 27 | 10:45 AM

Today, as Zionism seems increasingly incompatible with other forms of identity politics, this session seeks to trace these developments over the past five decades since the 1967 Six-Day War based on Dr. Hirschhorn's new book project. The study begins in the summer of 1967 with the earliest confrontations between two dueling transnational movements, "Jewish Power" and "Black Power," following these clashes over the next decade, culminating in the 'Zionism is Racism' debates of the mid-1970s. We will then juxtapose this heady chapter of history with contemporary issues (Are we seeing a new iteration of old debates?) analyzing a resurgence of these conflicts today.



Great Stained Glass in Chicago Synagogue

with Lindy Rubin
SUNDAY APR. 3 | 9:30 AM IN-PERSON TOUR

(subject to change)

In Chicago we have some great synagogue art depicting holidays and other Jewish themes. Explore the stained glass windows and their stories in Anshe Emet, Rodfei Zedek and KAM Isaiah.



Citadels of Pride: Sexual Abuse, Accountability, and Reconciliation

with Martha Nussbaum
Co-sponsored by

Women of Temple Sholom
SUNDAY | APR. 24 9:30 AM

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We will discuss how sexual abuse and harassment derive from using people as things to one's own benefit—like other forms of exploitation, they are rooted in the ugly emotion of pride. Hear about three "Citadels of Pride" and the men who hoard power at the apex of each. In the judiciary, the arts, and sports, we will analyze how pride perpetuates systemic sexual abuse, narcissism, and toxic masculinity. The courage of many has brought about some reforms, but justice is still elusive—warped sometimes by money, power, or inertia; sometimes by a collective desire for revenge.

Our Tears are the Same Color

with Parents Circle Families Forum
Co-sponsored by Mishpacha
SUNDAY | APR. 24 10:45 AM

The Parents Circle Families Forum is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization made up of more than 600 bereaved families. Their common bond is that they have lost a close family member to the conflict. But instead of choosing revenge, they have chosen a path of reconciliation. Join us for a moving conversation between a bereaved Israeli and Palestinian speaker. They share their stories of loss, but also of their journeys away from revenge to reconciliation.

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.

OrChadash

LGBTQ Members & Allies

As we've transitioned from the dark days of December into the bitter cold of February, *Or Chadash* has been keeping busy with a variety of programming.

On December 5th, the eighth night of *Chanukah*, members of Temple Sholom's *Or Chadash* joined with the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce to light the menorah, bringing our winter celebration of light, perseverance,

and community to a close. However, in true *Or Chadash* fashion, we welcomed in the final night of *Chanukah* with a bit of glitter and pizzazz: the candle-lighting featured story-time with Merriam Levkowitz, Chicago's self-proclaimed premier drag bubbie. We've also been incredibly fortunate to co-sponsor a number of Adult Education events, including classes with Dr. Joy Ladin, a trans poet, memoirist, and scholar; Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, an ultra-Orthodox rabbi who is a "deeply traditional and radically progressive advocate" for trans rights and LGBTQ+ inclusivity. And most recently, we were blessed with a visit from the artist and teacher Riva Lehrer, author of the gorgeous memoir, *Golem Girl*, who spoke about her experiences of

disability, gender, and queerness. These events showcase the range of what *Or Chadash* is all about: gathering in community, sharing stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, non-binary, and trans experience, fighting for equality, equity, and justice, and, last but not least, finding joy and laughter in being together. In this way, *Or Chadash* aspires to be a *Mishkan Ga'avah*, a place where pride dwells. If you are a member of the LGBTQ+ community, care deeply about the LGBTQ+ community and social issues, or are simply looking for a space of warmth, joy, and lovingkindness at Temple Sholom, we hope that you will consider joining us in the coming months for one of our programs.

We are excited to offer mixed-presence *Or Chadash* late services! You can register to attend in person or join us online via Zoom (no registration required for online participation).

Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | MAR. 4 | 7:45 PM
FRIDAY | APR. 1 | 7:45 PM

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

To be added to the communications list, contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.



Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

THURSDAY | MAR. 3 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"Hotel on Sweet and Bitter"

By Jamie Ford

THURSDAY | APR. 7 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"Florence Adler Swims Forever"

By Rachel Beanland

For more information and the 2021-2022 full schedule, visit sholomchicago.org/book-club.

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



Join the *Chesed Circle* & Temple Sholom for our *Chesed Shabbat* as we officially launch The Juliana Schafer z"l *Chesed Circle: Building Community Through Kindness*.

FRIDAY | MAR. 18 | 6:15 PM | MIXED PRESENCE

If you would like to be part of our caring circle at Temple Sholom, please visit sholomchicago.org/chesed-circle to complete the volunteer form and for more information. On the *Chesed* listserv, you will be notified of volunteer opportunities as they arise, from cooking a meal for someone who needs one, to calling an elderly member of the congregation to check in. You can volunteer for as many or as few opportunities as you like.

"The Chesed Circle program has provided respite and relief to our family by providing meals in a time of overwhelming stress. The generosity and support of our Temple Sholom community has been wonderful and we want to say thank you." —Anonymous



Caring Conversations

TUESDAY | MAR. 22 | 7:00 PM | ZOOM

One of the *Chesed Circle* pillars is making calls to congregants throughout the year. To enhance the conversations you will have as a volunteer, please join us for 'Caring Conversations', a learning opportunity hosted by JCFS.

Questions? Please contact **Rabbi Singer** at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org or **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org.

Juliana Schafer's z"l Legacy at Temple Sholom

In anticipation of the *Shabbat* honoring the memory of Juliana Schafer, Rabbi Conover met with Izzy Schafer (Juliana's daughter), Chad Schafer (Juliana's husband), and Beth and Nestor Sanchez (Juliana's parents) to celebrate Juliana as an incredible, kind-hearted, driven individual, and to learn more about her legacy at Temple Sholom.



Watch this video on our *Chesed Circle* webpage, sholomchicago.org/chesed-circle, to learn more about all the programs that Juliana z"l was involved in and her impact on the community.

WTS Celebrates Women During Annual Women's Shabbat

FRIDAY | MAR. 4 | 6:15 PM | MIXED PRESENCE

WTS will present its annual Women's *Shabbat* during the Friday night service on March 4th, with special readings of the words of Jewish Feminists. Our speaker will be **Fern Finkle**, **Regional Advisor for Chicago Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom**, an organization dedicated to building relationships between Muslim and Jewish women, dispelling hateful stereotypes that harm both groups, and advocating for human rights

and social justice for all. She will discuss the group's new film ***Stranger/Sister***, the story of two ordinary women, one Muslim and one Jewish, who put aside their history of distrust to try to stop the wave of white supremacist hate surging across the US. The film was featured in January's Jewish Film Festival. This special *Shabbat* is held each year to coincide with International Women's Day.

WTS' Annual Women's Seder

**TUESDAY | APR. 5 | 6:00 PM | ZOOM
REGISTER BY MAR. 23**

Don't miss your chance to join with Women of Temple Sholom and participate in our beautiful annual Women's Seder on Tuesday, April 5th, led by Rabbi Rena Singer and joined by Rabbi Shoshanah Conover & Cantor Sheera Ben-David. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 23rd. The evening will again be virtual and include readings from our own WTS *Haggadah* and breakout room "tables" for socializing and discussion. There will be singing, dancing, and a delicious professionally prepared holiday meal which can be eaten during or after the Seder.

The Women's Seder registration includes a complete fish or vegetarian meal and most ritual foods, all prepared by Hearty Boys (heating instructions included). Along with dinner, you will receive SWAG items and a copy of the specially created WTS *Haggadah*.

Women's Seder Registration Prices

Early bird: \$36

Through March 15

Regular: \$45

March 16-23

Seder Sponsor: \$72

One ticket & WTS donation

Ages 18 & under: \$18

Food box pickup will take place on Sunday, April 3rd from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM in the Temple parking lot (drive through or walk-up). If you require special accommodation for pick-up, please contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1536**. We are also asking that when you arrive at pick-up, please support our Menstrual Justice Campaign by bringing menstrual products (pads, tampons, liners, etc.) that will be donated to those with little or no access to them.

Please contact **Rabbi Singer** at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org with any financial concerns.



WTS and Crown Family High School (CFHS) Collaborate on Unique Teen Author Program

**WEDNESDAY | APR. 27
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Women of Temple Sholom is joining forces with CFHS to bring a teen author to talk about the new book she wrote on the intersectionality of having two ethnicities – Chinese and Jewish. **Amelie Liu**, a 16-year-old student at the University of Chicago Lab School, will discuss her book ***Matzo Ball-Wonton Thanksgiving*** in person during CFHS on Wednesday, April 27. Amelie felt she lost half her identity when her Chinese father tragically died when she was seven. She processed a lot of her feelings with her Jewish bubbe during the pandemic year.

Together, they wrote a book that speaks to young people who are also grappling with growing up with any mixed identities.

The students will have a chance to talk with Amelie among themselves, and the program will also open on Zoom for a short time to parents, members of the temple's *Shalem* diversity community, and interested temple members.

To honor her late father, Amelie is donating proceeds from the book to the National Alliance for Grieving Children, a nonprofit centered on education and resources for childhood bereavement.

WTS is delighted to present this program to support Amelie's work and to introduce Women of Temple Sholom to a new and wider temple audience. More details will follow.



A Night at the Oscars With Temple Sholom

Co-hosted by IOT, and 40s/50s

SUNDAY | MAR. 20 | 4:30 PM | ZOOM

Keep an eye on your inboxes for a formal invitation!

Join Us for Our Annual IOT Shabbat & Dinner/Happy Hour

FRIDAY | APR. 29 | 6:15 PM | MIXED PRESENCE

Mark your calendars for IOT's Annual Shabbat service as we recognize and honor IOT and its members. Last year, due to COVID, we hosted a virtual happy hour before the service in lieu of an in-person dinner. As we continue to monitor COVID, please be on the lookout for more information regarding any in-person or virtual gatherings as we determine what is the best and safest way to host a pre/post Shabbat event.

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@sharikamikow.com.

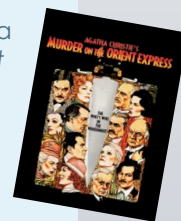
Visit sholomchicago.org/iot for more information and to register for any event listed.



We're off to a Great Start for 2022!

IOT started the year off with one of our classic movie nights, but with a twist this time. Led by our resident movie critic, Matt Fagerholm, & IOT member, Carol Hershman, we enjoyed a wonderful discussion about the similarities

and differences between the book by Agatha Christie and 1974 movie, *Murder on the Orient Express*. It was a new and unique way to look at both the book and movie versions. There is also a remake of the movie (2017) if you're looking for more to watch.



makom 20s/30s

Temple Sholom of Chicago's 20s and 30s events seek to help young Chicago Jews glean from their religion a deeper sense of community, connection, meaning, spirituality, inspiration, as well as a context for doing good in the world.

Monthly Late Service

**FRIDAY | MAR. 18
7:45 PM**

Makom Shabbat

**FRIDAY | APR. 15
1st Seder**

For more information, visit sholomchicago.org/makom. To be added to the communications list, contact **Stacy Charnay** at stacy@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1545**.

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
MAR. 12**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**SATURDAY
APR. 9**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

For more information, visit sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewish-aging. To be added to the communications list, contact **Toby Sanders** at Toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1545**.

Monday Meal

MONDAY | MAR. 7, 14, 21, 28, APR. 4, 11, 18, & 25

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAY | MAR. 13, & APR. 10

Upcoming Events

Winter Blood Drive

SUNDAY | APR. 24 | 8:00 AM | TEMPLE SHOLOM

Sign up today to participate in Sholom Justice's Winter Blood Drive.

IN RECENT NEWS



Lots has been going on in the Sholom Justice world! Starting in January, we hosted our **annual Shabbat** as we welcomed author of *The Death Gap*: *How Inequality Kills*. Dr.

David A. Ansell, MD, spoke about his book and what we can do to help create a better health care system for all.

On Tu BiShvat, **Eco Chavura** hosted its 2nd Annual **Seder**, as we came together to celebrate the trees and learn about our environment and the climate. We also hosted our winter **Blood Drive** in the parking lot via a mobile blood donation unit. Donations collected from this drive will go to helping up to 81 people in our community! Thank you to everyone who makes these drives

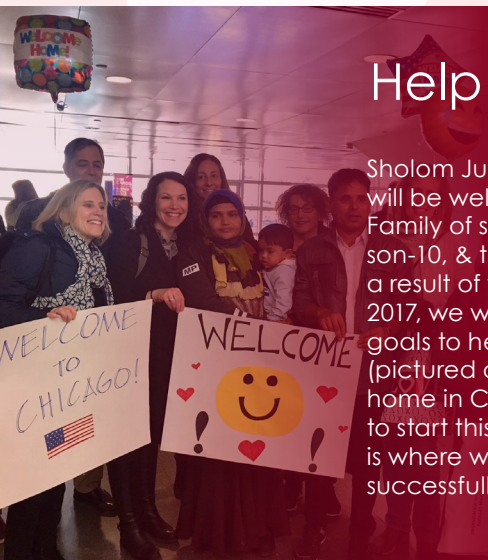
successful and continues to donate at this critical time. There is ALWAYS a need for blood donations, so please consider donating at our April Blood Drive.

In February, we hosted the second part of our learning series, a **book discussion about The Death Gap**. Thank you to Wendy Brown and Matty Major for facilitating this discussion. There is so much to discuss and learn about inequality in the health care system, and we're glad to provide an opportunity for our congregation & community to do so. To close out the learning series, we welcomed Dr. Ansell back and held an **open discussion** with him, as he answered questions from *Shabbat*, his book, and this topic overall. We're grateful for Dr. Ansell's support of Sholom Justice's programming and taking the time to join us.



As always, thank you to the volunteers, families and Religious School students who continue to support, volunteer and donate to our **Monday Meal and Feed the Hungry programs**. These programs continue to succeed because of you!

Help Us Welcome Our Refugee Family



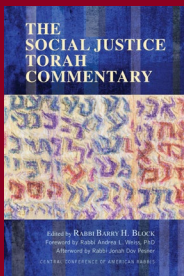
Sholom Justice & Temple Sholom will be welcoming a new Refugee Family of six from Syria (mom, dad, son-10, & three daughters- 9,4,2)! As a result of your generous support in 2017, we were able to meet all of our goals to help our first refugee family (pictured at left) settle and make a home in Chicago. We are excited to start this journey once again. This is where we need your support! To successfully welcome a new refugee

family, **we need to raise at least \$10,000 that will go towards: rent, utilities, furniture, household items, etc. and we will need new or gently used furniture to fill the apartment.** If you would like to volunteer, there are opportunities for that too.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit sholomchicago.org/refugee-family.



Questions about *Sholom Justice*, contributing items to the Monday Meal, getting involved or being 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.



The Social Justice Torah Commentary Panel & Book Signing

Featuring Rabbi Barry Block and Chicago contributors:
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover, Rabbi Seth Limmer, and Rabbi
Andrea London

THURSDAY | MAR. 10 | 7:00 PM | TEMPLE SHOLOM

What does the Torah have to say about social justice? As the contributors to *The Social Justice Torah Commentary* demonstrate, a great deal. A diverse array of authors delve deeply into each week's *parashah*, drawing lessons to inspire *tikkun olam*. Chapters address key contemporary issues such as racism, climate change, mass incarceration, immigration, disability, women's rights,

voting rights, and many more. The result is an indispensable resource for weekly Torah study and for anyone committed to repairing the world.

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover and other local rabbis who have contributed to *The Social Justice Torah Commentary* will be holding a panel on March 10th where you can learn more about this book.



SCAN ME

Watch a preview of what the book is all about and how social justice work is grounded deeply in *Torah* in Rabbi Conover's interview with Rabbi Barry Block!

SHALEM שְׁלֵמָה EMBRACING RACIAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Shalem, Temple Sholom of Chicago's "Embracing Racial and Ethnic Diversity" Working Group promotes

an inclusive environment where a cross-section of racial and ethnic identities can thrive in this Jewish community. *Shalem* means wholeness in Hebrew, as we seek to welcome our community's whole selves--the intersection of racial, ethnic, and religious identities that help create a whole person.

In the next few months we will:

- Host a gathering for Sholom's multiracial and multiethnic families.
- Partner with Women of Temple Sholom for a Bronzeville art tour.

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

Inclusion

At Temple Sholom we recognize that abilities and personal gifts come in all different forms and attributes. We embrace people fully to bring out these gifts and nurture them within our sacred community. Lay leaders and staff have worked with Jewish Child & Family Services for several years to make our space more accessible, both online and in person.

We also recognize that there is more work to be done! If you are interested in being a part of these efforts, have a story or idea to share on how we can be more accessible and inclusive, or would be interested in participating in an Inclusion Support Group, please fill out our brief survey (link to the right)! We need feedback, ideas, and support from our community to continue to be our best selves and make all feel welcome and comfortable.

Ways we have improved our accessibility and inclusivity

- Temple Sholom Board learning with Access Living
- Host prominent speakers and spotlight members who bring disability and inclusion to light
- Create Accessibility Cart to make our services more comfortable
- Hire Learning Specialists to support our Religious School students

Visit sholomchicago.org/inclusion to complete the brief survey and learn more about our efforts.



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Temple Shalom of Chicago's Distinguished Speaker Series


For generations, Temple Shalom has been a home to seekers and leaders who move us to act with moral courage. Join us as we continue this tradition through our Distinguished Speakers Series lectures. These programs are free and open to the public.

Hope Through Action: An Afternoon with Jane Goodall

SUNDAY | MAR. 13 | 3:00 PM

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) and United Nations Messenger of Peace, is a world-renowned ethologist and activist inspiring greater understanding and action on behalf of the natural world. Jane Goodall will engage in a wide ranging conversation with Rabbi Conover, addressing the urgent needs around climate activism and will share a message about the importance of hope during these difficult times.

Also, see page 8 for details about our Book Discussion on Jane Goodall's "The Book of Hope" led by Rabbi Conover on March 6.



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