

D'var

TEMPLE SHOLOM

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

MAY/JUNE 2022



Cantor
**Sheera
Ben-David**

Like most East Coast Jews growing up in the 80s & 90s, I knew the lyrics of almost every Billy Joel song. My brother was a piano man in his own right and I grew up hearing the library of Joel's music emanating from the baby grand in our living room. I also have fond memories of singing his music at camp song sessions. He was a Bronx & Long Island artist who seemed to understand the human condition more than most. His words have never left me and recently, I found myself hearing one of his songs in my head again.

Around this time of year, I become more nostalgic about my childhood and my faith. As the proud daughter of a cantor who was a convert, I remember the importance of *Shavuot* in June to my father. Having moved away from his home, converting to Judaism, changing his name from McDevitt to Ben-David and serving a Jewish congregation as their cantor, he related all too well to the adjustments, sacrifices and loyalties of Ruth. For our third Pilgrimage Festival holiday, on *Shavuot*, we honor the moment we received the *Torah* at Mount Sinai and we read from *The Book of Ruth*. Ruth was married, experienced loss and when she had a choice to start over at the request of her mother-in-law,

she famously responds, "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God." (Ruth 16:1) These words have inspired so many on their personal journeys towards change, conversion, acceptance and reminds us of what "home" and belonging really is. It was her choice of love and loyalty that gave her family and faith.

I've moved away from New York, I lost my family home to a fire and had to let go of the material things I thought defined us. I have adjusted these last six years to this city and have built new relationships. These are all easy changes when I think of the millions being violently and suddenly pushed from their homes - forced to become refugees. I wonder how or when they will ever feel truly home again. I can't begin to imagine what it is to be displaced, lose everything you had and have to say goodbye to loved ones. I call on the wisdom and strength of Ruth to remind us all what can't be taken away and what we can make our own. I pray amidst the rubble of the world's mess, that those lost souls find refuge among each other and in the new faces they find. At times, without the places and people I knew around me, I felt lost. But that Billy Joel song came to me the other day and I realized I have been carrying that biblical wisdom in my heart longer than I thought. It is this community of Temple Sholom that

has become home for me. I drive on Lake Shore Drive and turn up Billy Joel singing, "Well, I'll never be a stranger and I'll never be alone. Wherever we're together, that's my home." Like the title of the song, I realize it is all of you that I want to stay with because "wherever we're together, you're my home." Like the song, may our house of healing and prayer be a welcome shelter for all. Please join us as we celebrate *Shavuot* and the ways this holiday brings us back home together. **Details can be found on the back cover of this D'var.**

Cantor Sheera Ben-David
Cantorbendavid@sholomchicago.org

WHAT'S THE CANTOR READING?



*Recipes for a
Sacred Life: True
Stories and a Few
Miracles*

By Rivvy Neshama

"This collection of memories and stories ignited in my mind and heart, moments of inspiration, warmth and wisdom in my own life. I hope this book charms you as well and stirs your own personal "recipes" of life and love." - Cantor Ben-David



President
Sherry Weil

I'm thrilled that we will finally be celebrating the installations of Rabbi Conover on **Friday, August 19**, and Rabbi Singer on

Friday, September 9. When Rabbi Conover and Rabbi Singer officially started their new roles at Temple, in July 2020, we were just a few months into the pandemic. I can't wait to celebrate these two amazing Temple Sholom leaders with all of you.

I'm also excited that we will be presenting our **Strategic Plan outline** at this year's **Annual Meeting**, which will be held at **6:30 PM** on

Tuesday, June 14. Your wishes and dreams for our temple and for what we aspire to be are what has shaped the strategic plan, and with all of us working together over the next year we'll be implementing a variety of new initiatives.

Thank you all for your membership, generosity and love for our very special community. I'm looking forward to many celebrations together in the year ahead.

Sherry Weil

Temple Sholom's Annual Meeting
TUESDAY | JUNE 14 | 6:30 PM



Temple Sholom Calendar

Stay up to date, learn more, and register for all of our events by visiting our webcalendar!

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Of Blessed Memory

FEB. 19

Robert Tarnoff

Brother of Ken (Carol) Tarnoff

FEB. 21

Robert Sheridan

Father of Scott (Tommy) Sheridan,
grandfather of Max, Levi & Leila
Sheridan

FEB. 23

Judy Friedman

Temple Sholom member

MAR. 1

Thelma Spill

Friend of Temple Sholom

MAR. 1

Donald Kaplan

Father of Sara Kaplan

MAR. 2

Andrea Stein

Temple Sholom member

MAR. 11

Eugene Pergament

Father of Paula Pergament

MAR. 19

Charles Ahern

Father of Ellen Ahern (Marc Stahl)

MAR. 22

Michael Brown

Brother of Linda (Richard) Arrandt,
Uncle of Zachary, Jacob & Sydney
Arrandt

APR. 8

Samuel Howard Reese

Father of Robert (Ericka Schnitzer-
Reese) Reese, Grandfather of
Charlotte & Harrison Reese, Cousin
of Samantha (Jeff) Kaplan

APR. 10

Jan Albers

Mother of Karen Titus

Yahrzeits / First Year

MAY 4

Arnold E. Perl

Father of Stephanie Marks

MAY 6

Whitney Brooke Mayster

Daughter of Lynda & Larry Mayster

MAY 6

Barbara Keller Taylor

Mother of Liz Taylor

MAY 16

Ronald Burstein

Father of Rachel Parks

MAY 22

Mitchell Shifrin

Brother of Sandra Shifrin

MAY 28

Jerry Baskin

Father of Laurie Baskin

JUNE 6

Ruby Korn

Grandmother of Libby King

JUNE 26

Marvin Lieberman

Uncle of Jenny Baralli

JUNE 28

Lauren Berlant

Loved one of Beth Snyder

Mazal Tov

JAN. 13

Bela Sirota on the birth of her great-granddaughter,
Kennedy Colette Walsh. Proud parents are Lana and
Joey Walsh.

NOV. 17

Dr. Mitchell & Sharon Sheinkop on the birth of their
grandson, Stiles Sheinkop.

MAR. 22

Steven & Brenda Berkley on the birth of their son, Lincoln.

MAR. 24

Lynn and David Yanow on the birth of their grandson,
Ryan George Penzell. Proud parents are Lauren and
Robbie Penzell.

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.

JAN. 16

Alice Schreyer

MAR. 2

Taylor & Brandon Kaster

MAR. 24

Jori Margolis &

Patrick Cash

B'nai Mitzvah

MAY 7

Simon Rotman

MAY 7

Alexa Magder

MAY 7

Ethan Garchik

MAY 14

Lya Brenner

MAY 14

Ilana Schopin

MAY 14

Andrew Zemnick

MAY 15

Eliza Kaplan

MAY 21

Eva Brody

MAY 21

Meredith Zwirn

MAY 21

Theodora Geoglein

MAY 28

Sarina Weinberg

JUNE 2

Jacob Simon

JUNE 4

Ava Arnold

JUNE 4

Chase and Max Fisher

JUNE 4

Gillan and Hudson Katz

JUNE 11

Patricia Braudy

JUNE 11

Eden Weiss

JUNE 11

Myles Antellis

JUNE 18

Cole Simon

JUNE 18

Baxter Miller

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 being moved to a mixed presence (in person & virtual) model.

FRIDAY | MAY 6, 13, 20, 27

FRIDAY | JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | MAY 7, 14, 21, 28

SATURDAY | JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

FRIDAY | MAY 6

7:45 PM Or Chadash
Shabbat

FRIDAY | MAY 20

6:15 PM Kabbalat Torah
Graduation
Shabbat
Mishpacha

7:45 PM Makom Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 3

7:45 PM Or Chadash
Shabbat

SATURDAY | JUNE 4

10:00 PM Community Tikkun
Leil Shavuot

SUNDAY | JUNE 5

10:30 AM Shavuot Festival
Service

FRIDAY | JUNE 10

6:15 PM Congregational
Pride Celebration
Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 17

7:45 PM Makom Shabbat

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In Honor of Steve Ballis
In Memory of Elaine Barson
In Honor of Cantor Sheera Ben-David
In Memory of Elaine Bronstein
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In Memory of Morton Glisker
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In Honor of Madeleine Major
In Memory of Dr. Allan Miller
In Memory of Gary Nelkin
In Memory of Israel Samy
In Memory of Ada J. Pechter
In Honor of Naomi Pendo & Family

In Honor of Gabe Perlin
In Memory of Melvin Potash
In Honor of Jay Rapoport
In Memory of Frances B. Reicher
In Honor of Beth Rosenow
In Memory of Michael David
In Honor of Robbie Rudich &
Brittany Copeland
In Memory of Marie Saltz
In Memory of Juliana Schafer
In Honor of Bess Schatz
In Memory of Morris J. Shatz
In Memory of Goldie Shoub
In Memory of Alvin Siess
In Memory of Maxine Simon
In Honor of Rabbi Rena Singer
In Memory of Jack Stone
In Honor of Temple Sholom Refugee
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In Honor of Helene Vicker
In Memory of Frank Wachman
In Honor of Kennedy Colette Walsh

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Gifts listed represent honorific giving from January and February 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 Chelsie DuPlanty at chelsie@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1540.

Your Annual Fund gift is key to Temple Sholom of Chicago's evolution and longevity, benefiting the general well-being and future of our community.

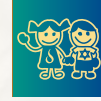
Here are tangible examples that reflect the beautiful interdependence that your contribution supports in our community:



\$360 sponsors **200 meals** through the **Feed the Hungry** program.



\$2,500 helps underwrite annual fees for **online video & streaming** for our Friday night **Shabbat** services.



\$10,000 supports **Tot Shabbat & Tot Holiday** experiences for the year.



\$1,800 helps subsidize **Membership** for one family to benefit from dues relief.



\$3,600 provides funding for one **Religious School** learning specialist for the year.



\$25,000 covers the yearly expenses for **our treasured musicians**.

**All costs are estimated*

To participate in Annual Fund giving, please contact Patrick Graney-Dolan at patrick@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1535**.



Mishpacha Shopping Event Shopping Event for Refugee Family

By Erin Wilson

On Sunday March 6, 2022, a handful of the families from Religious School along with Rabbi Gellman enjoyed lunch at the Kingsbury Whole Foods before heading to Target to help create a home for the refugee family coming soon from Afghanistan. If you have not heard yet, Temple Sholom is sponsoring a family that is comprised of a mother, father, and children ages 10, 9, 4 and 2. We all know the saying, "It takes a village," and that is true here, in that our Temple Sholom village is coming together in various ways to welcome this family. Having our children participate in this *Mitzvah* was

special – they were excited to pick out space and unicorn bedding, a new backpack, toys and more, knowing they were helping a family in need. The parents also made sure there were kitchen items, cleaning supplies, and more. My children, Ava & Brecken, cannot wait to buy each child a stuffie to welcome them to Chicago upon their arrival. Even if you missed this event, visit sholomchicago.org/refugee-family to stay up-to-date on all the ways you can support this important effort.

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



Our Mishpacha children shopping for the necessities of our refugee family.



Gan Shalom

Early Childhood Education Center

The children at Gan Shalom have been learning and blossoming as we head into spring. We enjoyed spending time outdoors in the beautiful weather!

We celebrated *Purim* with costumes, hamantaschen, groggers and participated in our all-school *Purim* Carnival! As soon as *Purim* was over, the children transitioned into learning all about Passover. The children made seder plates, planted parsley, made *matzah* pizza, and celebrated together as a school, with our clergy telling the story of Passover and leading a sing-along!

Gan Shalom registration for the **2022/2023 school year** and **summer camp registration** are **now open**. For more information, contact **Heidi Cooper**, Director of Early Childhood Education, at heidi@sholomchicago.org or **773-525-4867**.



Pink Class Purim celebration



Red Class celebrating Purim on the playground



Parent-Child class celebrating Purim with stories at snack time

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**

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

Gratitude for a Year of Inspiration



This spring, I'm feeling so much gratitude! I'm thankful for being able to celebrate *Purim* with "The Geatest Shpiel" in our sanctuary with our whole Religious School community, almost exactly two years after our last "normal" day of Religious School, before the world changed.

It was also amazing to travel to Baltimore in February for the ARJE (Association of Reform Jewish Educators) annual gathering with a theme of "Turn it, turn it - for everything is in it," (*Pirkei Avot*/Wisdom of our Ancestors 5:26) encouraging a continued fresh perspective. I was in charge of *Ruach*, or spirit, for the conference, which was a lot of fun, and I love that Temple Sholom supports professional development opportunities.

At our Segel (faculty) Retreat at URJ Camp OSRUI in March, we enjoyed a tour of the revamped facilities, and we explored the guiding principles for this summer: Jewish Creative Sensibilities, a 21st-century vision for Jewish learning which is framing much of the work in the field of Jewish education. I'm excited to serve as part of OSRUI's first arts faculty team this summer! I'm looking forward to innovating our educational experiences through this lens

of inspiring creativity as we work to implement Temple's Strategic Visioning goals around "Family Engagement Through Learning," my focus during the process in partnership with Carolyn Bronstein, Lara Frohlich and Heidi Cooper.

Most inspiring of all are our graduating seniors, whom we will celebrate on our *bimah* at *Kabbalat Torah* Graduation *Shabbat Mishpacha* on May 20. This incredibly moving service will be the first of its kind in person since 2019, and it's a wonderful opportunity to hear wisdom from our amazing group of today's young Jewish leaders.

Finally, I'm looking forward to celebrating the end of the Religious School year with a full-band "Attitude of Gratitude" album release concert on May 22, featuring many of the artists who collaborated on the project, with a special gift for all in attendance. It will be a joyful way to conclude our year focused on inspiration, as we move from strength to strength in the coming months toward a new academic year full of possibilities.

Jay Rapoport, RJE

Director of Lifelong Learning

jay@sholomchicago.org

FAMILY EDUCATION

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



Shabbat Mishpacha featuring Junior & Senior Kindergarten



Religious School New Student Consecration

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



"I've always wanted to be in the Purim shpiel — this year I finally got that chance!" - Sydney

From left to right: Jay Rapoport, RJE, Sam Cohen, Sydney, Rabbi Gellman, Maya, Abe, Maya, Rabbi Conover, Cantor Ben-David, Rabbi Singer

"Attitude of Gratitude" Closing Day Concert

SUNDAY | MAY 22 | 11:00 AM

Join Jay's "Ruach Rock" band featuring Jewish Rock Radio's "Chicago Sings" members along with Cantor Ben-David and student performances for an end-of-year celebration!

JK-8th Grade Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School & Crown Family High School Registration opens in June!

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

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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



URJ Camp Enrollment is open for Summer 2022!

Check out the world of Reform Jewish summer camping! From our very own OSRUI to the 6 Points specialty Sports Academy in North Carolina, Sci-Tech Camp in Boston, and Arts Camp in Pennsylvania, there's something for everyone! Visit URJyouth.org/camps and OSRUI.org to learn more.

Join Temple Shalom at URJ Camp OSRUI 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 Shalom will split the cost with you for OSRUI's *Kallah Atid* trial sessions for rising 2nd-3rd graders August 10-14. Contact **Jay Rapoport** at jay@sholomchicago.org for details.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022-2023 TRIPS & RETREATS

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

See the future of Temple Sholom as we honor our graduating seniors and high school *Madrachim* teaching assistants!

**Kabbalat Torah Graduation
Shabbat Service**

FRIDAY | MAY 20 | 6:15 PM



Mazal Tov to Our Graduates!

Crown Family High School Students & *Madrachim*:

Michael Bayer

Beila Cohen

Crown Family High School Senior Seminar Students:

Marcus McDermott

Zoe Okun

Senior *Madrachim*

Sydney Simon

Mallory Gork

Thank you to our 5782 Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board

President Marcus McDermott

Recruitment Chair Casey Luchs

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Daniel Radner

Event Chair Michael Goeglin

Social Justice Chair Sydney Curran

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Representative** Sammy McDermott

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Representative** Lily Block

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*We are grateful to ALL of our 8th-12th grade teen *Madrachim**

Michael Bayer
Samuel Bayer
William Bremen
Beila Cohen
Yael Cohen
Max Cooper
Eli Curran
Sydney Curran
Samantha Dombar
Sydney Dombar
Max Fischer

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Mallory Gork
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Maya Henschel
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Julia Jasmer
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Elijah Preis
Gus Silberg
Max Silberg
Kaylee Simon
Sydney Simon
Josie Stahl
Abraham Weiss
Ethan Weiss
Hannah Weiss

Be a Temple Sholom *Madrich(a)*!

Join Our *Madrachim* Teen Teacher Assistant Program

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ADULT EDUCATION

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

Join our Clergy for Spring Adult Education Classes via Zoom:



Exploring the New Israeli Reform Siddur: Tefilat Ha-Adam

with Rabbi Shoshannah Conover and Rabbi Alona Nir Keren

SUNDAYS | MAY 8 & 15 | 9:30 AM

Israel's Reform Movement has published its first new *siddur* in nearly 40 years, *Tefilat Ha-Adam*. The new prayerbook, edited by Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD and Rabbi Alona Lisitsa, PhD, has been poignantly compared to a diary of the Jewish experience. There is no better way to explain the complexities of Israel – and the Reform movement there – than exploring this amazing new *siddur*, which invites the essence of universal prayer through all the varied, particular ways Jewish prayers have evolved through millennia.



Spiritual Cooking: Shavuot

with Rabbi Singer

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 1 | 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!

Wednesday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM | ZOOM

MAY

Israel Matters

with Rabbi Conover

JUNE

Summer Book Discussion

with Karen Titus

Guest Scholar Sunday Series



2000 Years of Jewish Debate on Love and Marital Intimacy

with Noam Zion

SUNDAY | MAY 1 | 9:30 AM

This presentation, based on Zion's new book *Sanctified Sex*, draws on two thousand years of rabbinic debates addressing competing aspirations for loving intimacy, passionate sexual union, and sanctity in marriage.



Rock N Roll & Saving The Environment

with "Radio Dave" Milberg

SUNDAY | MAY 1 | 10:45 AM

Rock & Roll has been making 'environmental impact statements' for more than 60 years. This class surveys 40 ecologically sound songs that have been recycled by Radio Dave's own "EPA – environmental platter administration."



The Glory of the Jewish Voice In Opera

with Roger Pines

SUNDAY | MAY 8 | 10:45 AM

The world of opera has been graced by the voices of many magnificent Jewish artists covering the entire history of recording. This talk will bring their artistry to life by viewing memorable images, revealing important biographical details, and above all, by listening to their wonderful voices.

Film Nights

with Cliff Scott-Rudnick



The Wedding Plan

**MONDAY | MAY 2
7:00 PM**

My Favorite Year

**MONDAY | MAY 16
7:00 PM**



A Borrowed Identity

**MONDAY | JUNE 6
7:00 PM**

Princess Bride

**MONDAY
JUNE 20 | 7:00 PM**



Got an idea for a guest scholar? Contact **Jay Rapoport** at jay@sholomchicago.org

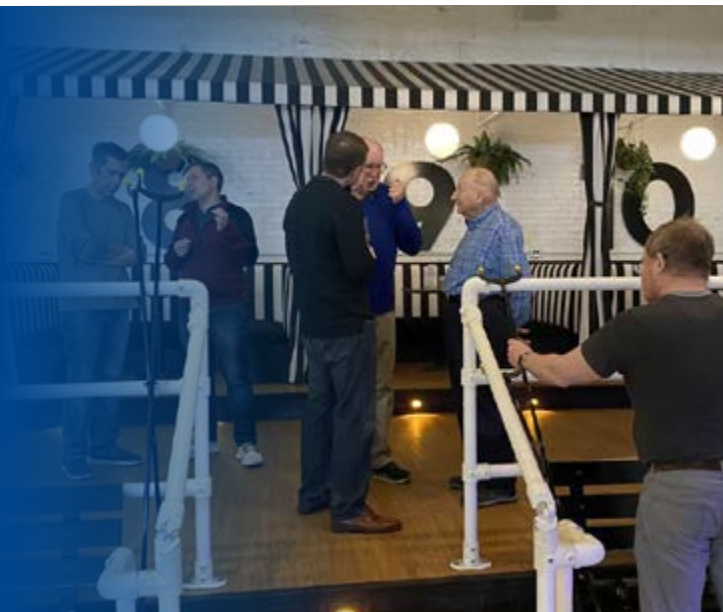
Go to sholomchicago.org/community-groups for a full list of our Community Groups. Visit their pages to learn more about them and to register for events.

Brotherhood

Shuffling & Socializing

The Temple Sholom Brotherhood enjoyed an afternoon at Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club a few weeks ago, and it was great to see everyone! The group enjoyed an afternoon of learning the official rules of Shuffleboard and some friendly competition. In addition to some game time, it's always nice to enjoy time together in person with food and drink. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the event and be on the lookout for future Brotherhood events for the upcoming 2022-2023 calendar year.

Have a great idea for a future Brotherhood event? Contact **Toby Sanders** at toby@sholomchicago.org or **773-435-1536**.



Minnie Solomon z"l Book Club

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

THURSDAY | MAY 5 | 11:00 AM | ZOOM

"The Paris Library"

By Janet Skeslien Charles

THURSDAY | JUNE 2 | 11:00 AM | ZOOM

"The Lying Life of Adults"

By Elena Ferrante

For more information and the 2021-2022 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 שְׁלֵם

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.

We loved joining together as *Makom*-aged Jews of Color community for a *Shabbat* dinner in April.

SUNDAY | MAY 15

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.

SUNDAY | JUNE 12 | 2:00 PM

Shalem is partnering with Women of Temple Sholom for a tour of a Bronzeville art gallery. See p. 12 for more details!

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



THE JULIANA
SCHAFFER Z"l

CHESED CIRCLE

Building Community Through Kindness

The Temple Sholom community has been deeply

enriched by our congregant, Juliana Schafer, of blessed memory, who lived by and modeled loving kindness with those she encountered within and outside of our community. We are inspired by the memory of her compassion, energy, and persistence in meeting people wherever they were, hearing their needs, providing support, and making them feel cared for and valued. In her honor, Temple Sholom has established the Juliana Schafer z"l Chessed Circle to carry on her work. We invite YOU to volunteer in whatever capacity and time commitment feels right for you.

The Juliana Schafer z"l Chessed Circle has initiated a Meal Train for families experiencing significant life challenges. Volunteers are delivering home-cooked or store-bought meals or are providing Grub Hub gift certificates to assist

these families. It's working! One recipient shared, "**I cannot tell you how helpful and stress-relieving the meals have been for our family!**" Another said, "**We are so grateful for the Temple Sholom community support!**"

Volunteers, too, have found this effort meaningful. One shared, "**I'm so grateful for the opportunity to prepare a meal for a family who needs it. The experience is a wholly blessed one.**"

The Chessed Circle has also initiated scheduled check-ins with every congregational family. In past years, both recipients and callers have deeply appreciated this kind of personal contact.

Please join your fellow congregants in providing meals, making calls, or both, as we carry on Juliana's legacy. It's easy to volunteer, and you'll be glad you did! To learn more, or to volunteer, visit the Juliana Schafer z"l Chessed Circle web page: sholomchicago.org/chessed-circle.

IT'S *Our* TURN

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

Together Again!

It was another weird year, but we are thrilled we were able to come together this Spring and celebrate It's Our Turn (IOT). In addition to welcoming the Sabbath online & in-person, we were able to continue the IOT celebration in-person after the service, our first in-person event since last Fall. At our annual IOT Shabbat we recognized many members of the IOT community and then enjoyed our special themed Oneg. Since COVID, IOT remained an active group with a variety of online events and celebrations and there are no plans on slowing down. Please be on the lookout for future IOT communications with more updates and photos from our Shabbat and private Oneg, as well as upcoming events.

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.

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 14 | 1:00 PM | ZOOM

SATURDAY
JUNE 18 | 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**.

Women of Temple Sholom (WTS) and *Shalem* Invite All Temple Members for an Art-Full Afternoon in Bronzeville

SUNDAY | JUNE 12 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | GALLERY GUICHARD, 436 E. 47TH ST., CHICAGO, IL 60653

\$36/PERSON
through May 22

\$45/PERSON
May 23 - May 29

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**
Sunday, May 29

WAIT LIST
after May 29

Round-trip motorcoach transportation available at no additional charge between Temple Sholom and Gallery Guichard. Reservation by May 29 required.

ART THAT TOUCHES THE SOUL

WTS and *Shalem*, the temple's Embracing Racial & Ethnic Diversity Working Group, invite all temple members to an afternoon of amazing art and socializing. Chicago is home to the historic Bronzeville Art District, the largest African-American art district in the country, and Gallery Guichard is the most prestigious showcase of modern and contemporary works by artists of the African Diaspora as well as multicultural artists.

We'll have the opportunity to meet with dynamic Gallery owners/artists Andre and Frances Guichard and learn about the collection, the history of the Bronzeville Art District, and the "art of art collecting". We can view and even purchase from the vast collection of paintings and sculpture while socializing with old and new friends during a catered reception (vegetarian/vegan/cash bar). Weather permitting, we can also enjoy the stunning Great Migration Sculpture Garden.

And there's more! The Guichards have arranged for several of the smaller galleries in the same building to open up just for our group so we can also visit them and meet the artists.

Motorcoaches will leave PROMPTLY at 1:15 PM from Temple, and they will leave Gallery Guichard at 4:00 PM to return to Temple Sholom. There is no additional charge for the bus, but reservations by May 29 are required. If you go on your own, there is street parking around Gallery Guichard.

Temple Covid guidelines for this event: You must show proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test (taken with 72 hours of the event) before boarding the bus. Masks must be worn the entire time while on the bus. Masks optional at Gallery Guichard.

Don't miss this fun art adventure. WTS and *Shalem* welcomes all temple members to join us for this very special event. Please visit sholomchicago.org/wts or scan the QR code for more information and to register.

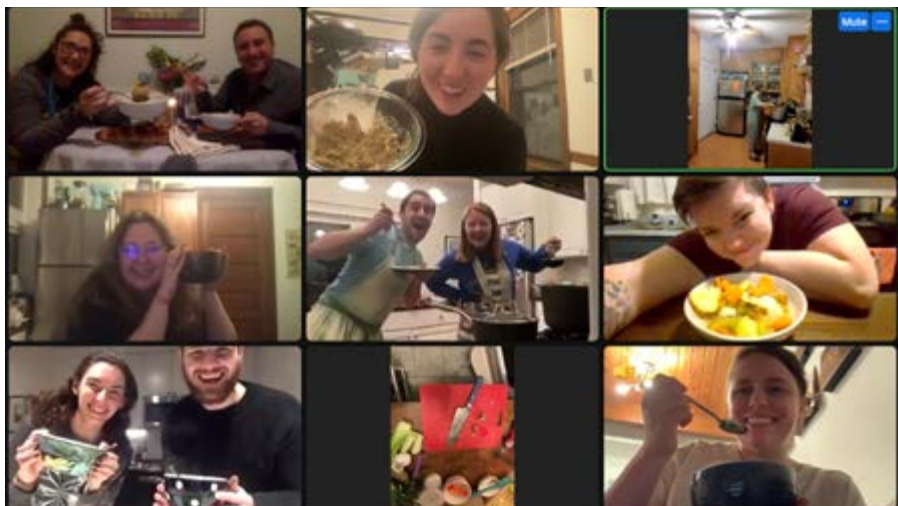


SCAN ME



"The Makom Couples Cohort is an amazing group of 11 couples who come together several times throughout the year for community building, learning, and Jewish rituals like Shabbat. Through these experiences, we not only get to know each other better, but also become more connected to our Judaism and the shalom community."

- Emma Lederman



Makom had several months of great in-person and virtual programming.

In January we held a virtual Matzah Ball Soup Dinner. Rabbi Singer prepared baskets of ingredients (like our own personal Blue Apron service). She taught us how to make soup and celebrate Shabbat in under an hour. Several of us cooked together with partners and friends in our kitchens so it was more of a hybrid event, combining the best parts of Zoom and in-person.

In February we had a virtual Trivia Shabbat. Jackie and Liz made wonderful snack bags full of Jewish favorites, like Cel-Ray, a celery-flavored soft drink (and I hear Rabbi Singer may still have a few hidden in her office). My favorite part of the night was the meme-timeline where we had to figure out when certain events happened over the last two years. What was first?

Taylor Swift releasing her *Evermore* album or the *Ever Given* ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal?

In March we hosted a book exchange at my apartment. Over classic French onion dip and Lou Malnati's thin crust we exchanged books and talked about our favorites. I'm excited to start reading Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles*.

In early April we teamed up with some other great Jewish groups in the city to bring a large group to a Chicago Bulls game. It was a great time and we enjoyed working with JCC Chicago and Trybal Gatherings.

The entire community is looking forward to being together more often during the warmer weather this spring and summer.

Austen Hufford
Makom, Co-Chair

Temple Shalom 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 | MAY 20
7:45 PM
Makom Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 17
7:45 PM
Makom Shabbat

IN RECENT NEWS

It has been another different type of year, but our regular programs continued to thrive. We held our **Spring Blood Drive** at the end of April, and we are so appreciative of everyone who volunteers and donates to help support the lives of others.

“When you save a single life, you save a whole community. Healthy people who share a unit of blood (close to an ounce) can save on average three lives. What an incredible mitzvah for such a small investment of time, no financial cost, and the blood donated regenerates so you regain your full five-ounce supply before the next Shabbat! It is my pleasure to volunteer and organize to gain such large feelings of Tikkun Olam for such a small effort.”

- Brad Gordon (Blood Drive Liaison)

We've also been gaining momentum with our **Advocacy Group** and understanding the importance of advocacy work and the results it can bring for change.

“A major focus of my Judaism is Tikkun Olam. One of the most effective ways to repair the world and advance social justice is to be an advocate for legislation that makes systematic changes to our laws for the betterment for all in our society. RAC-IL (the Illinois branch of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) works with frontline justice partners on selected campaigns to change Illinois law, advancing racial and immigration justice. We've had some real victories already and I am thrilled to be part of this work.”

-Merle Tresser (Advocacy Group Liaison)

Since revamping our long-standing **Feed the Hungry Program (FTH)** to continue to provide during the pandemic, we have seen the return of the program to Religious School on select Sundays and families/individuals continue to take on the responsibility of sponsoring a FTH Sunday, willingly and enthusiastically.

“Feed the Hungry has been a blessing to our entire Temple community for decades! It perpetually provides opportunities for community-building, mitzvah-performing, and nutrition-providing. Anyone can participate!”

- Jackie Gilson (FTH Liaison)

We can't forget about the Monday Meal. Even through the pandemic, we have continued to provide meals to those in need on Lake Shore steps and have also been making meals to support Northside Housing. A small team also made a site visit to one of our partner organizations (CHI) to learn how they've re-implemented in-person meals. Be on the lookout for information as we bring the pre-COVID Monday Meal back into the building.

“The Monday Meal is a simple weekly act that allows me to fulfill my life mission as a helper. By preparing sandwiches and then joining others in packing lunches for our neighbors, I am at my most Jewish. I view this experience each week as the most direct embodiment of my faith.”

- Stacey Reicherzer (MM Volunteer)

“Even though our meal effort continues differently than what we are used to, it shows “our people” (meal guests) we still care about them and want to provide for them.”

- Linda Cohen (Longtime MM coordinator & volunteer)

Thank You for Your Support for Our Refugee Family!

We cannot thank everyone enough for your support as we once again welcome and sponsor a new Refugee family. The goals and requirements always seem a bit daunting in the beginning, but due to our congregation's generous support, we have been able to surpass our goal of \$10,000, collect furniture to fill the family's new apartment and provide items from our Target registry to fill

the basic needs for the family. One would think we would be surprised by the support we receive, but honestly, we are not. We know our community is always ready to step in and step up for those in need. 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.

OrChadash Celebrates Pride

LGBTQ Members & Allies

We are excited to celebrate Pride once again as a community this summer! Please visit sholomchicago.org/pride for a list of all the Pride events celebrating Or Chadash and the LGBTQ+ community.



Rabbi Shoshanah Conover and her husband, Damien Conover



Annual Am Keshet awards at Temple Sholom



Edwards Buice and partner Frank at the 2011 Pride Parade



Members of our community with the Temple Sholom Float, designed to be a replica of our historic building



Dr. Bill Healey



Or Chadash Events

FRIDAY | MAY 6
7:45 PM

Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 3
7:45 PM

Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | JUNE 10
6:15 PM

Congregational Pride Celebration Shabbat



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On March 13, 2022, Temple Sholom hosted **Dr. Jane Goodall** where she had a conversation with Rabbi Conover and engaged with the community.

Learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime visit and, in case you missed it, watch the full conversation at sholomchicago.org/speaker-series.



SHAVUOT

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**SATURDAY | JUNE 4 | ANSHE EMET
10:00 PM UNTIL 4:00 AM**

This event will have a Rabbinic Panel, followed by snacks and then learning sessions.

Festival Service and Ice Cream Social

**SUNDAY | JUNE 5 | TEMPLE SHOLOM
10:30 AM - SERVICE
1:00 PM - ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Join us and Emmanuel Congregation for a Shavuot service. Afterwards, stay for an ice cream social in our beautiful Garden of Faith with clergy, staff, and community!

Visit SholomChicago.org/Shavuot
for more event details!

