

A sacred community that embraces, inspires, and matters

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022



Assistant Rabbi **Rena Singer**

As the months get colder, the Jewish calendar asks us to focus on miracles.

Jewish tradition has radically rebranded the idea of miracles over time. Miracles change from being something that deviate from the pattern of nature (like the sea splitting) to something that happens within the pattern and causality of nature (Shulchan Orech). Miracles become events in our day-to-day lives that astonish us and cause us to see the world differently. We have experienced so many miracles over the past few years, from the production of new vaccines to technology that has developed with our needs.

This year, however, the extraordinary miracle is being together again. We are so creative now about our gatherings, offering events both in person and online, and many that

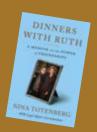
are a mix between the two. The feeling of joining together as a community still feels fresh, special, and exciting after two years that featured so much isolation. This season, we will double down on celebrating that miracle. We will make sure our lights are shining brightly, our *latkes* are extra crispy, and our commitment to justice and our wider community is resolute.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate Chanukah across community groups, as we invite Tonika Johnson, the creator of the Folded Map ProjectTM to speak from our bimah for Shalem Shabbat, as we continue to welcome guests through the Monday Meal, as we learn complex perspectives on Israel from the writer Daniel Sokatch, as we learn and explore the outdoors at our youth and family retreats at URJ camp OSRUI, and more.

Please join us to celebrate the miracle of community, the miracle of light, and the miracle of each other.

WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?





This book is both a memoir and a beautiful reflection on friendship. Nina Tottenberg, an NPR correspondent whose voice was a staple in my childhood living room, writes about her close friendship with Ruth Bader Ginsberg z"l. She describes growing up in a period of unbelievable sexism and the ways that her friendship with RBG was helpful in a time when so much of their work was questioned because of their gender. These stories give me helpful perspective on how far we've come in such a short time in which people still experience gender-based discrimination



President
Sherry Weil

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I urge you to take a moment to participate in one of our Temple Sholom programs

that celebrate how we, as a sacred community, give back and serve our members and neighbors. There are many opportunities to do this at Temple Sholom, whether it's participating in the Monday Meal *Mitzvah*, helping with Feed the Hungry, packing and delivering *Chanukah* boxes, volunteering with Sholom Justice or our Advocacy Action Group.

Actions we take now will make a difference in the lives of so many people. Thank you for your membership, service and embracing, inspiring and mattering to all of us here at Temple Sholom.

Wishing you a Happy *Chanukah*, filled with family and friends, light, love and laughter.

Sherry Weil sherryweil0304@gmail.com

Of Blessed Memory

AUG. 21

Mary Jane Pollack

Mother of Jeanie Pollack (Fred Lane)

SEPT. 19

Victor Krupman

Father of Marla Krupman (Dr. Daniel Bernstein)

SEPT. 18

Carlos G. Rizowy

Brother-in-law of Robert Gordon

OCT. 6

Norman Lasko

Husband of Nettie Lasko

OCT. 11

Roger Greenberg

Father of Emily Greenberg

Yahrzeits / First Year

NOV. 1

Melvin Potash

Father of Ed Potash

NOV. 4

Elaine Barson

Temple Sholom member

NOV. 8

Richard Samuels

Husband of Barbara Samuels

NOV. 14

Ida Lessman

Mother of Sylvia Lessman

NOV. 16

Carrie Bade

Mother of Airman Bear Bade

NOV. 25

Benjamin Stephan

Brother of Rosita Pildes, Uncle of Ellyn Bank **NOV. 26**

Raymond Gork

Father of Barry Gork

DEC. 7

Helene Marx

Loved one of Ginger Russ & Bonnie Marx

DEC. 12

Lynette Fayerman

Former wife of Jeff Fayerman

DEC. 17

David Chernoff

Husband of Loren Chernoff, Father of Carolyn Chernoff, Father of Marc Chernoff

DEC. 21

Sylvia Stern

Mother of Lisa Solochek

Mazal Tov

SEPT. 3

Lee Burstein on the marriage of his son, Jordan Burstein, to Laura Bezinovich.

SEPT. 4

Sarah Epstein and Romeo Santana on their weddina.

SEPT. 6

Claire Zawa & Vince Rock on the birth of their son, Milo James Zawa Rock.

SEPT. 10

Barb & Steve Wolf on the wedding of their daughter, Carrie Wolf & Ben Meyer.

SEPT. 11

Bill Anspach & Teri Rabai on the birth of their granddaughter, Wendy Anspac. The proud parents are Seth & Meg Anspach.

SEPT. 14

Rica Berg on the engagement of her son, Danny Berg to Hillary Cassman.

OCT. 8

Marla Gross & Jon Karmel on their wedding.

OCT. 15

Jessica Yohay & Brendon Day on their wedding.

OCT. 15

Drs. Robert Schickler & Genevieve Chung on the wedding of their son, Michael Schickler & Madie Szaller.

OCT. 17

Cookie Marks on the birth of her greatgranddaughter, Sydney Rose Marks. Proud parents are Zachary & Megan Marks, grandparents are Jeffrey & Stevi Marks.

OCT. 19

Jonathan Siner and Janis Feldman Siner on the birth of their granddaughter, Lyra Natalie Siner. Proud parents are Sam & Zoe Siner.

OCT. 20

Roger & Teri Rudich on the birth of their grancdhild, Arlo Holden Rudich. Proud parents are Gillian & Ryan Rudich.

OCT. 23

Nadav Newman & Carly Schwartz on their wedding.



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.

AUG. 29

AUG. 30

Jonathan &

Terri Sabol

Blake, Shayna

Elizabeth &

Jonathan &

Gregory Berman

Sarah Adelstein

AUG. 31

AUG. 31

Elias, Ira

AUG. 31

SEPT. 2

SEPT. 3

Diane

SEPT. 5

SEPT. 8

SEPT. 8

SEPT. 9

SEPT. 10

SEPT. 14

Adeline

SEPT. 15

Jennifer &

Bryan Cowan

Noah Thorne

Fli

Jonathan &

Bonnie Baum

Danielle Ault

Emilia, Charlotte

Delilah Orizaba &

Joshua Cohen &

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Shira Levy

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Nina & Jason Saul

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Isabelle &

Samuel Korshak

JULY 24

Zachary Friedlander & Elisabeth Mayer

JULY 31

Alli & Mike Leib

Noa, Davis

AUG. 1

Karen Barzman

AUG. 4

Dorri Goldgehn

AUG. 4

Samantha & **Daniel Dorman**

Alaia

AUG. 6

Leah Albrriton & Dan Hart

Lennox, Nolan, Sloane

AUG. 7

Judah Ginsberg

AUG. 9

Jessica Fayerman

Cameron

AUG. 9

Jenny & Jeffrey **Glazer**

Evan, Harry

AUG. 9

Hollie Shaivitz & Thomas Anderson

Oliver, Sydney

AUG. 10

Jacob & Lara Grad

Shane, Asher

AUG. 11

Erin & Jeffrey Robbins

Gavin, Ryder, Teddi

AUG. 12

Dina & Adam Miller

Levi, Chase

AUG. 12

Claudia & Samuel

Schumer

Sydney, Melody

AUG. 12

David & Nooshin Felsenthal

Jordan, Grayson

AUG. 12

Stephen & Lori Kaufman

AUG. 15 Dan & Linda Gershenson

Emma

AUG. 15

Meghan Erdman

Lucy, Mila

AUG. 15 Susan Jarrett

Temple Sholom

Manager of B'nai Mitzvah

AUG. 16

Max Janssen

AUG. 17

Lindsay & **Zachary Kafitz**

Tovah, Bernard, Ari

AUG. 18

Lauren Venell

Rosa

AUG. 18

Jeffrey Katz & Lara Keene

Greyson, Ryder

AUG. 19

Neva Duffy & Santiago Marquez

Sabina, Olivia

AUG. 19

Ivona & Brian Goldman

AUG. 21

Ruth & Mark Schlossberg

Fli

AUG. 23

Nicole & Adam

Friedman

Julian, Hayden

AUG. 23

Mitchel Kay & Rachel Ingram

Eliana

AUG. 25

Jessica Edison & Jason Greenhut

Adam, Elijah

AUG. 26

Alyssa & David Jaffee

Jordan, Grayson, Cooper

B'nai Mitzvah

NOV. 5 Sadie Fischer

NOV. 12

Gabriel Fisher

NOV. 12

Gabriel Preis

NOV. 12

Tanner Toback

NOV. 19

Saige Florsheim

NOV. 19

Grayson Hoffman

Benjamin Conover

DEC. 10

Luke Rosenberg

Worship Schedule

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

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25

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

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26

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

9:00 AM Minyan Service

9:45 AM Torah Study

Special Services

FRIDAY | NOV. 4

7:45 PM Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | NOV. 11

5:00 PM Pajama Tot Shabbat

FRIDAY | NOV. 18

6:15 PM Shalem Shabbat

FRIDAY | DEC. 2

7:45 PM Or Chadash Shabbat

FRIDAY | DEC. 16

6:15 PM Shabbat Mishpacha featuring

Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten

FRIDAY | DEC. 16

6:30 PM Makom Shabbat

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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 Patrick Graney-Dolan at patrick@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.



For 20 years, Keshet's Giving Adults Daily Opportunities for Living (GADOL) program has provided meaningful days, social connections and vocational opportunities for adults with disabilities.

When Temple Sholom approached Keshet about packaging 500 sets of candles for congregants, everyone at GADOL was excited to take on this challenge. Participants gain new skills, a sense of pride and increased selfworth when they are paid and entrusted with an important project. We are so appreciative of having purposeful work that will be appreciated by so many families. Thank you for the opportunity. We look forward to more opportunities to partner in the future.



Chanukah

Join the Temple Sholom community in-person and via Zoom for all eight nights of Chanukah for candle lighting and blessings. By gathering as a community, we will bring the light of our hearts and the light of our menorahs together as we are led in the blessings by members of our Temple Sholom family.

40's/50's Chanukah Cooking Class TUESDAY | DEC. 13 6:30 PM | IN PERSON

Makom Shabbat & Chanukah Celebration FRIDAY | DEC. 16 6:30 PM | IN PERSON IOT Chanukah Party FRIDAY | DEC. 16 7:30 PM | IN PERSON

Chanukah Tot Service SUNDAY | DEC. 18 4:00 PM MIXED-PRESENCE

Congregational Chanukah Celebration (1st Night) SUNDAY | DEC. 18 | 4:30 PM | IN PERSON

Fill your stomach with hot chocolate, a build-yourown latke bar, and Firecakes donuts! Get lit with a BYO menorah station, dreidel games, craft-yourown candles, card writing for homebound seniors, and more! Join Temple Sholom for this joyous and fun-filled evening where all are welcome as we light the first candle of Chanukah!

2nd Candle MONDAY | DEC. 19 7:00 PM | ZOOM

3rd Candle

TUESDAY | DEC. 20 7:00 PM | ZOOM 4th Candle WEDNESDAY | DEC. 21 7:00 PM | ZOOM

5th Candle THURSDAY | DEC. 22 7:00 PM | ZOOM

6th Candle FRIDAY | DEC. 23 6:15 PM MIXED-PRESENCE

7th Candle SATURDAY | DEC. 24 7:00 PM | ZOOM

8th Candle SUNDAY | DEC. 25 7:00 PM | ZOOM

Visit sholomchicago.org/chanukah to celebrate with us!



Lifelong Learning

ָאָם אֵין אַנִי לִי, מִי לִי, וּכִשַּׁאַנִי לְעַצִמִי, מָה אַנִי, וָאָם לֹא עַכִּשָּׁו, אֵימָתָי.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am for myself alone, then what am I? And, if not now, when? Pirkei Avot 1:14

What Matters Most: Building Relationships



New and exciting things are happening at Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School! We kicked off preparations for the school year with our faculty

and teen madrichim (assistants) having an orientation day together for the first time.

Our first fall Sunday of welcoming students focused on grade-wide activities to help everyone in our learning community get to know each other!

Our opening Wednesday of Midweek Hebrew brought the return of our Kef (Fun) Club early dropoff/late pickup youth activity space in Bettie Port Hall - complete with ga-ga pit, ping-pong, board games, snacks, pizza and more! It's such a fun weekly space for our kids to hand out together at Temple Sholom.

The following Sunday, we gathered with Religious School faculty, madrichim and 25 families for our **NEW Family Social Justice Project** Day, bringing alive this year's learning theme, focused on "What Matters Most!" We spent this beautiful morning cleaning the Loyola Beach Park as part of the Great Lakes Alliance weekend cleanup, packed snack/hygiene kits to give

out at traffic lights, made cards for homebound seniors, and painted kindness rocks, birdhouses and flower pots to brighten our neighborhoods.

We spent that afternoon out at Wrigley Field with Temple Sholom families and friends (and a 7th-inning stretch song led by Cookie Monster)! The Cubs didn't win but it was a big win for our great cheering section chanting "Temple Sholom."

What a great way to get ready for the High Holy Days and get to know each other better!

Jay Rapoport, RJE Director of Lifelong Learning jay@sholomchicago.org

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.

At this time, all Adult Education classes are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Learn with our Clergy **Hartman Hot Topics**

with Rabbi Conover SUNDAYS | OCT. 30 - NOV. 20 9:30 AM

Join Rabbi Conover, Senior Rabbinic Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, for lively discussions this fall on some of the stickiest ethical dilemmas of our time. You'll delve into a curriculum exclusively designed by thought leaders at the institute. This class will engender conversations so topical and compelling, you'll find yourself talking about them long after the class is over.

The Shalom Hartman Institute is a leading center of Jewish thought and education, serving Israel and North America. Their mission is to strengthen Jewish peoplehood, identity, and pluralism; to enhance the Jewish and democratic character of Israel; and to ensure that Judaism is a compelling force for good in the 21st century.

Eating Jewishly

with Rabbi Gellman WEDNESDAYS | DEC. 7, 14, 21 7:30 PM

Food seems to be one of the most important parts of Jewish tradition and culture. We socialize and celebrate around food, there are many discussions in the Talmud concerning food, and our food connects us to our history. As Reform Jews, we need our own definition of what is proper and fit to eat, because our ethical commitments remain firm, and we understand that Jewish eating has a profoundly ethical and religious dimension.

Israel 101

with Rabbi Singer WEDNESDAYS | MONTHLY | 7:30 PM

Together we will study the history and geography of Israel and how this affects the life and politics of the state today.

Other Learning **Opportunities**

Talmud Study

with Rabbi Conover TUESDAYS | 8:30 AM

Wednesday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM

NOVEMBER Hartman Hot Topics

with Rabbi Conover

DECEMBER Prayer & Liturgy 101

with Cantor Ben-David

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Cohort

Opening Session

SUNDAY | NOV. 6 | 12:30-1:30 PM IN PERSON AT TEMPLE SHOLOM

Contact lori@sholomchicago.org to learn more or join the group!

Know someone curious about Judaism?

MONDAYS | NOV 7, 14, 21 6:45 PM | MIXED-PRESENCE

Our FREE URJ 3-week Taste of Judaism fall class is open to the public! sholomchicago.org/taste

Want to Dive Deeper Into Judaism?

MONDAYS | 6:45 PM **BEGINNING NOV. 28** MIXED-PRESENCE

Our 18-week URJ Introduction to Judaism class begins Monday, Nov. 28 with our clergy/education team. sholomchicago.org/intro

Sunday Classes

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

with Mitchell Brown

SUNDAYS | OCT. 23 - MAY 21 10:30 AM

Learn to read Hebrew and the basics of the Hebrew language.

The Jewish Bible: A Material History

with Roberta Schwartz SUNDAYS OCT. 23 - DEC. 18 10:45 AM | IN PERSON

We will discuss "The Jewish Bible: A Material History" by David Stern. (University Of Washington Press, 2017.)

Pressing Questions of Modern Jewish Life

with Cliff Scott-Rudnick SUNDAYS | OCT. 23 - MAY 21 2:00 PM

We will read and discuss "Can Robots Be Jewish", edited by Amy E. Schwartz (Moment Books). We will discuss questions of twenty-first century dilemmas addressed by different Jewish perspectives on the topics of science, sex, modern life, values, politics, and the universe.



Guest Scholars

At this time, all Adult Education Guest Scholars are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

This Narrow Space with Dr. Elisha Waldman **SUNDAY | NOV 6 | 10:45 AM**



Elisha Waldman received his MD in Tel Aviv followed by training in pediatrics at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Memorial Sloan

Kettering Cancer Center and Children's Hospital Boston. Currently he is a pediatric palliative care physician at Lurie Children's Hospital.

Dr. Waldman will talk about a pediatric palliative care physician's journey through healthcare in Israel and the Midwest.

The Choice: A Novel of Love. Faith and the Talmud

with Maggie Anton SUNDAY | NOV. 13 | 10:45 AM



The award-winning author of Rashi's Daughters, Maggie Anton, has written a wholly transformative novel that takes characters inspired by

Chaim Potok and ages them into young adults in Brooklyn in the 1950s — a time of Elvis and Marilyn, communist scares and polio vaccines, postwar Jewish migration to Israel and America. When journalist Hannah Eisin interviews Rabbi Nathan Mandel, a controversial Talmud professor, she persuades him to teach her the mysteries of the text forbidden to women though it might cost him his job if discovered.

Environmental Justice: Changes in the way we see the world

with Eugene Goldfarb Co-sponsored by Sholom Justice **SUNDAY | NOV. 20 | 10:45 AM**



This talk will be an overview of how the public and private sectors interact on environmental policy and includes a 15-minute video that

talks about Clinton's Executive Order on environmental justice, which is the framework for government policy in this area.

Supernatural

with Stephen Karol SUNDAY | DEC. 4 | 10:45 AM



Rabbi Karol's second book is about the afterlife and is presented in three ways: first, what the Hebrew Bible and later Jewish writings

have to say about what happens to us when we die; second, what the beliefs and customs are that recognize God's "supernatural" power to connect with us in our daily lives; and, third, what experiences some people have had with communication from the deceased through what are called "signs," and which Karol refers to as "blessings."

Hiding in Plain Sight: A Journey to Everyday Spirituality.

with Rabbi Michael Zedek

SUNDAYS | DEC. 4 & 11 | 9:30 AM



This class, based on a manuscript recently accepted for publication, focuses on a peculiarity of the Hebrew Bible. Namely, every time

what we would describe as a miracle occurs in the Hebrew Bible, no one draws the "correct" lesson, which must be on the order of a central/essential teaching. What may that mean as we strive for meaning in the regular and routine of our experience?

Unbuttoned: Clothing as a Theme in American Jewish Comedy

with Ted Merwin, PhD SUNDAY | DEC. 11 | 10:45 AM



Without the massive influx of Jews from Eastern Europe at the turn of the twentieth century, two major industries might never have taken root in

New York, Chicago, and other American cities--clothing manufacture and show business. Indeed, clothing took on a major symbolic dimension in comedy created by both female and male Jewish entertainers. These routines helped to refashion Jewish identity in America by both celebrating the rapid economic rise of Jews and also tapping into profound anxieties that

Jews had about their roles in a competitive, capitalistic society. This lecture will feature clips from Fanny Brice, Barbra Streisand, Jerry Seinfeld, Larry David, and others.

Demystifying Teen Language on Gender

with Paige GoldMarche and Co-sponsored by Or Chadash SUNDAY | DEC. 18 | 10:45 AM



Supporting our teens in becoming their best selves requires great communication. If you are sometimes confused by the

language teens and pre-teens use about gender, this session will help you understand teen language on gender and why it matters to teens. You'll also learn about other resources and ways to support trans, nonbinary, and gender expansive teens in your lives. Whether or not you have a queer teen in your life, this learning opportunity is for you.



Join mayoral candidates to hear about their vision for Chicago in conversation with Rabbi Conover

WEDNESDAY | NOV. 9 OR 16 (Depending on candidate availability) 7:00 PM | MIXED-PRESENCE

To learn more about this event, visit sholomchicago.org/mayor

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.











YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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

URJ Camping Enrollment is open for Summer 2022!

Visit URJCamps.org or OSRUI.org

Scholarship opportunities include:

- Jewishcamp.org
- OSRUI.org by Dec. 1
- jay@sholomchicago.org by Dec. 31

For new campers, Temple Sholom will split the cost with you for OSRUI's Kallah Atid trial sessions for rising 2nd-3rd graders!

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

NOV. 4-6 | 2022 Orr Shalom High

DEC. 9-11 | 2022

MAR. 10-12 | 2023

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

FEB. 10-13 | 2023

Temple Sholom is proud to once again participate in the Reform movement's L'taken Social Justice Weekend Seminar for teens at the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington, D.C. Participants earn 35 hours of community service while learning to lobby on Capitol Hill about the issues that matter to them.

For more information, visit RAC.org or email sam@sholomchicago.org



Shabbat Mishpacha dinners are back! For those new to our community, we offer a family-style dinner between Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Mishpacha services where families with children of all ages can come together to enjoy good food, socialize with friends, and make new connections.

Shabbat Mishpacha Schedule:

See specific dates below

5:00-5:30 PM Tot Shabbat (when applicable, see below) invites families with children ages 0-5, including Gan Shalom families, to join our clergy and educators in singing, celebrating, and praying together.

5:30-6:15 PM A Community-Style Family **Dinner** is held in Bettie Port Hall. There is always food suited for the kids and we offer a kosher option.

6:15-7:30 PM Friday Night Shabbat Services begin. This lively congregational event includes students from different grades helping lead the community in a variety of prayers and songs from the bimah.

7:30 PM The night concludes with a familyfriendly oneg, the perfect start to your Shabbat.

Yom Horim (Parent/Child Learning Days) Are Now Open to All Families!

Every grade at Temple Sholom of Chicago has a Sunday Yom Horim (Parents' Day) during the school year, when parents have the opportunity to join their children for a day of learning and fun, including time with our clergy discussing topics related to their children's age. We hope that every student will be able to share this experience with a parent, guardian, or other family member.

JK-2nd grade parents are invited to stay afterward for Junior Congregation at 11:30 AM, whereas 3rd and 5th-8th grade parents are typically invited to join students for an off-site Yom Horim trip. As part of on-site programs, parents are invited to a parent conversation with Rabbi Conover following the family program.

Save the Date! Mishpacha (Family) Camp Getaway (all ages)

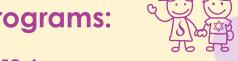
MARCH 10-12, 2023

Experience the magic of camp with other Temple Sholom families and our clergy, education & engagement teams!

Reserve your spot today at sholomchicago.org/getaway!

Early bird pricing - \$72 deposit (covers cost of one child attending) until December 1. Scholarships available upon request.

Upcoming Mishpacha (Family) Programs:



SUNDAY | NOV. 6 9:45 AM Parent Brunch (off-site)

FRIDAY | NOV. 11 5:00 PM Pajama Tot Shabbat

SUNDAY | NOV. 13 9:30 AM 7th Grade Yom Horim

SUNDAY | NOV. 20



SATURDAY | DEC. 3 5:00 PM Mishpacha Zoo Lights & Havdalah SUNDAY | DEC. 4 9:45 AM 8th Grade Yom Horim Trip to the ARK

SUNDAY | DEC. 11 9:45 AM 3rd Grade Yom Horim Trip to Cradles to Crayons

FRIDAY | DEC. 16

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

SUNDAY | DEC. 18

9:00 AM Sholom Justice Chanukah Box Project 9:30 AM 1st Grade Yom Horim

4:00 PM Chanukah Tot Service



For the most up-to-date information, visit sholomchicago.org/mishpacha

To learn more about *Mishpacha* please contact Jude Kamler at jude@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.

BROTHERHOOD

There is still time to join Brotherhood for our X-Golf event in Wrigleyville!

SUN | NOV 6 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM X-GOLF WRIGLEYVILLE \$18/PER PERSON

Enjoy an afternoon on the green (fake green that is) and show off your golf swing with X-Golf's simulation technology, all while enjoying food and drink. Feel free to bring your own clubs or borrow the ones on-site. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, get your golf game on with Brotherhood.

The cost of the event covers admission and food for the

afternoon, non-alcoholic & alcoholic beverages available at your own discretion. Brotherhood never wants costs to deter anyone from attending our events.

For financial questions, please contact Rabbi Gellman at rabbigellman@sholomchicago.org.

To register and for more information, visit sholomchicago.org/brotherhood.

If you are interested in being part of the Brotherhood Planning Committee, would like to learn more, or have event ideas, please contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.

40s/50s Chanukah Cooking Class

TUESDAY | DEC. 13 | 6:30-8:00PM | TEMPLE SHOLOM

Start the Chanukah celebration early with other 40s/50s Temple members as we turn up the heat in the kitchen and enjoy a holiday themed cooking class with Rabbi Singer. We'll enjoy an evening of schmoozing and good nosh. This evening is a BYO beverage event and is open to all adults who are within the 40s/50s-ish age range. No matter your relationship or parental status, be sure to join us!

Be on the lookout as we add events to the calendar. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or have event ideas, please contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.



Minnie Solomon z"I **Book Club**

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

THURSDAY | NOV. 3 | 11:00 AM **MIXED-PRESENCE**

"The Rose Code" By Kate Quinn

THURSDAY | DEC. 1 | 11:00 AM **MIXED-PRESENCE**

"Then She Was Gone" By Lisa Jewell

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.

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

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NOV. 19 | 1:00 PM

DEC. 10 | 1:00 PM

ZOOM*

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For more information, visit sholomchicago.org/mindful-jewishaging. To be added to the communications list, contact Toby Sanders at Toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1546.

^{*}locations subject to change



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

Starting off the New Year with new friends and new events!

In October we hosted an It's Our Turn (IOT) planning meeting & social hour to help add wonderful new & fan-favorite events to our calendar. It was great to hear so many creative ideas from our IOT "regulars" and from new members to the group. Please be on the lookout for future communications as we continue to add to our event calendar.

Get Ready for IOT's Annual Chanukah Party!

Join IOT for our annual *Chanukah* party in December and start practicing your *dreidel* skills now. The group will enjoy a wonderful evening of music, snacks & treats, and of course the ever-so-popular *dreidel* tournament. Be on the lookout for future communications.

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@sherikamikow.com.

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



Visit **sholomchicago.org/wts** to join, learn more about Women of Temple Sholom, and to register for any event listed.



Women of Temple Sholom (WTS) Adopts Temple's New Reproductive Justice Task Force

Women of Temple Sholom will host the new Reproductive Justice Task Force to plan programs and direct action events and to provide information on this issue to all temple congregants. WTS was honored to be asked to support this important new team.

The Task Force has already presented two successful big events: *The Janes* documentary and discussion in September, and a panel of experts in October informing us about the importance and impact of the midterm elections on reproductive justice. In addition, the group sponsored two letter-writing evenings in October, working with Vote Forward.

Save the Date for Our Film Night With Rabbi Singer SUNDAY | DEC. 4 | 4:00 PM Subscribe to the WTS eBlasts to get the latest information on this exciting upcoming event!





Thanks to the number of congregants and staff that signed up to make pre-High Holy Day check-in

calls as part of our Chesed Circle initiative, we were able to connect with many congregants heading into the holidays. We appreciate all our volunteers

participating in this mitzvah! We have received wonderful feedback from callers and from those who received calls.

Families and congregants who need a little extra assistance are utilizing our Meal Train opportunities. We continue to hear that this effort is so appreciated and helps relieve a bit of extra stress during what may be a challenging time.

For more information on our bi-annual congregational calls, meal trains and other Chesed projects, or to sign up to be a Chesed Circle volunteer, be sure to visit sholomchicago.org/chesed-circle.



During the High Holy Days season, Makom worked to provide both sacred experiences and communal connection. We hosted a well-attended cider tasting event and then walked over to the Temple to join the rest of our community for Sunday evening Erev Rosh Hashanah services. After a long day of fasting and contemplation, Makom members held a celebratory break-thefast as Yom Kippur ended.

With the start of the new Hebrew year, Makom's leadership made a transition of its own. Rabbi Singer hosted a wonderful dinner with the outgoing Makom board and then welcomed in a new class of leaders.

Makom is looking forward to more fun events this winter and is already thinking about our plans for when the weather gets warm again!

Written by Austen Hufford

Did you know you can become a Makom member of Temple Sholom starting at only \$36/month for individuals? For more information on becoming a member at the Makom rate, please contact Jude Kamler at jude@sholomchicago.org

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 | DEC. 16 | 6:30 PM Makom Shabbat & Chanukah Celebration

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.

SHOLOMOJUSTICE

Monday Meal

MONDAY | NOV. 7, 14, 21, 28 & DEC. 5, 12, 19

Feed the Hungry

SUNDAY | NOV. 13 & DEC. 11

Save the Date!

Chanukah Box Project

SUNDAY | DEC 18 9:00 AM-12:00 PM IN PERSON AT TEMPLE SHOLOM

Join Sholom Justice for our annual Chanukah Box Project, as we pack and deliver boxes to those in need of a little extra assistance

in the Chicagoland area. These boxes include all the ingredients to make a Chanukah meal and celebrate the festival of lights. We will start at Temple filling the boxes, and then send our drivers on their way. Signing up to drive/deliver is a great and easy way for teens to earn service hours. Be on the lookout for registration information.

Program **Updates**

Since welcoming the Monday Meal Mitzvah (MMM) back into the building in August, the program continues to thrive! Each week our volunteers prepare and serve a warm meal to those in need, and we could not be more grateful for the support and dedication these volunteers have given to this program. It's great to see so many returning and new volunteers each week. We are also continuing our partnership with Northside Housing and providing meals to their residents twice a month. Please be on the lookout for information regarding our annual Thanksgiving meal.

Feed the Hungry (FTH) is also enjoying another year working with Religious School and family-sponsored Sundays. Over the summer we started supporting Another Chance Assembly in the North Austin neighborhood, and they're very appreciative that we can assist their community. FTH is a great volunteer opportunity for families and individuals to participate in a project from the comfort of their own homes when we are not in the building.

In October, Sholom Justice hosted our first Blood Drive of the year in Bettie Port Hall. Donating blood is critical and up to three individuals can be helped with one donation. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated! Our next drive will be at the end of January.

Our Advocacy Committee is also hard at work with protecting the Pretrial Fairness Act and ensuring that the elimination of money bond is not reversed by opponents spreading misinformation. This act ensures that those accused of major felonies cannot buy their release. It also ensures that those accused of low-level crimes who are not a threat to the community are not unnecessarily incarcerated pre-trial simply because they cannot afford bail. The group had a wonderful learning session on Yom Kippur regarding what the group is doing and how Temple Sholom Advocates can help. Later in October, the group also hosted an informational session featuring experts on the act.

Once again, our **High Holy** Day Food Drive was a success! Thank you to everyone who contributed items throughout the holidays to help support our longtime partner, Nourishing Hope (formerly Lakeview Pantry). When the van came to take away our donations, we filled their van and the front seat to the top! Through your donations, we can help support those in our communities.



Temple Sholom's Social Justice refugee project welcomed a beautiful family from Afghanistan in July. The family of six includes parents and four children - three sons, ages 8, 7 and 3 and a 14-month-old daughter. Thanks to the generosity of Temple Sholom and HIAS/JCFS, the family's Chicago apartment has transformed into a home. Dad has secured a job, two sons are attending school and making friends, and the family has forged friendships in their neighborhood. Eight Temple volunteers rotate visits to the family weekly, contributing their kindness and expertise in elementary and special education, social work,

"Despite communication challenges, the smiles, laughter and body language speak beautifully and connect us to the family in ways that we did not expect," one volunteer said.

and introducing the family to life in America.

The family is gracious in making volunteers welcome, sharing family photos and offering delicious meals reflecting their traditions and a means to say thank you. Volunteers often leave the family with food in containers and learn to return the containers with food from our homes - a beautiful Afghan tradition that lets us share our culture with them.

Overall, volunteers have been able to share our different traditions with appreciation and respect.

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.

שלם SHALEM

EMBRACING RACIAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY

The mission of Shalem, Temple Sholom's Embracing Racial and Ethnic Diversity community group, is to promote an inclusive environment where a cross-section of racial and cultural identities can thrive through the Jewish experience. 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. We strive to create distinct spaces for Jews of Color to support one another and engage the wider Temple community through awareness and educational opportunities that underscore our commitment as a "Sacred Community that Embraces, Inspires, and Matters."

This year, Shalem is exploring the Folded Map Project, created by Chicago artist and activist Tonika Lewis Johnson. The Folded Map Project initially began as a visual investigation of racial disparity and segregation in Chicago by photographing corresponding addresses on the map on the North and South sides of the city; the project has since

expanded to a multimedia exhibit, documentary project, staged play, and an interactive Action Kit. Visit foldedmapproject.com

to learn more aout the Folded Map Project™.

This year, using the Action Kit and partnering with Sholom Justice, Shalem plans to participate in the Folded Map Project™ in 3 parts.

Part 1 FRIDAY | NOV. 18 | 6:15 PM **MIXED-PRESENCE**

Shalem Shabbat featuring Guest Speaker Tonika Lewis Johnson (creator of the Folded Map Project™)

Look out for more community programs from Shalem around culture, food, and community, opportunities to engage in small group discussions around racism and representation, and programs built to connect Jews of color. If you are interested in getting involved in this group in any way, please reach out to Rabbi Singer at rabbisinger@sholomchicago.org, and visit sholomchicago.org/ered



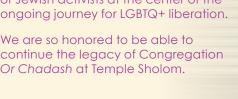
Or Chadash just wrapped up an eventful month of October programming!

Our Havdalah and Yizkor service at the AIDS Garden Chicago served as an important reminder of our resilience as an LGBTQ+ community, acknowledging the sacrifies our past generations made, and the collective grief we must honor for those we have lost. As archivist Chana Pollack said, "Pride is also a Yizkor."

It is with the spirit of this remembrance that we organized our visit to Gerber/ Hart Library & Archives, the largest circulating LGBTQ+ archive in the Midwest, to view essential Or Chadash and Jewish LGBTQ+ history in Chicago.

Our event included a panel discussion from the archivists of Gerber/Hart's most recent exhibit and several of the founding members of Congregation Or Chadash, who highlighted the intersection of Jewish activists at the center of the ongoing journey for LGBTQ+ liberation.

We are so honored to be able to Or Chadash at Temple Sholom.



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 | NOV. 4 | 7:45 PM FRIDAY | DEC. 2 | 7:45 PM

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

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TEMPLE **SHOLOM**

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Temple Sholom Celebrated Two Installations!

On Aug. 19, the Temple Sholom community celebrated Rabbi Conover's installation as Senior Rabbi. Her mentor Lawrence, A. Hoffman, Rabbi; PH.D. joined the community for a heartfelt ceremony to honor Rabbi Conover during this beautiful and profound event. On Sept. 9, the community came together once again for Rabbi Singer's installation as Assistant Rabbi. Rabbi Singer's special guest, Rabbi Sara Luria, joined via Zoom to share passionate words on Rabbi Singer's journey. It was truly special to see so many people in the community gather to honor these two amazing leaders.

