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NOVEMBER 2016

HESHVAN 5776

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER:

A Visit from the Sofer -- Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Two years ago we had a sofer (Torah scribe) come to Temple Sholom to repair our Torah. We did not have enough funds to complete the restoration. The sofer is returning on November 1 to continue the work needed on the Torah we use most often.



The schedule is not finalized yet but you will have a chance to visit the sofer during his stay to watch his work and ask questions. Please check the temple website www.templeholomny.org or your e-mail as we get closer to the date to find out more information.



POT LUCK (Dairy) DINNER

Friday, November 18

5:30-6:30

Services start at 6:30

Let us know what you will bring.
Please contact Susan Kantor
434-6679 or 798 0578
or call Steph at temple.



From the Rabbi...

Proud to be Jewish

When I reflect back on the wonderful Holy Days and holidays during the past month of October, it reaffirms the reason I am proud to be part of the Jewish people and why Judaism has survived for over 4,000 years despite the attempts of so many regimes to destroy us. There are so many important universal teachings that come from these fall holidays as well as all the holidays on our calendar. Our goal during the High Holy Days is to make ourselves better as individuals so together we can make the world a better place. Sukkot reminds us to be thankful for the plenty we have and to appreciate and preserve the beauty of the earth that God created for us. Simchat Torah reminds us of the joy we get from the Torah because the ethics and values it contains helps us to find meaning in our lives. Chanukah reminds us how important religious freedom is and not to be afraid to fight for what is right. Passover teaches us the value of freedom and to treat others kindly because we know what it is like to be strangers who are mistreated. If only the world could learn such valuable teachings, we could create a place in which everyone is accepted for who they are, in which we work together rather than fight against each other, and work towards moving forward in the world rather than regressing. I am so proud to be part of a community who stresses these values.

Rabbi Michele Brand Medwin, D.Min.



Conversion to Judaism

Back to Nature

Part of the process when someone converts to Judaism is to go to the mikveh, a ritual bath. A modern mikveh is indoors and looks like a very small swimming pool, large enough to stand in and high enough to be able to dunk beneath the surface of the water. A mikveh needs to be fed with "living water."

The original mikveh ritual in Biblical days took place in a body of water – the Jordan River, the Kinneret-Sea of Galilee, or the Mediterranean Ocean. An indoor mikveh was not available for use when Jan Hirsch was ready to convert to Judaism so we went back to basics. The Jacobs were gracious and enabled us to use the lake at their home for this moving experience.



Talking about her experience Jan said, "For me, it seemed so right. I am so grateful to the kind hospitality of Neal and Jane Jacobs in providing such a beautiful place in which to do this profoundly meaningful ritual. And what a blessing it was to have Lauren Miller's presence. Rabbi Medwin's compassion and brilliance are a wellspring of inspiration on my journey in the religion of my heart and soul."



NOVEMBER 2016 - HESHVAN 5777

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Visit from the Sofer (see p. 1)	2	3	4 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Candle Lighting 5:29 (Noach)	5 Havdalah 6:36
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans' Day OFFICE CLOSED Snack & Schmooze 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Candle Lighting 4:22 (Lech Lecha)	12 Havdalah 5:29
13	14	15 Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 PM ALL WELCOME	16	17	18 POT LUCK DINNER 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:30 PM Candle Lighting 4:16 (Vayera)	19 Havdalah 5:24
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	25 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Candle Lighting 4:13 (Chayei Sarah)	26 Havdalah 5:20
27	28	29	30			

Oneg Shabbat/Snack & Schmooze:

- 4 The Zirt Family in honor of the religious school and Richard Zirt's birthday
- 11 Lauren & Marty Miller
- 18 PotLuck Dinner
- 25 Temple Sholom

ONEG SHABBAT



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PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

05 November	04 Heshvan	Noach	Genesis	6:9-11:32
12 November	11 Heshvan	Lech Lecha	Genesis	12:1-17:27
19 November	18 Heshvan	Vayera	Genesis	18:1-22:24
26 November	25 Heshvan	Chaya Sarah	Genesis	23:25:18

Not in Monticello for the winter?

Join us for services on Friday nights on your computer or other device.

ZOOM will start again on November 11th and continue till May.

Services will begin at 6:00 PM.

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We are again using the webinar conferencing service Zoom. If this is your first time you will need to download their software. It may do this automatically once you click on the link above, or instruct you how to do so, depending on the device you are using.

A wonderful feature of the Zoom webinar service is that if you sign on early, you will be able to see and talk to others that have also signed on early, having your own "schmooze" before services.

Every week a reminder email is sent. If you are not receiving these emails, please provide your email address to the temple office.

Thank you for responding to our **HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL**

(received through October 14):

Esther Mason
Ronald & Carol Berg
Kelly Zuewsky
Phil & Paula Schroeder
Robert & Debbie Glatt
Fran Greenfield
David & Mary Jane Harris
Beth & Shelly Leidner
Seymour & Sheila Spiegel
Steven Lerner
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Michael Cerullo
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Sue & Don Horowitz
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High Holy Day Greetings

Our apologies - Some names were inadvertently omitted last month -
Complete list below

PAULA & PHIL SCHROEDER
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PRIMETIMERS

Meet again next year: Monday, May 22, 2017

The Primetimers had a very busy Columbus Day Weekend. On Friday, October 7th we sponsored an Oneg Shabbat in honor of our beloved **Rosemary Heins Deitsch**. She celebrated her 90th birthday on October 24th. The services were led by Rabbi Medwin as a visual Tfillah. It was beautiful and inspirational. We had over 70 people including Rosemary's family and friends, temple members, and members of the Primetimers. Rosemary was presented with a plaque in honor of all the things she does for the temple and the Primetimers. Stephanie Millett prepared the collation which was enjoyed by all.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2 Moe Drillich
6 Milton Anger
7 Philip Mack
7 Eileen Slater
8 Phil Shapiro
13 Irwin Lipson
16 Natalie Levitt
18 Joyce Kaplan
20 Judith Magnus
20 Bonnie Mitzner
21 Gandalf Rosengard
22 Joan Fishman
22 Jeff kirsch
23 Harriet Rosenberg
24 Naomi Godfrey
27 Don Desatnick
30 Idie Spiro

On Monday, October 10th we had our annual Appreciation Luncheon at Frankie and Johnny's in Hurleyville. We had delicious hors d'oeuvres followed by a chopped salad, entree, coffee, and dessert. Our speaker was Steve Israel who spoke about Monticello and the Casino which will finally open in March of 2018. Steve answered questions from the audience and it was a wonderful afternoon.



The 3D Art raffle donated by Barbara Wolensky was won by our temple member Carolyn Richman.

I wish all of our members a healthy winter and look forward to seeing everyone at our May 22, 2017 meeting. If you are interested in joining us on our trip to Washington and Mount Vernon Sept 8-12, 2017 please send me a deposit of \$75/pp.

Have a safe and healthy winter whether you are in the Catskills or Florida.

Shalom,
Paula



Don't see yourself -- Sorry, but many table pictures were simply too blurry to be included.

Thank you

... Sheila Lashinsky for the
donation in honor of Rosemary's
90th birthday

... Lauren & Marty Miller
for the donation in honor of
Jan Hirsch's conversion.



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Think of Temple Sholom, once a month, when your checkbook is out for other matters. Then, if you can, send us a small love donation, for no purpose other than to keep us here. Some months you might send \$18 (hence the Chai), some months less. Even what seems to be a small amount adds up. Take this opportunity to share in the good feeling of supporting our temple.

CURRENT MONTH DONOR(S):

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To **Jan Hirsch**, Mazel Tov on your conversion and welcome to Temple Sholom.

*From: Steve & Rabbi Medwin, Temple President-Neal Jacobs
and the Board of Trustees, Sue & Don Horowitz,
Paula & Phil Schroeder, Judy Cutler*

To **Rosemary Deitsch**, Happy 90th Birthday!

*From: Paula & Phil Schroeder, Sue & Don Horowitz,
Marcia Salton, Lauren & Marty Miller,
Steve & Rabbi Medwin, Temple President-Neal Jacobs
and the Board of Trustees*

To **Helene Perlman**, a complete, easy and speedy recovery.

*From: Lauren & Marty Miller, Judy Cutler,
Steve & Rabbi Medwin, Temple President-Neal Jacobs
and the Board of Trustees, Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Dr. Joe Lauterstein**, continued good health.

From: Lauren & Marty Miller

I would like to say a GREAT BIG
THANK YOU to my Primetimers and
Temple Sholom families for the
wonderful 90th Birthday celebration/oneg.

My family and I had a great time. It was
really good to celebrate with my family
and friends from Temple Sholom and
the Primetimers.

Lots of love and appreciation to Paula
Schroeder & the Board of The
Primetimers and to Neal Jacobs and the
Board of Temple Sholom.

Again my thanks and love to all.

Rosemary

Thank You

2016 Mitzvah Members

As is happening with most religious and service organizations across the country, Temple Sholom is experiencing a growing gap between income and expenses. To help toward closing the budget gap, Temple Sholom members are being asked to contribute, according to their ability, an additional amount above regular membership dues. Can you step forward to support the continued existence of Reform Judaism in Sullivan County?

The three levels of Mitzvah Membership are:

✦ **Platinum Level** - additional \$500 above dues

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* Paid Mitzvah Membership early for 2017

Specify: **"Mitzvah Membership 2016"**

MITZVAH MEMBERS are listed every month for the full calendar year in *The Harbinger* and are recognized during High Holy Day Services.

Prefer to NOT have your name appear?

You can be listed as Anonymous.

If you are able, please
**PAY YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION,
and BECOME A MITZVAH MEMBER.**

Mitzvah Membership donations are tax deductible.



There are other ways to support Temple Sholom **besides or in addition to** Mitzvah Membership.



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Think of the temple once a month and become a member of the Chai Club (\$18 or less)



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Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)

**Give what you can, when you can.
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to Temple Sholom

- ☆ Steve Plotkin for the kiddush and holiday wines
- ☆ Boni Barnofsky, Yvonne Williams, Howard Perlman, & Gandalf Rosengard for the weekly oneg setup and cleanup
- ☆ Mary Jane Harris for building and maintaining the website
- ☆ Stephanie Phillips for maintaining the facebook page
- ☆ Sam & Honora Wohl for maintaining our adopted exit
- ☆ Sue Horowitz for sending out the Yahrzeit reminder letters
- ☆ Rosemary Heins for sending out the birthday cards
- ☆ Shain Fishman for creating the monthly Harbinger
- ☆ Harbinger proofreaders: David Harris, Mary Jane Harris, Stephanie Phillips, Rabbi Medwin
- ☆ Anne Palley for monthly labeling and folding the Harbinger, and for helping in the office when needed.

Happy Birthday

November

- 3 Rita Kaplow
- 12 Ruby Shulman
- 16 Dr. Paul Jones
- 17 Harriet Sticco
- 20 Bonnie Mitzner Kirsch
- 21 Robert 'Gandalf' Rosengard
- 22 Jeffrey Kirsch
- 27 Jacky Rosen

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY:

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Happy Anniversary

November

- 13 Stan & Robbie Schecter
- 27 Hal & Carole Abrams
- 28 Paul & sheryl Manz



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ARE YOU DONATING TO THE YAHREZEIT FUND in honor of a loved one whose name does not appear on the member list, or on a memorial plaque, or on a tombstone at the Temple Sholom cemetery?

If you would like the name of your loved one read at Friday services, you must let us know the actual yahrzeit date. Otherwise we have no way of knowing what the date is.



A complete list of burials in the Temple Sholom Cemetery, along with pictures of tombstones, can be found at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=425591>. This website seems to have been developed, not by temple members, but by a small group of people who are interested in Jewish heritage. You may want to check it out.



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Bessie Cohen Miletich, Sylvia Brafman, Arnost Fantl*, Neill Alenky

Nov 11th

Anna Fantlova*, Lenroy S. Millett, Sr., Eric Stein, Elsa Wozaskova*,
Helena Wozaskova*, Susan Kassman, Irving Tobin

Nov 18th

Max Fried, Egon Platovsky*, Samuel Bernard Rosen, Sarah Jacobs,
Joseph Sarowitz, Celia Galant, Israel Wyde, Harry R. Green,
Rhoda Barnofsky, Irving Steinberg, George Kellerman

Nov 25th

Eleanor Kannert, Wallace Berkowitz, Betty Chodos, Dr. Bernard Lauterstein,
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Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Snack & Schmooze: 2 Gandalf Rosengard in honor of his sister's birthday 9 David & Mary Jane Harris in honor of their anniversary 16 Chanukah Dinner / Religious School Parents 23 Sponsor Needed 30 Temple Sholom					2 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Candle Lighting 4:10 (Toldot)	3 Havdalah 5:18
4	5	6	7	8	9 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Candle Lighting 4:10 (Vayetze)	10 Havdalah 5:18
11	12	13	14	15	16 Chanukah Dinner 5:30 Shabbat Services 6:30 PM Candle Lighting 4:12 (Vayishlach)	17 Havdalah 5:20
18	19	20 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM	21 Winter Solstice	22	23 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Candle Lighting 4:15 (Vayeshev)	24 Havdalah 5:24 
25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Candle Lighting 4:20 (Miketz)	31  Havdalah 5:29

PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

03 December	3	Kislev	Toldot	Genesis 25:19-28:9
10 December	10	Kislev	Vayetze	Genesis 28:10-32:2
17 December	17	Kislev	Vayishlach	Genesis 32:3-36:43
24 December	24	Kislev	Vayeshev	Genesis 37:1-40:23
31 December	2	Tevet	Miketz	Genesis 41:1-44:17

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE:

Fridays 7:30 PM - Oneg afterward

Winter hours begin Nov 11th

Snack & Schmooze @ 5:30 PM

Services @ 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER:

Tue 01 Visit from the Sofer (*see page 1*)
Fri 04 Religious School helps to lead the service
Sun 06 Daylight Savings Time ENDS
Fri 11 Veterans Day - *OFFICE CLOSED* --
Services -- WINTER HOURS (*see box above*)
Thur 24 Thanksgiving Day -- *OFFICE CLOSED*

DECEMBER:

Fri 16 Annual Temple Sholom Chanukah dinner.

Temple Office --

Many hours during the week, Steph is the only one in the temple. Sometimes she has to leave the building (picking up the mail, shopping for the oneg, etc.). If you plan to come to the temple during office hours, **PLEASE** call ahead to make sure someone is in the office before making a special trip into Monticello.

Is your oneg sponsorship for a special commemoration or occasion?

Let Stephanie Phillips know and she will post your celebratory words on our FACEBOOK PAGE.

Compose your dedication (*with or without an accompanying picture*) and email it the week before the oneg to: phillipssteph@gmail.com.



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