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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 <u>www.templesholomny.org</u> 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.





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 destroys 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 Galillee, 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. R a b b i M e d w i n ' s c o m p a s s i o n a n d b r i l l i a n c e a r e a wellspring of inspiration on my journey in the religion of my heart and soul."







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.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://zoom.us/j/3143570584

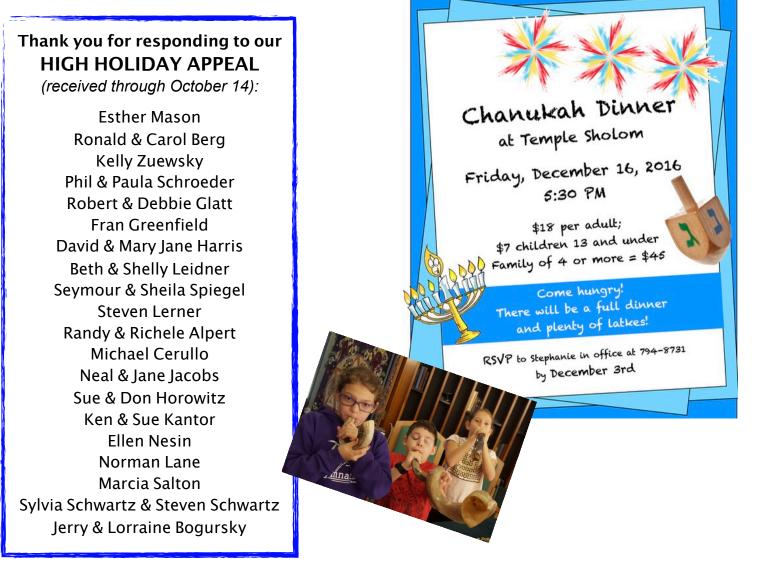


Or Telephone: Dial: +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll) or +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) **Meeting ID: 314 357 0584**

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.



The Harbinger

High Holy Day Greetings

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

> PAULA & PHIL SCHROEDER SUE & DON HOROWITZ HARRIET GOTTLIEB ROSEMARY DEITSCH MAUREEN & BOB VELTEN DAVID & MARY JANE HARRIS JOYCE & MEL GITLIN MARCIA SALTON RICK & MARILYN STEIN MARTY & MARCIA BRAUNSTEIN TEMPLE PRESIDENT-NEAL JACOBS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BREAKING THE FAST at MR. WILLY'S





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

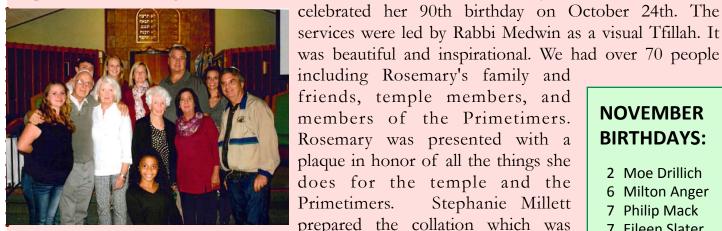
friends, temple members, and

members of the Primetimers.

Rosemary was presented with a plaque in honor of all the things she

does for the temple and the

prepared the collation which was



enjoyed by all.

On Monday, October 10th we had our annual Appreciation Luncheon at Frankie and Johnny's in Hurleyville. We had delicious hors doevres 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.

Primetimers.

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.

> > The Harbinger



services were led by Rabbi Medwin as a visual Tfillah. It was beautiful and inspirational. We had over 70 people

Stephanie Millett

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

November 2016

30 Idie Spiro

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.



In memory of nephew, Dr. Mark Brown.

Certificate to: Mr & Mrs. Greenberg Donor: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch



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):

Neal & Jane Jacobs



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 of Mitzvah Membership are:

Platinum Level - additional \$500 above dues
 Gold Level - additional \$250 above dues
 Silver Level - additional \$125 above dues

+ Platínum (500)

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8 Gold (250)

David & Sheila Epstein. Phil & Paula Schroeder

♥ Sílver (125)

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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.



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

- Sponsor an oneg at Friday night services Buy a Tree of Life to remember a milestone event (\$54)
- Plant a Tree in Israel in honor of a family celebration/commemoration (\$18)
- Think of the temple once a month and become a member of the Chai Club (\$18 or less)
- Send a Golden Book message whenever the opportunity comes up (\$5)
 - Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)

Give what you can, when you can. It is deeply appreciated.



THANK YOU for your GIFT of SERVICE 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
- A 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.

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY:

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Happy Birthday

November

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

Happy Anniversary

November

13 Stan & Robbie Schecter 27 Hal & Carole Abrams

28 Paul & sheryl Manz

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ARE YOU DONATING TO THE YAHRZEIT 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.



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A complete list of burials in the Temple Sholom Cemetery, along with pictures of tombstones, can be found at <u>http://</u><u>www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?</u> <u>page=cr&CRid=425591</u>. 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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IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

Nov 4th

Edith Goldstein, Matylda Sandova*, Benjamin Linnetz, Ruth Diamond, Shirley Elias, Bessie Cohen Miletich, Sylvia Brafman, Arnost Fantl*, Neill Alenky

$\underline{Nov 11^{th}}$

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, Jack Elias, Harry Weinberg, Mollie Drew, Beatrice Isseks, Ernest Jacobs, Kip Morganstein, Robert B. Green, Helen Fox

* Holocaust Victims from Pisek and perished in Terezin



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YAHRZEIT REMINDERS

Temple Sholom sends out yearly reminders of yahrzeit dates to our members, and the names are read at the appropriate Shabbat service. If you are not receiving these reminders but would like to be reminded and have the names read at services, please give the following information to the temple office:

Name of deceased, date of death (conventional and/ or Hebrew date), and relationship to you.

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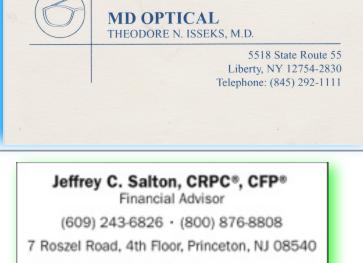
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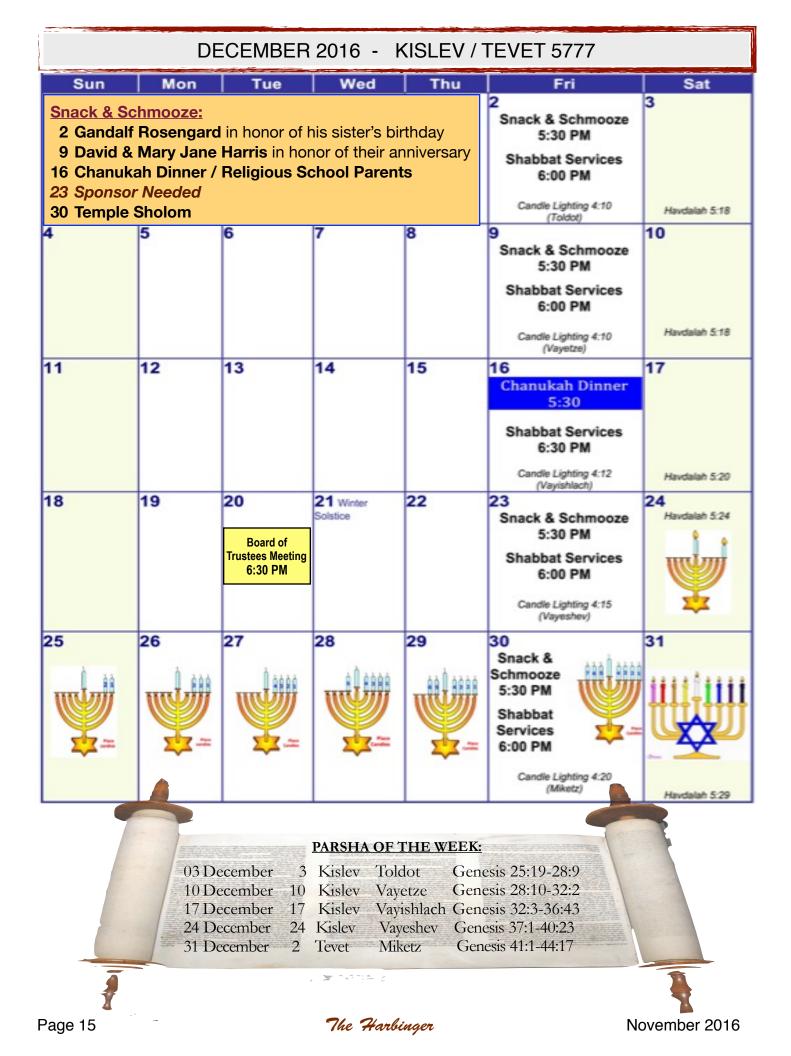
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- Tue 01 Visit from the Sofer *(see page 1)*
- Fri 04 Religious School helps to lead the service
- Sun 06 Daylight Savings Time ENDS
- Fri 11 Veterans Day OFFICE CLOSED --Services -- WINTER HOURS (see box above)
- Thur 24 Thanksgiving Day -- OFFICE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

DECEMBER:

Fri 16 Annual Temple Sholom Chanukah dinner.

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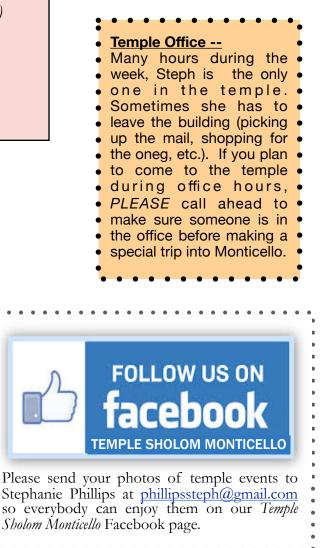
ReformJudaism.org

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Fridays 7:30 PM - Oneg afterward

Winter hours begin Nov 11th Snack & Schmooze @ 5:30 PM Services @ 6:00 PM



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