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Temple Sholom's Harbinger

NOVEMBER 2017

HESHVAN / KISLEV 5778



With Stephanie currently unavailable, Susan Kantor needs help with preparation for the Chanukah Dinner. This event cannot happen without your help. Please call Susan Kantor if you are willing to step up.

845-798-0578

If you are a Shabbat Service regular and can help Sue Kantor with Onegs, call her at 845-798-0578.



From: the Rabbi...

Give Thanks

While Thanksgiving is a secular American holiday, the theme of giving thanks is a very Jewish one. In the Torah we are reminded to give thanks. "When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to Adonai your God for the good land which God has given you." (Deut. 8:10) This verse is included in the Birkat Hamzon, the prayer after eating a meal.

In Jeremiah we read: "Give thanks to the LORD of Hosts, for the Adonai is good, for God's kindness is everlasting!" (Jer. 33:11)

Psalms also reminds us to be thankful and appreciate what God has given us but the Hebrew is often translated as "praise."



O you faithful of Adonai, sing to God, and **praise** God's holy name. (Psa. 30:5)

Praise God with the lyre; with the ten-stringed harp sing to God; (Psa. 33:2)

Hallelujah. Praise Adonai for God is good; God's steadfast love is eternal. (Psa. 106:1)



So as you sit down for your Thanksgiving dinner take a moment to go around the table and talk about something each of you is thankful for.

Rabbi Michele Brand Medwin, D. Min.



Check out all the wonderful information the Union for Reform Judaism offers us.





There will be NO Shabbat services the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24th.

If you have a Yahrzeit that week let the office know if you would like your loved one's name read the Friday before or the Friday after.

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

Due to an interruption of regular office operations, donations are being processed much slower than usual. Please be patient and the listing of donors to our High Holy Day Appeal and the other many opportunities for giving to Temple Sholom will be posted in the December issue of The Harbinger.

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NOVEMBER 2017 - HESHVAN / KISLEV 5778

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to volunteer 798-0578

THANK YOU for your GIFT of SERVICE

to Temple Sholom

- ★ Steve Plotkin for the kiddush and holiday wines
- Boni Barnofsky, Sue Kantor, & Judy Cutler for the oneg setup and cleanup
- Mary Jane Harris for building and maintaining the website
- Stephanie Phillips and Jacky Rosen 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.
- ☆ President Neal Jacobs and Board Member Howard Perlman (our handymen) who are at the temple every Wednesday doing all the small (and not so small) jobs required to maintain our 60-year-old building.

Send *Chanukah Greetings* to your temple family and friends through our newsletter, *The Harbinger*.

Names will appear in the December Harbinger

Complete this form and mail with a check to the Temple so your holiday wishes will be seen by all your Temple family and friends.

The cost is \$18

Your name as you wish it to appear:

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TEMPLE SHOLOM

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Not in Monticello for the winter?

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

ZOOM will start on November 10th and continue till May.

Services will begin at 6:00 PM.

ZOOM not available Nov 17; no services November 24.

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

If this is your first time using ZOOM, 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.

If you sign on early, you can talk with those who are also ZOOMing and Rabbi will say, "Hello."

Every week a reminder email is sent to those who have provided their email address to the temple office.

Thanks for a great year in the garden!

A great big thank you to Sue & Don Horowitz, Beth & Shelly Leidner, Janet Morganstein, and Paula & Phil Schroeder for watering the temple garden all season. Due to your efforts the gardens looked lush and colorful all summer and throughout the holidays.

Thanks also to Stephanie Millett who helped in the office, to Shain Fishman who designed our plant sale flyer and does the Harbinger, and to Larry Richman for pitching in wherever needed.

Thanks to everyone who supported our efforts by purchasing plants at our "Hello Spring" Plant Sale and contributing to the Beautification Fund.

Special thanks go to Jane Jacobs for helping us on the day of the sale and to Rosemary Heins for her donation of 8 hanging baskets.

This year we have maintained and improved the gardens. In addition, after the oil tank removal we repaired the stone edging, brought in top soil, and planted new grass. It looks better than ever. We also contributed the funds for the new information center in the vestibule. Now all brochures, flyers and printed information are in one convenient place.

We continued to receive many compliments on the garden during the High Holidays. People seem to enjoy the vibrant colors as they enter the Temple. Your work made it all possible.

With much appreciation,

Nancy Isseks & Carolyn Richman & Beth Leidner

Temple Beautification Committee

Every month the **Board of Trustees** meets to evaluate and address whatever is necessary to ensure that Temple Sholom continues to be a vibrant part of the Jewish community in Sullivan County.

The board takes up issues or concerns that are raised by board members or by congregation members. All stakeholders of Temple Sholom are encouraged to attend board meetings. If you have any questions or concerns or suggestions you should feel free to bring them to the board. [November 21 at 6:30 PM]

To keep the congregation up-to-date on the workings behind the scenes, selected parts of the board meeting minutes will be presented in *The Harbinger*.

Building Maintenance Committee Report:

The downstairs dehumidifiers are now self-emptying and the bathroom doors have been vented to produce a healthier basement environment.

Our occasional flooding in the bathroom corner was caused by a downspout problem, which has been taken care of. Also the pump in that corner is now on a quarterly maintenance schedule.

Five of the green chairs in the sanctuary are damaged and have been taken out of circulation, awaiting repair. We have several dozen black cushioned chairs in reserve; most of these need minor repairs too.

The emergency exit platform on the shed side of the building has been reinforced. Thank you Phil Schroeder for overseeing this.

Our old oil tank was successfully removed and replaced. Thank you Marty Miller for your guidance.

The walkway into the temple has been improved. Thank you Judy Cutler for overseeing this project.

New lighter and sturdier oneg tables have replaced the old ones.

Tribute Cards



IN APPRECIATION:

To **Judy Cutler**: Sue & Don Horowitz To **Marcia Salton**: Sue & Don Horowitz To **Neal Jacobs**: Sue & Don Horowitz To **Sue Kantor**: Sue & Don Horowitz

GET WELL:

To Marvin Barcham: Paula & Phil Schroeder

CONDOLENCES:

To Family of Lucille Lindenman:

Carolyn & Larry Richman

Happy Birthday November 2017

3 Ríta Kaplow 12 Ruby Shulman 16 Paul Jones 17 Harriet Sticco 20 Bonnie Kirsch 22 Jeffrey Kirsch

Happy Anniversary

November 2017

27 Harold & Carole Abrams 28 Sheryl & Paul Manz

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY or SIMCHA:

Come to Shabbat services and receive a special blessing under our "Blessing Chuppah" in honor of your special occasion.

To My Temple Family: I've been part of this community for almost 13 years now, and I have a great appreciation for the people who make up our community. There are many who are no longer here physically, but I still feel their presence. What I'm trying to express is my thanks for your understanding and compassion during my illness and recovery. Thank you to all who visited me during both of my hospital stays, sent a card, an email, called, facebooked, or texted me. For those who covered the office during that time and the High Holy Days (missed my first one in 13 years!).

Sue Kantor – thanks so much for the Oneg coverage!

THANKS SO MUCH!

Love to all! Stephie M

2017 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
 - Report Solid Level additional \$250 above dues
 - ♥ Silver Level additional \$125 above dues

+ Platínum (500)

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8 Gold (250)

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Anne Palley (8/17)
Sue & Don Horowitz (9/17)
Jerry & Lorraine Bogursky (10/16)
Sue & Ken Kantor (4/17)
Harriet Gottlieb (6/17)
Howard & Helene Perlman (8/17)
Jan Hirsch (8/17)

Mitzvah Membership listing in *The Harbinger* will appear the month following receipt of your donation and will continue to be listed for the following 12 months.

Consider making a tax deductible Mitzvah Membership donation any time during the year, as long as your membership dues are up to date.

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.

Specify: "Mitzvah Membership"

Mitzvah Membership donations are tax deductible.

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



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)



A Big Job -- A Hard Job A Job Well Done

In the Sukkah

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Religious School Calendar 5778 2017 -2018

(Subject to change based on Public School Calendar changes)

SNOW DAY CLOSINGS - We follow the Monticello School District schedule. If the schools are closed, if the students are sent home early, or if after school activities are canceled due to weather, we will NOT have religious school on that day. Please check the radio or the school website. Sign up on the Monticello School District website and get notified by email. You can call the Temple Office 794-8731 or Lauren Miller Home 794-3962, Cell 914-799-1424 Classes are 4:00-5:45 PM.



L-R: Rachel Zirt, Macy Miros holding Etrog and Lulay, Michael Feltman In back: Taylor Zirt and Ethan Miros

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 21 (Tues) No Religious School Nov 23 (Thurs) - Thanksgiving - No Religious School

DECEMBER 2017

Preparing for Sinchat Toral Dec 15 (Fri) Temple Chanukah Dinner; Religious School helps Rabbi lead service. Dec 26 & 28 No Religious School winter break

JANUARY 2018

Jan 30 Religious School Tu B'Shvat in class

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 9 Religious School helps lead service Feb 23 SNOW DAY for Religious School helping lead service Feb 27 Purim in class

MARCH 2018

March 27 & 29 No Religious School Spring Break

APRIL 2018

April 3 & 5 No Religious School during Passover April 27 Religious School helps lead service

May 2018

May 1, 3 & 8 Lag B'Omer, Yom Hashoa & Yom Ha'azma'ut programs in classes May 11 (Fri) Last Day Religious School – Party in class

June 2018

June 2 Michael Feltman's Bar Mitzvah

PRIMETIMERS

Since my last column we had two special events. Our **Appreciation Luncheon** was held on Monday, September 18, at Frankie and Johnny's. We had 70 members who were treated to hors d'oeuvres, a complete luncheon, dessert, and drinks. Our speakers were Sheriff Mike Schiff and Undersheriff Eric Chabody. They were entertaining and informative.

The beautiful Chagall inspired 3-D art donated by Barbara Wolensky was won by Sharlene Perez. The temple made \$300 from this fundraiser and we thank all that participated. A special thank you to Barbara Wolensky for her generosity.

Our last meeting of the season was held on Monday, October 2nd. We were delighted to have Superintendent of Schools Tammy Magnus and President of the school board Stacey Sharoff talk about the upcoming school bond issue. We learned how important this is and many questions were answered by our speakers.

Our Maine trip is filling up. I can send out brochures or you can pick one up at the office. With Stephanie currently unavailable, office hours vary day to day. Call before going to the temple to make sure someone is there.

We have planned a day-trip to the fabulous Jewish Museum in Philadelphia on Wednesday, July 18. Included is the bus, gratuity, admission, and a docent. We will have lunch on our own at the browse mall next door. We have one bus that will leave the temple at 8 am. If you want to go, email me at **paula@theschroederweb.com**. Donation is \$65/pp.

I wish all of our members a healthy, happy year and we will see you at our next meeting on May 21, 2018.

Shalom,

Paula

NOV BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Moe Drillich
- 6 Milton Anger
- 7 Philip Mack
- 7 Eileen Slater
- 8 Phil Shapiro
- 10 Arthur Yaffee
- 16 Natalie Levitt
- 18 Joyce Kaplan
- 20 Bonnie Mitzner
- 20 Judy Magnus
- 22 Joan Fishman
- 22 Jeff Kirsch
- 23 Marvin Massive
- 23 Harriet Rosenberg
- 24 Naomi Godfrey
- 27 Don Desatnick
- 30 Idi Spiro





PRIMETIMERS

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON















Monday, September 18, at Frankie and Johnny's



IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

Nov 3rd

Elsa Wozaskova*, Helena Wozaskova*, Susan Kassman, Irving Tobin, Max Fried, Egon Platovsky*

Nov 10th

Samuel Bernard Rosen, Sarah Jacobs, Joseph Sarowitz, Celia Galant, Israel Wyde, Harry R. Green, Rhoda Barnofsky, Irving Steinberg, George Kellerman, Eleanor Kannert, Wallace Berkowitz, Betty Chodos, Dr. Bernard Lauterstein, Jack Elias, Harry Weinberg

Nov 17th

Mollie Drew, Beatrice Isseks, Ernest Jacobs, Kip Morganstein, Robert B. Green, Helen Fox, Max Savetsky, Clarice Rose Jacobs, Lloyd Wagner

Nov 24th

Berice Millett, Lucy Benjamin, Craig Bryan Seidler, Freddy Jay Chance, Dr. Robert Stuzin, Bebe Holtzman, Dora Fried, Judith M. Raiten

Holocaust Victims From: Pisek and perished in Terezin



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*TREE OF LIFE

Members \$54; Non-Members \$108

*JNF - PLANT A TREE in ISRAEL \$18

*Send a GOLDEN BOOK note \$5

*RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*ANITA LERNER MEMORIAL FUND (for the benefit of the Religious School)

*CLIFFORD SCHWARTZ HEBREW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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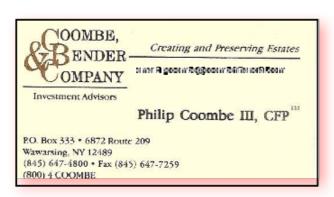
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Winter Shabbat Schedule

5:30 PM Snacks and Schmooze 6:00 PM Shabbat Services



Be the friendly face of Temple Sholom and greet participants as they arrive for Friday night services. Contact Stephanie Phillips at 845-436-9857 to be put on the schedule.

NOVEMBER:

Sun 5 Daylight Savings Ends

Fri 10 Veterans Day -- Office Closed

Fri 10 Snacks & Schmooze, 5:30 PM

Fri 10 Shabbat Services, 6:00 PM

Thu 23 Thanksgiving Day -- Office Closed

Fri 24 Office Closed -- NO SHABBAT SERVICES

DECEMBER:

Tue 12 Erev Chanukah

Wed 13 1st Day of Chanukah

13-20 Chanukah

Fri 15 Annual Chanukah Dinner 5:30 PM

RS students will assist Rabbi during service

Mon 25 Office Closed

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.



WINTER HOURS BEGIN



Please send your photos of temple events to Stephanie Phillips at phillipssteph@gmail.com so everybody can enjoy them on our *Temple Sholom Monticello* Facebook page.

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