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Temple Sholom's Harbinger

JULY 2018

TAMMUZ / AV 5778



JULY 6, 2018

Picnic Dinner and Nature Shabbat Service

JOIN US AT: DeHoyos Memorial Park

Hay Street, Monticello (meet at Pavilion)

(Directions from Temple Sholom: From E. Dillon, right onto Forestburgh Road, left onto Hay Street)

6:00 PM - Dinner

(Bring your own picnic dinner/drinks)

7:00 PM - Shabbat Service

(followed by Oneg)

Bring: Dinner, chair and/or blanket to sit on for services, sweater or jacket – it usually cools down in the evening.

Rain or shine



Temple Sholom Annual

CARD PARTY

Monday, July 23 11:30-4:00 PM
at the CAMELOT WOODS CLUBHOUSE

Get your MAH JONGG, CANASTA,
& BRIDGE GAMES together to help Temple Sholom

Donation: \$25 per person

(checks payable to Temple Sholom)

Get your table together and
call for your reservation:

Sue 845-796-3777

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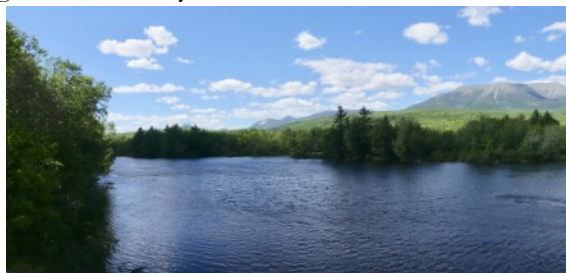




From: the Rabbi...

Blessed are You, Source of Creation

In June, Steve and I had the privilege of bird watching with a group in Maine. We took a trip to Baxter State Park, which is in Northern Maine. Not many people go there. It seems as if the scenery has been untouched since the time of creation. As we sat there looking over the vast expanse of a pond, I was overwhelmed by the beauty before me. Prayers thanking God began to enter my head.



Upon Seeing Wonders of Nature

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
עוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרָאשִׁית.

*Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai,
Eh-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,
o-seh ma-a-sei v'rei-shit.*

Blessed are you Eternal our God,
Sovereign of the Universe,
Source of Creation.

Wherever we are, we can find the beauty of God's creation. On July 6, we will set aside time to appreciate the beauty of nature with our Shabbat in the Park service. Join us for this special evening.

Rabbi Michele Brand Medwin, D. Min.

Shabbat Music

Rabbi Medwin is using more pre-recorded music during Shabbat services. A CD is available through the temple office to help you learn the songs.



Friends of Temple Sholom Exceptional Gifts from Non-members

Diamond Donor

Linda Kleinman (3/18)

*THANK YOU ...

*Sue & Don Horowitz and

*Paula & Phil Schroeder

for the donation to the temple
"for being a shelter during the storm
and our home away from home."

*Benjamin Cosor Elementary School for
the donation in memory of Boni Barnofsky.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAN BE REACHED BY CALLING THE TEMPLE
845-794-8731

Jerry Bogursky is leaving the Cemetery Committee. This marks the end of an era at Temple Sholom. Surely, we will all come to appreciate Jerry even more when we try to fill the void that he will leave. Thank you, Jerry, for your many years of service.

Temple Sholom Theater Night

at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville

DATE CHANGE

July 26, 2018, at 8:00 PM
Honky Tonk Laundry

Great country music fills the air this summer with this regional premier of a brand new juke box musical featuring some of the best country and western songs of the last 60



years. Two crooning country gals feel they've been wronged and join forces to turn their good ol' laundromat into a boot-scootin' honky tonk. The talented duo perform fabulous tunes by artists like Patsy Cline, Trisha Yearwood, Tammy Wynette, Martina McBride, Reba McEntyre, Dolly Parton, The Dixie Chicks, and many, many more!

As always, tickets are limited. We have reserved the first five rows - the best seats in the house. Each year we sell out and have a waiting list.

Tickets: \$36 per person. To make a reservation call the temple **845-794-8731** or David Harris **917-270-2999** or Paula Schroeder **845-794-2314**. Please make checks payable to **Temple Sholom** and send or bring to the temple office. *Camelotians: You may give your check to Paula Schroeder or David Harris.*

Dining discount: We have made arrangements with Aroma Thyme Bistro (located next to Shadowland) for a 10% food discount on pre-theater dinners. In addition to their excellent menu, they now have their own smoker and are offering smoked wings and brisket. Mention **Temple Sholom Theater Night** when you make a reservation at 845-647-3000.



The Hebrew word for "charity," tzedakah, simply means "justice," and to me this suggests that giving to our temple is not an optional extra but an essential part of living a just life.

As we approach the new year, our temple again asks for your financial support. Therefore, I am urging each of you to renew your Century Club membership, or if not a member, to please join us at our annual rate of \$100 or more. The names and messages of all members are inscribed each year on the Century Club plaque in the lobby. In order to ensure your inscription we must have your commitment by **Friday, August 3,** so that it can be displayed before High Holy days beginning September 9.

Joel Lerner, Chairman

CENTURY CLUB 2018 INSCRIPTION

Name _____

How would you like to have your names(s) and message appear on the plaque?

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

JULY Oneg Shabbat:

06 Joel Lerner in memory of Anita (Shabbat in the Park)
13 Primetimers with "thanks" to Temple Sholom
20 Norman Lane in honor of the baby naming for Jordyn Lane Lewald,
 Spencer Lane Lewald, and Ivy L Greene
27 Stephe M & Michael Barnofsky honoring Boni's birthday

Sponsor An
ONEG SHABBAT 

Call Susan Kantor
 to volunteer
798-0578

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Rabbi's classes	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Film class	6  Candle lighting 8:17	7 Pinchas
8	9 PRIMETIMERS MEETING 1 PM	10 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Rabbi's classes	11	12 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Film class	13 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 8:14	14 Mattot-Massei
15	16	17 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Rabbi's classes Bd of Trustees 6:30 PM	18 PRIMETIMERS Trip to Philadelphia Jewish Museum	19 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Film class	20 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 8:10	21 Devarim
22 TISHA B'AV	23 Annual Temple Card Party	24 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Rabbi's classes	25	26 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Film class Theatre Nite Shadowland Stages	27 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 8:03	28 Vaetchanan
29	30	31 Sholom U Adult Ed Summer: Rabbi's classes	Happy Birthday			
			1. Ellen Nesin 2. Frank Sticco 3. Maureen Velten 5. Sheila Epstein 11. Steve Medwin		12. Jane Jacobs 12. Janet Morganstein 14. Judith McGee 15. Carolyn Richman 16. Gloria Garfield 17. Alexa Zuewsky 18. Kassi Zuewsky 23. Ella Salzman 24. Michael Zalkin 25. Jessica Jones	

PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

07 July	24 Tammuz	Pinchas	Numbers 25:10-30:1
14 July	2 Av	Mattot-Massei	Numbers 30:2-36:13
21 July	9 Av	Devarim	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
28 July	16 Av	Vaetchanan	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Tishah B'Av, observed on the 9th (*tishah*) of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. In contrast to traditional streams of Judaism, liberal Judaism never has assigned a central religious role to the ancient Temple. Therefore, mourning the destruction of the Temple may not be particularly meaningful to liberal Jews. In modern times, Jews understand Tishah B'Av as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history.



Traditionally, Tishah B'Av is the darkest of all days, a time set aside for fasting and mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. As on Yom Kippur, the fast extends from sundown until the following sundown. In the synagogue, the Book of Lamentations is chanted, as are *kinot*, which are dirges written during the Middle Ages. Sitting on low stools, a custom associated with mourning the dead, Jews read sections of the books of Jeremiah and Job, as well as passages from the Bible and the Talmud that deal with the Temples' destruction in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E.

Many traditional Jews begin a period of semi-mourning three weeks before Tishah B'Av on the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tamuz. It was supposedly on this day in 586 B.C.E. that the Babylonians first made an incursion into the Temple in Jerusalem. Beginning on this date, traditional Jews refrain from holding weddings, festive celebrations, or cutting their hair. The mourning intensifies on the first of Av with no meat or wine consumed, no new clothing purchased, and no shaving allowed. On the evening before Tishah B'Av, a 24-hour fast begins, and in synagogue services, the Book of Lamentations is chanted. When Tishah B'Av falls on Shabbat, its observance begins after Shabbat ends and extends into the next day.

For most liberal Jews, Tishah B'Av has faded in importance as a ritual observance, as the rebuilding of a central Temple in Jerusalem has lost its priority and significance in modern times. Although historians dispute the fact that both Temples were destroyed on this day, Tishah B'Av has become a symbol of Jewish suffering and loss. Over the centuries, other tragic events have come to be commemorated on this day, including the brutal massacres of the Crusades, the Jewish expulsion from Spain, and the Holocaust. Today, Tishah B'Av stands as a day to reflect on the suffering that still occurs in our world.

ReformJudaism.org
Jewish Life in Your Life

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

[https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/tishah-bav?](https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/tishah-bav?utm_source=BulletinBytes&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20180516&utm_campaign=TishahBAv)

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Erev Rosh Hashonah:
September 9, 2018

Rosh Hashonah (1st day):
September 10, 2018

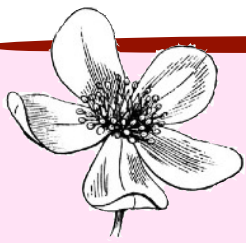
Rosh Hahsonah (2nd day):
September 11, 2018

Erev Yom Kippur:
September 18, 2018

Yom Kippur:
September 19, 2018

HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE:

- High Holy Day tickets are free to Temple Sholom members whose dues are current through the first quarter of this fiscal year.
- Children up to 26 years of age are included as part of the family membership.
- Other immediate family (*i.e., siblings, parents*) can purchase High Holy Day tickets for \$50 each.
- All others can purchase tickets for \$100 each.



“Hello Spring” Plant Sale a Big Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's temple garden by purchasing plants, giving a donation, and offering to help this summer. The response by temple members and friends was outstanding again this year.

A special thank you to Rosemary Heins Deitsch for her donation of 10 hanging plants, to Jane Jacobs for helping us on plant pick up day, and to Stephanie for all she does.

Proceeds from the plant sale will enable us to maintain and add to our temple gardens as well as support additional projects to keep the building and grounds looking good.

Because you helped, the garden will be there for all to enjoy.

We look forward to another colorful season.

Thank you.

The Beautification Committee



Boni Barnofsky's husband, Michael, donated this bench as a place to remember Boni as we sit outside and enjoy the beautiful flower garden.

In celebration of **Boni**, there was a bench dedication on Tuesday, June 26, at 3 PM.

Happy memories of Boni were shared by those in attendance.

2018 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*

🕯 *Gold Level - additional \$250 above dues*

♥ *Silver Level - additional \$125 above dues*

✦ *Platinum* (500)

Martin & Lauren Miller (12/17)
David & Mary Jane Harris (10/17)
Maureen & Bob Velten (12/17)
David & Sheila Epstein (9/17)
Anonymous (11/17)
Phil & Paula Schroeder (4/18)

🕯 *Gold* (250)

Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (7/17)
Anonymous (8/17)
Judith Cutler (10/17)

♥ *Silver* (125)

Anne Palley (8/17)
Sue & Don Horowitz (9/17)
Jerry & Lorraine Bogursky (10/17)
Harriet Gottlieb (6/17)
Howard & Helene Perlman (8/17)
Jan Hirsch (8/17)
Sue & Ken Kantor (4/18)

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



Tree of Life highlights 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 personalized Tribute Card (\$10)



Send a Golden Book message (\$5)



Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)

Tribute Cards



GET WELL:

*To **Steve Lerner:**

From: Sue & Don Horowitz,
Paula & Phil Schroeder

*To **Avery Okin:**

From: Paula & Phil Schroeder

ANNIVERSARY:

*To **Sue & Don Horowitz:**

From: Jan Hirsch
Ellen, Jessica, & Paul Nesin

*To **Paula & Phil Schroeder:**

From: Jan Hirsch
Ellen, Jessica, & Paul Nesin

*To **Sue & Ken Kantor:**

From: Ellen, Jessica & Paul Nesin

CONDOLENCES:

*To **Lauren Miller & Family:** On the
passing of David Spindel

From: Joan & Jerry Roller

*To **Rachel Rabinowitz:** On the passing of
Harry Rabinowitz

From: Sue & Don Horowitz
Paula & Phil Schroeder

*To **Fay & Michael Cerullo:**

From: Sue & Ken Kantor
Ellen, Jessica, & Paul Nesin

*To **Stephanie Millett:** On the passing of
Uncle Patrick

From: Sue & Don Horowitz
Paula & Phil Schroeder

MAZAL TOV:

*To **Jessica Nesin:** Mazal Tov on earning
your Masters in Music Degree.

From: Sue & Ken Kantor
Maureen & Bob Velten

Thank you for all the condolences we received from the congregation, in regards to Fay's mom, Eileen Levine, and my brother, Stephen Cerullo. The donations, greeting cards, facebook, emails, golden books, phone calls, and personal condolences are very much appreciated during this difficult time.

Fay and Mike Cerullo.



Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Julian.

*Certificate to: Rabbi Medwin & Steve Medwin
Donor: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

In loving memory of Boni Barnofsky.

*Certificate to: Michael Barnofsky & Family
Donor: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

In loving memory of Florence Hornick.

*Certificate to: The Hornick Family
Donor: Martin & Barbara Kimmelblatt*

Golden Books

To **Jessica Nesin**, Mazel Tov on your Masters Degree.

From: David & Mary Jane Harris

To **Michael Cerullo**, condolences on the loss of your brother Stephen.

*From: Marcia Salton, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch,
Larry & Carolyn Richman*

To **Temple Sholom Board of Directors**, thank you for all your hard work & dedication.

From: Larry & Carolyn Richman

To **Johnathan Farrow & Family**, condolences on the loss of your uncle, Peter Rhulen.

*From: Temple Board of Trustees,
Temple President-Neal Jacobs, Steve & Rabbi Medwin*

PRIMETIMERS

Next meeting: July 9 1:00 PM

Our June meeting was very well attended. We were delighted to have Amanda Langseder, community health director of Catskill and Orange Regional Hospital, as our guest speaker. Her motivating presentation addressed the health and well being of our members.

We still have room on our trip to the National Jewish American History Museum in Philadelphia on Wednesday, **July 18**. We have a docent-led tour of the museum. This is a Smithsonian-affiliated museum which brings to life the 360 year history of Jews in America. Special exhibits include Leonard Bernstein, the power of music. Donation is \$65/pp, which includes admission, docent, bus, and gratuity. Call Paula 794-2314 or Sue 796-3777 for reservations. The bus leaves Temple at 8 AM.

We have two (2) casino buses on Wednesday, **August 1**, 2018. One bus will go to Mohegan Sun in Wilkes Barre, PA, and the other will go to the Sands Casino and shopping mall in Bethlehem, PA. Both are \$30/pp and you get back \$25 free play and \$5 towards food. Please call Paula or Sue for reservations at the casino of your choice.

On Friday, **July 13**, the Primetimers will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat after services. This will be at 7:30 PM. We hope our members will come to thank the temple for our meeting place.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, **July 9**, at 1 PM. We will have a representative of the Sullivan County Historical Society speak to us.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Shalom,
Paula

Barbara Wolensky has donated a 3D art picture.
It is a **Jovan Obican** picture called **The Voyage of Love**.
This is a fundraiser for Temple Sholom.
Raffles are \$5 each or 3/\$10.
The drawing will be held on September 17th.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Ellen Nesin
1	Idith Spiro
3	Maureen Velten
7	Rachael Rabinowitz
10	Bonnie Schechter
12	Jane Jacobs
13	Stan Peskin
15	Larry Richman
15	Marilyn Schwartz
17	Ursula Tieger
20	Sylvia Baidowsky
20	Sandy Sheffer
23	David Goldberg
23	Sheila Lashinsky
25	Roz Goldberg
26	Danny Kirschenbaum
28	Linda Kleinman
31	Irving Kupperman





The **Building Committee**
has dealt with the fallen tree.

Thanks for your
support and
your patience.

TREE FUND DONORS

Primetimers

Mel Kaplan

Don & Sue Horowitz

Sue & Milt Hochman

Jesse Brahms Post of the
Jewish War Veterans

Paula & Phil Schroeder

David & Mary Jane Harris

Ruth Turk & Bob Kassman

Marty & Barbara Kimmelblatt

Jeffrey Kirsch & Bonnie Mitzner

Zane & Janet Morganstein

(in honor of Marc & Judy Hudes)

Joan & Jerry Roller

(in memory of David Spindel)

Eva De Nardis

(in memory of David Spindel)

Jan Hirsch

(in memory of David Spindel)

Nancy Catalano

(in memory of David Spindel)

THANK YOU for your GIFT of SERVICE

to Temple Sholom

- ★ Steve Plotkin for the kiddush and holiday wines
- ★ Sue Kantor, & Judy Cutler for the 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
- ★ Anne Palley for sending out the birthday cards
- ★ Shain Fishman for creating the monthly Harbinger
- ★ Harbinger proofreaders: David Harris, Mary Jane Harris, Rabbi Medwin, Lauren Miller, Stephanie Phillips
- ★ 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 handyman) who are at the temple every Wednesday doing all the small (and not so small) jobs required to maintain our 60-year-old building.

AUGUST ONEG (following services):

03 David & Sheila Epstein in honor of Sheila's 75th birthday

10 David & Mary Jane Harris in honor of David's birthday

17 Hadassah

24 Judy Cutler in memory of her mother, Martha Cutler

31 Michael Feinstein in memory of his sister, Rosalyn

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.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		Call Susan Kantor to volunteer 798-0578	1 Primetimer Casino Trips	2	3 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 7:56	4 Eikev
5	6	7	8	9	10 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 7:47	11 Re'eh
12	13 PRIMETIMERS MEETING 1 PM	14 Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 PM	15	16	17 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 7:37	18 Shoftim
19	20	21	22	23	42 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 7:27	25 Ki Teitzei
26	27	28	29	30	31 Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 7:15	Ki Tavo

PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

4 August 23 Av Eikev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
 11 August 30 Av Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
 18 August 7 Elul Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
 25 August 14 Elul Ki Teitzei Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
 1 September Ki Tavo

TEMPLE SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CONTINUES ITS LIBERAL TRADITION

By Stephanie Phillips

Twenty synagogues were built in Sullivan County between 1900 and World War II—all of them Orthodox. For a variety of reasons, many Jewish families in that heyday of the Jewish Catskills did not feel comfortable in these traditional houses of worship. Dual-faith families, religiously liberal Jews, converts to Judaism, feminists, and members of the Reform movement did not fit well into the Orthodox congregations, yet these less traditional Jews still wanted a Jewish connection for themselves and their children. In 1954 a group of such families organized Temple Sholom, the first Reform congregation in the county.



1960. Fourth grade religious school class in the early days at Temple Sholom.

During the next ten years, the congregation occupied a series of temporary quarters. In 1964, the growing congregation moved to its current home on the corner of Forestburgh Road and East Dillon Avenue in Monticello.

"I joined the congregation because I was raised in an Orthodox shul, and I never understood what was going on. The women didn't participate. They just sat in the back .. and talked. They were considered insignificant," commented Sue Kantor, who has been a member of Temple Sholom for almost 50 years. A larger role for women was important to her. "I think they wanted to feel more involved in the service," she said.



2004. Bar mitzvah of Paul Nesin. By the 60s many in the Reform movement had returned to the traditional use of the tallis and yarmulke.

Kantor was one of the early teachers in the temple's religious school. From its inception, the school welcomed children of a variety of backgrounds. Many of these children would not have been recognized as Jewish according to Orthodox Jewish law.

Long-time member Sylvia Schwartz recalls that during the '70s, "We were all young families. ...More than anything else, they all had children and they wanted their children to have an education. ...That was the whole idea of starting the temple, besides wanting to have a religious place for people who were in mixed marriages." The religious school used to have classes on Sundays, she said, but it was a problem because that was a big day for skiing.

Kantor says that the problem was solved by hiring a bus to take the kids directly to the ski slopes after class.

The liberal philosophy of the congregation was also a major factor in attracting members in the '70s. "My husband didn't want to belong to an Orthodox synagogue," recalled Schwartz. And, she added, "He wanted to sit with me," which wouldn't be allowed in an Orthodox congregation where the men sit separately from the women.

Kantor and her husband had another reason. They found the temple comfortable because, "We could understand what was going on in the service. ...I always thought that we had somewhat of a blend of things from Reform and the more traditional. We're not ultra-Reform," she added. Schwartz remarked that some members of the temple wear prayer shawls these days. "A tallis was never worn in the temple years ago," she said.

Temple Sholom still welcomes members from a spectrum of religious backgrounds, and many of its members are "Jews by choice" -- converts to Judaism. "We are a friendly group of people. Members can be part of a Friday night family and part of the Jewish community," said Kantor. The Temple is well into its seventh decade of providing Sullivan County children with a liberal Jewish education. For further information or to register children for religious school from kindergarten to age 13, call the Temple office at 845-794-8731 or Lauren Miller at 914-799-1424.



2006. Bat mitzvah of Sarah Fishman. The Reform movement's commitment to an equal role for women and girls in the service led to similar moves in the Conservative movement.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Registration Is Open for Religious School

Classes restart in September for kindergarten thru Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

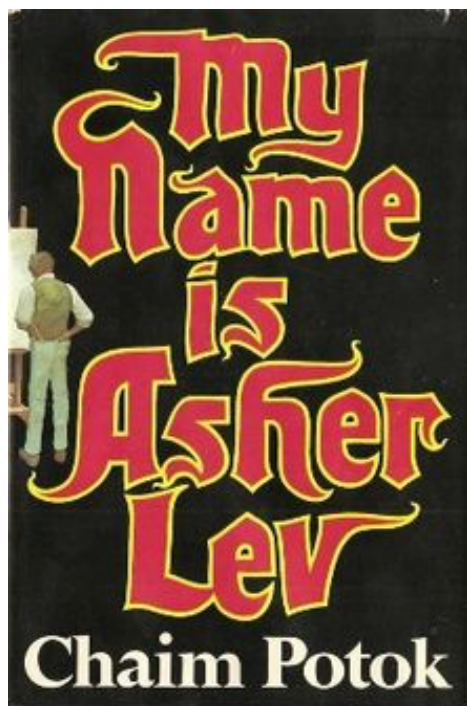
The younger children learn about Judaism, holidays, and blessings, through songs, crafts, and bible stories.

The older children learn the same plus longer prayers, and they prepare for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

For more information please contact the temple office [845-794-8731](tel:845-794-8731) or Lauren [914- 799-1424](tel:914-799-1424).

SLICHOT PROGRAM– 5778

Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM



DRAMATIC READING OF THE STORY

“My Name is Asher Lev” by Chaim Potok

Join us for a dramatic reading of the story of a young Hasidic man who has a gift as a painter. His desire to be an artist leads him to leave the fold of his religious upbringing. Chaim Potok traces Asher’s passage between two identities: the one consecrated to God, the other subject only to the imagination. The Reading will be followed by a **discussion** of the challenges of staying Jewish in a modern world.

**PLEASE BRING A PERSONAL ITEM THAT
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READERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARTS:

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(No memorization needed. You can read right from the script.)

Contact Rabbi Medwin if you are interested. rabbimedwin@me.com

Schedule: (Please arrive promptly.)

7:00 - 8:00 PM Dramatic Reading and Discussion

8:00 - 8:30 PM Refreshments*

8:30 - 9:30 PM Havdalah, Slichot Service, and Torah Mantle Changing Ceremony
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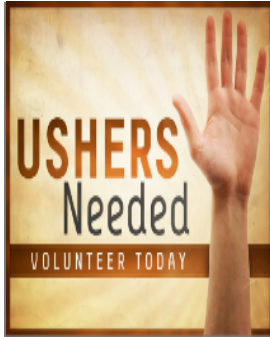
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JULY 2018:

Wed 4 Independence Day — Office closed
 Fri 6 Shabbat in the Park (*see page 1*)
 Mon 9 Primetimers meeting. 1:00 PM
 Wed 18 Primetimers bus trip to Philadelphia Jewish Museum
 Mon 23 Annual temple card party
 Thu 26 Theatre Night (*see page 3*) **DATE CHANGE**

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Mon 13 Primetimers meeting. 1:00 PM

Shabbat Schedule
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 Oneg to follow

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