



# Temple Sholom's Harbinger

SEPTEMBER 2018

ELUL 5778 / TISHREI 5779

## Temple Sholom

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Mon 12:30 - 3:00

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**HIGH HOLY DAY SOLOIST: Fred Diengott** is a bass/baritone who recently completed his master's degree at the Eastman School of Music. Originally from New Hampshire, he spent six of the last seven years studying classical singing in upstate New York, first at Ithaca College and then The Eastman School of Music. Fred spent the last year living and teaching English in Israel in the city of Petach Tikvah. He studied Hebrew and made a ton of new friends amongst his Israeli peers. Fred has just recently moved to Brooklyn where he intends to work in post-production audio, as well as voice acting, in addition to singing work.



**HIGH HOLY DAY ACCOMPANIST: Jessica Nesin**, pianist, received her Bachelor of Music in Classical Piano Performance in 2016 and her Masters of Music in 2018 from the Conservatory of Music at SUNY Purchase, studying piano under Stephanie Brown. Jessica is a graduate of the Mannes Preparatory Division, studying under Sarah Crawford-Drogheo. At Mannes, she won the 2012 Piano Accolades competition. She is active as a chamber musician, orchestra musician, and accompanist for choirs, solo vocalists, and instrumentalists. Jessica has been the piano accompanist for Temple Sholom in

Monticello, NY for the High Holy Day services for 10 years. She has participated in summer programs with The Weekend of Chamber Music, Shandee Music Festival, Luzerne Music Festival, Pianophoria, Ithaca Summer Piano Institute, Nesin Summer Music Institute, and the Amati Music Festival. She serves on the Board of Directors for Nesin Cultural Arts as Vice President and teaches piano in their community programs and for the Aspiring Young Musicians program during the school year.

## HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 2018 / 5779

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH -

Sunday, September 9, 2018 - 8:00 PM

### ROSH HASHANAH MORNING -

Monday, September 10, 2018 - 10:00 AM

### ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY -

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - 10:00 AM

### KOL NIDRE - EREV YOM KIPPUR -

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 - 8:00 PM

### YOM KIPPUR DAY -

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Morning Service - 10:00 AM

Meditative Harp Music - 1:00 PM

Afternoon Service of Healing and Comfort - 2:30 PM

Yizkor Service - 4:30 PM

Neila Closing Service - Immediately following Yizkor, about 6 PM



*From: the Rabbi...*

## How Does Being a Synagogue Member Make Your Life Better?

As the High Holy Days settle upon us we are more synagogue focused than usual. We will be spending five days together at Temple Sholom talking, seeing old friends, meeting new people, praying, singing, studying, asking forgiveness, reflecting on the past year, and wondering about the year to come. At Temple Sholom we open our doors to all but are especially thankful to those of you who have joined the temple recently or have been members for many years. It is because of your commitment that we are the wonderful synagogue that we are today.



During the final days of the month of Elul, in which we prepare our hearts for the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, I would like to ask you to reflect on the question, **“How Does Being a Synagogue Member Make My Life Better?”** I think it would be very meaningful to share our thoughts with each other. It might also encourage others who come to temple from time to time, to realize the power in being an official member of Temple Sholom. Your thoughts can be in the form of a paragraph(s) or as bullet points. Please e-mail your reflections to me at [rabbimedwin@me.com](mailto:rabbimedwin@me.com) or drop off your written thoughts to the temple office **BY SEPT 7**.

I will find a meaningful way to include your comments during our High Holy Day services.

I will conclude by sharing the highlights of “How being your rabbi makes **MY** life better.”

- ✧ Praying with a community who loves to sing and who loves to learn.
- ✧ Enhancing my experience and adding meaning to the Jewish Holidays as we celebrate together.
- ✧ Learning and being inspired as I teach Adult Education Sholom University classes and the students in our religious school.
- ✧ A community with which to share my sorrows and my joys.
- ✧ Being with you as you celebrate your joys and supporting you in your times of sorrow and challenges.
- ✧ Working with a committed and caring Board of Directors to make Temple Sholom the best it can be.
- ✧ Challenging me to grow and be the best rabbi and person I can be.
- ✧ Seeing Stephie Millet each day as I walk into the office knowing that she is there to help in any way she can.
- ✧ And last but not least, simply stated, “This is my Jewish Home.”

*Rabbi Michele Brand Medwin, D. Min.*

### HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS:

~ 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.

### SLICHOT – 5778

Saturday, September 1, 2018

**6:30 - 8:00 PM** Havdalah, Slichot Service, and Torah Mantle Changing Ceremony using the New Siddur – *Mishkan HaLev*.

**8:00-8:30 PM** Refreshments\*

\*We need your help. If you plan on attending Slichot Services (or even if you can't make it) and are willing to bring a dish to share, please contact Stephie in the office.

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## High Holy Day Greetings 5779

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Paula & Phil Schroeder  
Marcia Salton  
Rabbi Medwin & Steve  
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Jan Hirsch

**ANNUAL BREAK THE FAST**  
**September 19, 2018 7:00 PM**

### **BHR in Rock Hill**

Temple members = \$25

Guests = \$28

This is not a fundraiser,  
but rather a chance for us to get together  
after Yom Kippur  
for a memorable Break-the-Fast.

### **RSVP by September 9**

Temple Office 794 8731

Susan Kantor 798 0578



Menu: fruit, bagels, cream  
cheese, butter, scrambled eggs,  
home fries, blintzes, quiche,  
tuna, muffins and danish, juice,  
coffee, tea



## If You Have Agreed to Accept a High Holy Day Honor ...

The honor you have been given is an important part of our High Holy Day worship experience. **We are depending on you.** It is imperative to let the temple know as soon as possible if you are unable to perform this honor.

Please **arrive at the beginning** of the specific service you are assigned, even if you have a part later in the service. The ritual committee member assigned to your service has the responsibility of having all the honor slots filled. Please check in so that he or she knows that each honoree is present before the service begins.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Temple Sholom Ritual Committee

## Honoring Those Who Honor Temple Sholom

During the High Holy Days we like to honor various groups of people who make up the heart and soul of our congregation. Rabbi Medwin looks forward to inviting each group to the bima for a special blessing under our blessing Chuppah. We will be honoring the following groups during these services:

- Erev Rosh Hashanah: **Volunteers**
- Rosh Hashanah Morning: **Mitzvah Members**
- Erev Yom Kippur: **Adult Learners**
- Yom Kippur Morning: **Service Regulars**



In addition, **all previous students and teachers of our religious school**, will be called up as a group for an Aliyah to read the Torah blessings during the Yom Kippur morning Torah service.



## SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

תשליך

Join us as we “Cast Our Sins Into the Water” during a Temple Sholom *Tashlich* ceremony.

At DEHOYOS PARK by the POND  
(Hay St. Monticello, NY)

Immediately following second day Rosh Hashanah morning services (Approx. time 12:30 PM.)

## Happy September Birthday

## Happy September Anniversary

25	Stacey Sharoff & Jerry Burton
28	Harriet & Frank Sticco

1 Lorraine Bogursky	14 Sue Kantor
3 Ida Richter	18 Joel Lerner
6 Rachael & Taylor Zirt	18 Joyce Slayton
7 Ellen Cutler	25 Dr. Barbara Shaw Zirt
8 Sam Perlmutter	26 Gail Abramowitz
13 Dr. Ron Berg	27 Persephanie Millett
13 Yvonne Williams	30 Maureen Glick

## SPECIAL YOM KIPPUR HEALING SERVICE

Has it been a hard year for you, physically, emotionally, or spiritually? As part of our afternoon service on Yom Kippur, we have a special Service of Healing and Comfort, Wednesday afternoon, September 19, at 2:30 PM. We will have the usual prayers from the afternoon service and also include special readings and prayers taken from our Jewish texts to help us find comfort and healing. (At the conclusion of the Healing Service we will continue with the afternoon Torah service and Haftarah reading.) This service might be helpful for many different people: those who are physically ill, those in need of emotional and spiritual healing, those friends and family who care for those in need of healing, and for anyone seeking additional prayers to add meaning to their High Holy Day experience.

## MUSIC TO ENHANCE OUR YOM KIPPUR EXPERIENCE



### Meditative Harp Music Yom Kippur Afternoon

This year we are again offering an additional spiritual experience during Yom Kippur in which to contemplate the meaning of the Yamim Noraim, the High Holy Days.

**Jan Hirsch**, a member of Temple Sholom, will be offering a meditative music experience during Yom Kippur afternoon, between the morning and healing/afternoon service at 1:00 PM. Jan is a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner, receiving her accreditation in 2012 from the International Harp Therapy Program. Jan plays the harp all



over the Hudson Valley and beyond, bringing peace and comfort at the bedside. Jan first started to share her gift of mystical harp music with Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties in 2008. Jan plays at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence as part of her Healing Harp Therapy. "Healing," says Jan, "is when we are made whole by finding peace and acceptance in ourselves and in our life."

**Gail Abramowitz**, who sings with Rabbi Medwin during Friday night services, will join Jan adding her beautiful voice to some of the pieces.



The Miller Family thanks those who made donations to the **Special Tree Fund** in memory of **Lauren's father, David Spindel**.

We also thank everyone else that donated to this fund after the severe windstorm in May. We are all greatly appreciative of your thoughtfulness so that new trees can be planted.

The family of Lauren & Marty Miller

## ROSH HASHANAH: HISTORY

The origins of Rosh HaShanah are found in the Bible. The Book of Leviticus (23:24-25) declares: “In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of rest, a memorial proclaimed with the blowing of the shofar, a holy convocation.” Although this day eventually became Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, it was not originally known as such.

In ancient times, there were four “new years” in the Jewish calendar. Each had a distinct significance:

- The first of the Hebrew month of *Nisan*, the New Year of Kings, was the date used to calculate the number of years a given king had reigned.
- The first of the Hebrew month of *Elul* was the new year for tithing of cattle, a time when one of every 10 cattle was marked and offered as a sacrifice to God.
- The first of the Hebrew month of *Tishrei* was the agricultural new year, or the New Year of the Years.
- The 15th of the Hebrew month of *Shvat*, known as *Tu BiShvat*, was the New Year of the Trees.

Although the Torah refers to *Nisan* as the first month of the Jewish year, the first day of the month of *Tishrei* emerged as what we now know as Rosh HaShanah.

The Babylonians, among whom the Jews lived, marked a “Day of Judgment” each year. They believed that, on that day, a convocation of their deities assembled in the temple of the god Marduk. These gods, they held, renewed the world and judged each human being, inscribing the fate of every individual on the tablet of destiny. The legend was a powerful one, and Jews most likely borrowed elements from it in shaping Rosh HaShanah. The meeting of many deities evolved into a belief that the one God judged every Jew on that day, immediately inscribing the completely righteous in the Book of Life and consigning the completely wicked to a sad fate. Those “in between,” however, had ten days, concluding on Yom Kippur, in which to repent before the Book of Life was sealed for the New Year.

In addition to the biblical “holy convocation” and the transformed Babylonian “Day of Judgment,” the first of Tishrei also was associated with the anniversary of the creation of the world, Yom Harat Olam. For these three compelling reasons, the first day of the seventh month ultimately became the “official” Jewish New Year.

It was not until about the second century C.E. that the holiday acquired the name Rosh HaShanah, which first appeared in the Mishnah. Before then, however, the day had many other designations. The oldest name, found in the Torah (Numbers 29:1) is Yom T’ruah (Day of Sounding the Shofar). Two other names, undoubtedly reflecting Babylonian influence, were Yom HaZikaron (Day of Remembrance) and Yom HaDin (Day of Judgment). While those terms are still preserved in the liturgy and rabbinic literature, Jews all over the world today usually refer to Rosh HaShanah as the Jewish New Year.

## YOM KIPPUR: HISTORY

Yom Kippur, which dates from biblical times, is referenced in three separate passages in the Torah. The Torah refers to Yom Kippur as *Shabbat Shabbaton*, “a Sabbath of complete rest,” while the Talmud denotes Yom Kippur simply as *Yoma*, “The Day.”

The Torah portrays Yom Kippur primarily as a cultic festival, a day centered almost exclusively upon the Temple in Jerusalem. It was on this day that the *kohen gadol*, the high priest, performed the complicated rituals and sacrifices that purified the Temple from the defilement that had attached to it as a result of the sins of the Israelite people. This defilement had caused God’s presence to depart from their midst. There also was another aspect to the day: *atonement*, the spiritual cleansing of the people themselves. Their role was to serve as an attentive and expectant audience outside the Temple precincts, awaiting the hoped-for successful outcome of the high priest’s service. Their role, according to the Torah, was to abstain from work and to practice “self-denial.” Our tradition has defined “self-denial” as *inyim* (afflictions): fasting and refraining from certain other activities that satisfy our physical needs.

With the Temple’s destruction, the second aspect of Yom Kippur, focused on atonement, came to predominate. The atonement we now perform is turned inward; it is an act of self-purification in which we purge our own lives from the stain of our misdeeds. Like the Israelites during the Temple period, we continue to fast, understanding this self-denial as a cleansing of our soul, an act of self-discipline, and a sign that on this day we rise above our most basic biological necessities to focus our attention on matters of the spirit.

Our prayers traditionally last all day, as did the service of the high priest. We recall the priest’s service in poetic form, and the recitation of *N’ilah* (closing) at the conclusion of Yom Kippur hearkens back to the time when the “closing of the gates” was a feature of the Temple’s everyday ritual. Finally, the drama of the ancient sacrifice has become an internal drama, which we experience as a grand spiritual and emotional sweep that us from the haunting melody of *Kol Nidre*, through the recitation of the prayers, *slichot* (poems of supplication and forgiveness) and *viduyim* (confessions of sin), culminating in *N’ilah*, when we stand one last time before God in the fading moments of the year’s holiest day.

On Yom Kippur in 1973, Egypt and Syria orchestrated a surprise attack against Israel. Although the Israeli army was outnumbered severely by the oncoming troops, the Israeli troops successfully fended off their attackers. Two weeks later, the United Nations Security Council called for a cease fire. Five years later, in September 1978, Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, president of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Menachem Begin, prime minister of Israel, met with Jimmy Carter, then-president of the United States, at Camp David and forged a policy for establishing peace in the Middle East. Although Israel continues to pursue peace with her neighbors today, the efforts of those leaders to reconcile and move forward is a model from which we all can learn, and exemplifies well the spirit of the High Holidays.

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Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<b>SEPTEMBER Oneg Shabbat:</b> 07 Sue & Ken Kantor in honor of Sue's birthday & Stephanie M's birthday 14 Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch in memory of Howard Kirsch 21 Temple Sholom Board of Trustees in honor of David Harris 28 Larry & Carolyn Richman						1
						SLICHOT PROGRAM 6:30-8:30 PM  Ki Tavo
2	3 <i>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</i>	4	5	6	7	8
					Shabbat Services 7:30  Candle lighting 7:04	Nitzavim
9 <i>Break-the-Fast reservation DEADLINE</i>  EREV ROSH HASHANAH	10  ROSH HASHANAH	11  ROSH HASHANAH	12	13	14	15
					Shabbat Services 7:30  Candle lighting 6:52	Vayelech
16	17 <i>PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON</i>	18  EREV YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)	19  YOM KIPPUR  Break-the-Fast	20	21	22
					Shabbat Services 7:30  Candle lighting 6:40	Ha'azinu
23 EREV SUKKOT	24  SUKKOT	25  SUKKOT <i>Religious School Starts</i> <hr/> <i>Dinner in the sukkah with Rabbi Medwin</i> <hr/> <i>Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 PM</i>	26  SUKKOT	27  SUKKOT	28  SUKKOT SHABBAT Service 7:30 <hr/> <i>Candle lighting 6:28</i>	29  SUKKOT
30						Sukkot

**PERFORM THE MITZVAH OF SUKKOT - 5779**





**Tuesday, September 25,**  
 dinner in the Sukkah at 5:30 PM  
*(Join Rabbi Medwin. Bring your own dinner and a warm jacket.)*

**Friday, September 28,**  
 Sukkot Shabbat Services at 7:30 PM

**PARSHA OF THE WEEK:**

01 September 21 Elul      Ki Tavo      Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8  
 08 September 28 Elul      Natzavim      Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20  
 15 September 6 Tishrei      Vayelech      Deuteronomy 31:1-30  
 22 September 13 Tishrei      Ha'azinu      Deuteronomy 32:1-52  
 29 September 20 Tishrei      Sukkot      Exodus 33:12-34:26

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 Call Susan Kantor  
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 798-0578

**THANK YOU** for your **GIFT of SERVICE**

**to Temple Sholom .....**

- ☆ **Steve Plotkin** for the kiddush and holiday wines
- ☆ **Sue Kantor** 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.

**\*THANK YOU ...**

**PRIMETIMERS** for the donations to:  
Temple Sholom  
The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund  
Break-the-Fast tickets for clergy

For the donations in honor of  
**David Harris' birthday:**  
Celina Mintz  
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For the donations in honor of the  
**anniversaries of Paula & Phil Schroeder  
and Sue & Don Horowitz:**  
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For the donations to the **Cemetery Fund:**  
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**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**  
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For the donation  
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For the donation in honor of  
**David & Sheila Epstein's anniversary  
and Sheila's birthday:**  
Linda & Roy Redding  
Annette & Rene Zerah

For the donation  
**in memory of Marvin Barcham:**  
Linda & Roy Redding  
Sue & Milt Hochman  
Judy & Don Desatnick

For the donation in honor of  
**Lauren Miller:**  
Karen London

For the donation for the  
**m'shebeirach prayer for Arnold Pollack:**  
Judy & Don Desatnick

**Friends of Temple Sholom  
Exceptional Gifts from Non-members**

**Diamond Donors**

- Linda Kleinman (3/18)
- Jesse Brahms Jewish War Veterans (7/18)
- Natalie & Danny Kirschenbaum (7/18)
- Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (7/18)
- Allan & Stacie Gottlieb (7/18)
- Lynn Pickard (8/18)
- James Cross (8/18)
- Primetimers (8/18)

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. 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):**

*Christine Wasserlauf*

# 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 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)  
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 David & Sheila Epstein (9/17)  
 Anonymous (11/17)  
 Phil & Paula Schroeder (4/18)  
 Jan Hirsch (8/18)

### 🎀 *Gold* (250)

Anonymous (8/17)  
 Judith Cutler (10/17)

### ♥ *Silver* (125)

Anne Palley (8/18)  
 Sue & Don Horowitz (9/17)  
 Jerry & Lorraine Bogursky (10/17)  
 Howard & Helene Perlman (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)*

**Sholom Jewish University – Fall 2018/5779 ~ Temple Sholom, Monticello, NY**

Please return this **REGISTRATION FORM** to the Temple office **no later than September 25** to avoid the registration fee.

**Mail to: Temple Sholom, 5 E. Dillon Rd. Monticello, NY, 12701,**  
or scan and email to: [templesholom1954@gmail.com](mailto:templesholom1954@gmail.com) bringing payment to your first class.

**Out of town for the winter:** Rabbi Medwin's classes are available to view live via the internet through **Zoom**. Check the box below and Rabbi Medwin will instruct you how to log on to be part of each class. **Zoom** allows you not only to view the class but also to participate in discussions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**To reach you for weather cancellations:**

Primary phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDAISM**

1.  **The Essential Jewish Stories -**  
Tuesdays, 12:00 noon - 1:15 PM  
Starts October 2 (eight sessions)
2.  **Stories with Holiday Connections –**  
Tuesdays, 1:30 - 2:45 PM  
Starts October 2 (eight sessions)

**HEBREW**

3.  **Hebrew Level 2 –** Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:15 PM  
Starts October 4 (ten sessions)

**Total number of courses**

**MEMBER of Temple Sholom in good standing:**

- 1 class - \$36;     2 classes – \$72;  
 3 classes – \$104 (10% discount for 3rd class)

**NON-MEMBER of Temple Sholom:**

- 1 class – \$54;     2 classes – \$108;  
 3 classes – \$156 (10% discount on 3rd class.)

**Registration Fee \$5.00** (*Waived if this form and payment are at the temple office by Sep 25.*)

I am enclosing a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made out to “Temple Sholom” with “Sholom University” written in the memo.

I will be participating in long distance learning through zoom.

**(IMPORTANT: Include your e-mail address so rabbi can send you the link to join the class.)**

Scholarships are available if you cannot afford to pay in full for the classes.  
Contact Rabbi Medwin for details. – [rabbimedwin@me.com](mailto:rabbimedwin@me.com).

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**Temple Sholom, 5 East Dillon Road, Monticello, NY**

All classes are **open to the community**. Please tell your friends and neighbors.

Starting dates vary by teacher. Please refer to the course description to see the starting date for each class.

**Distance Learning:** For Rabbi Medwin's classes, if you are out of town you can attend classes using the Internet through Zoom. Check the box on the registration form and Rabbi Medwin will tell you how to log on.

**Tuition** - The cost will be \$36 per course per semester for temple members and \$54 per course per semester for non-temple members. There is a discount for registering for multiple classes. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full cost of the classes. Please contact Rabbi Medwin regarding scholarships. ([rabbimedwin@me.com](mailto:rabbimedwin@me.com))

**TUESDAY (classes run for 8 sessions):**

**1. The Essential Jewish Stories – Collected, Annotated, and Retold by Seymour Rossel**

**Tuesdays, 12 Noon – 1:15 PM      Taught by: Rabbi Michele Medwin**

*[Course starts on October 2, 2018]*

We will read and discuss stories from this wonderful collection. The Essential Jewish Stories contains more than 300 stories selected from every period of Jewish history and from every Jewish teaching tradition -- narratives, anecdotes, metaphors, analogies, folktales, and fantasies. Every story is elegantly retold to emphasize its relevance for our times. Through these stories we can understand the Jewish mind at work. This is a book for your bedside, for the classroom and synagogue, and above all for your soul. It is a book for all Jews, scholars and those beginning their Jewish journeys, young and old alike, and for those who would come close to the Jewish essence. This book can be purchased from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

**2. Stories with Holiday Connections from the Biblical Book of Writings –**

**Tuesdays, 1:30-2:45 PM      Taught by: Rabbi Medwin**

*[Course starts on October 2, 2018]*

On each of the Jewish Holidays it is traditional to read from the Megillot/Scrolls, which are part of the section of the Bible called the Writings. We will read each Megillah story and the story of Jonah and discuss how it relates to ancient times, modern times, and its connection to the holiday we read it on. Here are the stories we will read and the holiday it is connected to.

**Jonah** - Yom Kippur, **Ecclesiastes** – Sukkot, **Esther** – Purim, **Song of Songs** – Passover, **Ruth** – Shavuot, **Lamentations**- Tisha (9<sup>th</sup> of Av). You will need a copy of the Jewish Bible in English that contains the book of Writings in it such as Tanakh.

**THURSDAY:**

**3. Adult Hebrew Level 2 – Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:15 PM    Taught by: Lauren Miller**

*[Course starts October 4, 2018]*

This is a continuation of Hebrew 2. Students should know the Hebrew alphabet and be able to read some words. Students will learn blessings for the Friday service and blessings related to the Jewish holidays. We will be using Book 2 and Temple Sholom's prayer book.

# Tribute Cards



## GET WELL:

- \*To **Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Mintz:** From: Ellen & Jessica Nesin
- \*To **Jill Aldowsky:** From: Ellen & Jessica, & Paul Nesin
- \*To **Lynn Trauman:** From: Ellen & Jessica Nesin
- \*To **David Harris:** From: Sue & Don Horowitz
- \*To **Sue Horowitz:** From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- \*To **David Harris:** From: Paula & Phil Schroeder  
Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch  
Lauren & Marty Miller  
Janice Fagan
- \*To **Phil Schroeder:** From: David & Mary Jane Harris

## CONDOLENCES:

- \*To **Mrs. Roberta Cirino:** On the passing of Matt  
From: Ellen, Jessica & Paul Nesin
- \*To **Mindy Barcham and Family:** On the passing of  
Marvin Barcham From: Paula & Phil Schroeder  
Barbara & Herb Sklar  
Annette & Rene Zerah  
Bonnie & Marvin Shapsis
- \*To **Sheldon & Beth Leidner:** On the passing of Steve  
Imbey From: Carolyn & Larry Richman
- \*To **Dr. & Mrs. Randolph Katz and Family:** on the  
passing of Joe Katz. From: Maureen & Bob Velten

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- \*To **Don & Sue Horowitz:** From: Janice Schweitzer
- \*To **Paula & Phil Schroeder:** From: Janice Schweitzer



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**In loving memory of husband, Larry.**

*Certificate to: Sylvia Kohler  
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# Golden Books

To **Beth & Dr. Shelly Leidner**, condolences on the loss of your beloved brother, Steven Imbey.

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

To **Dr. Randy Katz and Family**, condolences on the loss of your beloved father, Ruben "Ruby" Katz.

*From: Dr. Rick Stein and Family, Don & Sue Horowitz, Phil & Paula Schroeder, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch, Marcia Salton*

To **David Harris**, speedy, easy and complete recovery.

*From: Steph M*

To **David Harris**, Happy Birthday!

*From: Sue & Ken Kantor, Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Ursula Tieger**, speedy, easy and complete recovery.

*From: Sue & Ken Kantor*

To **Lynn Okin**, condolences on the loss of your mother.

*From: David & Mary Jane Harris,  
Paula & Phil Schroeder, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

To **Gladys Graff**, speedy, easy and complete recovery.

*From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

To **Barry Troy and Family**, in loving memory of dad, Hy Troy.

*From: Marty & Marcia Braunstein*

**PRIMETIMERS**  
**Luncheon: September 17 12:30 PM**  
**SOLD OUT!**

At our August meeting, Bonnie Lewis did a wonderful presentation of what the county has to offer to caregivers. She spoke about the many courses and services that are available free to our residents.

The luncheon at Frankie and Johnny's on Monday, September 17, is sold out. We will not be taking any new reservations. It is at 12:30 and Mayor of Monticello, Gary Sommers, will be our speaker.

This has been a wonderful fundraising year for the Primetimers. All of our trips were sold out and we were able to give donations to Temple Sholom, Nesin Cultural Arts, Federation for the Homeless, and Hospice of Orange and Sullivan County.

Our trip next year is to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. It will be from September 9-13, 2019, and is only \$499 double occupancy. We will visit Hyannis, Sandwich, JFK museum, ferry ride to Martha's. Vineyard, outer cape, Provincetown, Chatham and much more. We are taking refundable deposits of \$75/pp. All breakfasts and dinners are included. Brochures are available at the temple or from Paula or Sue.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all who are celebrating.

Our last meeting of the season is Monday, October 1. Dr. Ino Carrano will be our speaker.

Shalom,  
*Paula*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
2	Ursula Garrett
3	Ida Richter
3	Irma Wallach
6	Donald Fries
6	Lillian Goldberg
12	Celina Mintz
13	Mel Kaplan
14	Marcia Ericson
14	Susan Kantor
14	LinZ Redding
17	Suzan Pollack
20	Marion Jacobs
20	Connie Slater
23	Millie Chalfin
26	Gail Abramowitz
27	Stephanie Millett
29	Lynn Gorse
29	Ellen Wofsy



Barbara Wolensky has donated a 3D art picture for the benefit of Temple Sholom.

It is a **Jovan Obican** picture called ***The Voyage of Love.***

Raffles are \$5 each or 3/\$10. **The drawing will be held on September 17th.**

# Theater Nite Success



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**OCTOBER Oneg Shabbat:**

**05 Paula & Phil Schroeder** to say "goodbye for the season and have a good winter."  
**12 Stephanie Phillips** to honor the wedding of her niece Jessica Gordon to Mark Moritz  
**19 Michael & Martha Zalkin**  
**26 Jan Hirsch** for the blessings received from the High Holy Day season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>PRIMETIMERS MEETING 1 PM</i>	2 <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>	3	4	5 <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Shabbat Service 7:30 <i>Candle lighting 6:10</i>	6 Bereshit
7	8 <i>COLUMBUS DAY OFFICE CLOSED</i>	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Services 7:30 <i>Candle lighting 5:59</i>	13 Noach
14	15	16 Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19 Shabbat Services 7:30 <i>Candle lighting 5:48</i>	20 Lech Lecha
21	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Services 7:30 <i>Candle lighting 5:39</i>	27 Vayera
28	29	30	31	Sponsor An <b>ONEG SHABBAT</b> 		Call <b>Susan Kantor</b> to volunteer 798-0578



**PARSHA OF THE WEEK:**

6 October	27 Tishrei	Bereshit	Genesis 1:1-6:8
13 October	4 Cheshvan	Noach	Genesis 6:9-11:32
20 October	11 Cheshvan	Lech Lecha	Genesis 12:1-17:27
27 October	18 Cheshvan	Vayera	Genesis 18:1-22:24

**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.

## ***Donations to the Yahrzeit Fund***

### **In Loving Memory of the Following:**

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*Tillie Kantor* by Ken & Sue Kantor

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*Louis Miller* by Marcia Salton

*Beatrice Miller* by Marcia Salton

*Irving Salton* by Marcia Salton

*Esther Abel* by Ruth Turk



## **IN MEMORY**

### **Yahrzeit Will Be Read On:**

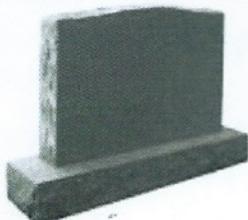
**September 7:** Susan Portonova, Rebecca Frank, Herbert Gitlin, Betty Kellerman, Ida Silk, Alvin Z. Mildner, Leonard R. M. Prince, Dr. Michael C. Kemelhor, Harold L. Supon, Rose Lerner, Sandra Simon, Laura Sipsova\*, Morris Klein

**September 14:** Alex Berg, Jacob Mitzner, Rochelle Richter, Beatrice Tobin, Dr. Morton Fox, Samuel Margolis, Sam Berger, Samuel Jacobson, Esther Ullman, Suzanne Rodan, Arnost Bejkovska\*, Bertha Leitner Cominsky, Barbara Hunt

**September 21:** Ethel Greenberg, Viktor Bondy\*, Seymour Block, Darlene S. Fredenburgh, Elaine Miller, Jacqueline Heller, Morris Gottlieb, Joseph Block, Hyman Rodkin

**September 28:** Bess Berman, Velda Sodell, Pavla Sipova\*, Dr. Gordon Bendersky, Edna Katz, Abe Sperber, Harold Braunstein, Jay Kinsbruner, Frantiska Mollova\*, David Alper, Ethel Cominsky Linnetz, Claire Plotkin

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**Yahrzeit:** Susan Horowitz

COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAN BE REACHED BY CALLING THE TEMPLE  
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## RABBI MEDWIN'S SCHEDULE

**TUESDAYS:** Rabbi is generally at the temple teaching classes from **12:00 noon – 3:00 PM**, arriving at **11:30 am** and staying through **4:00 PM** in the summer and **6:00 PM** when there is religious school.

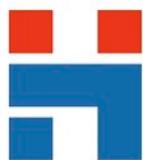
**FRIDAYS:** Rabbi usually arrives at temple **1½ hours before services.**

**OTHER DAYS:** Rabbi Medwin works from home at least one day a week and Friday mornings preparing for classes, services, and working on other temple business.

**Please note:** Contact the rabbi directly if you would like to talk or set a time to meet.

- Call on her cell phone any day: **607-765-2895**. If you get voicemail, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Send e-mail: [rabbimedwin@me.com](mailto:rabbimedwin@me.com)

Rabbi Medwin is happy to arrange a specific time to meet with you earlier or later than the above mentioned hours.



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## Silent Auction Slated for 2019

Temple Sholom is planning a silent auction for next year as a major fundraiser. For this event to succeed temple members will need to solicit or donate items or services/experiences that can be auctioned. Each member unit will need to contribute to the auction and/or commit to working the event.

The fundraiser will feature both an online and an in-house component. The online component will function similarly to ebay. Bidding on these items will start three months prior to our in-house event with some items available for a shorter period of time, and some available through the end of the in-house event.

Some examples of services and experiences could include:

- A. Lessons in an area of expertise, i.e., chess, bridge, gardening, mahjong, knitting, etc.
- B. Tutoring
- C. Babysitting
- D. Use of a vacation home or time share
- E. Guided tours or hikes of places of interest in our area
- F. Legal service (will, living trust)
- G. Professional service (tax preparation, oil change, etc.)
- H. Prepared meal and clean up

These are only suggestions, you will know the skills you have!

Some examples of goods and items:

- A. Gift certificates or donations from local businesses or restaurants. \$25.00 minimum.
- B. Works of art, antiques, jewelry, wine, tools, etc.

We are hoping for high quality items. Keep in mind that most items will be displayed using photos and a written description.

Please mark your calendars for **June 23, 2019, at 3 PM**, which is the date of the culminating in-house event. Please start to think of ways that you can contribute.

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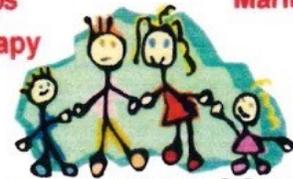
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Sat 1 Slichot Program  
Mon 3 Labor Day (*Office closed*)  
Sun 9 Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Mon 10 Rosh Hashonah  
Tue 11 Rosh Hashanah (*2<sup>nd</sup> day*)  
Mon 17 Primetimers luncheon  
Tue 18 Erev Yom Kippur (*Kol Nidre*)  
Wed 19 Yom Kippur  
Wed 19 Break the Fast at BHR in Rock Hill  
Sun 23 Erev Sukkot  
24-30 Sukkot  
Tue 25 Religious school starts  
Tue 25 Dinner in the Sukkah with Rabbi Medwin  
Tue 25 Board of Trustees Meeting  
Fri 28 Sukkot Shabbat Service. 7:30 PM



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**OCTOBER 2018:**

Mon 1 Primetimers meeting  
Tue 2 Simchat Torah  
Fri 5 Simchat Torah Shabbat Service  
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Mon 8 Columbus Day - (*Office closed*)  
Tue 16 Board of Trustees Meeting

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