



**Temple Shalom**  
**5 East Dillon Road**  
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**Call to confirm office is open:  
 Please ring the bell for entry.**

**Office Hours:**  
 Mon 10:00 - 3:00  
 Tue & Thurs 12 noon - 6:00  
 Wed 11:00 - 6:00  
 Fri 10:00 - 2:00

*Rabbi on premises Tue & Fri*

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**[www.templeholomny.org](http://www.templeholomny.org)**

### **Rabbi**

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# Temple Shalom's *Harbinger*

OCTOBER 2019

TISHREI / CHESHVAN 5780

## PERFORM THE MITZVAH OF SUKKOT - 5780 / 2019



**Friday, October 11: BUILD THE SUKKAH**  
 10:00 am - 2:00 PM (Stop by when you can)

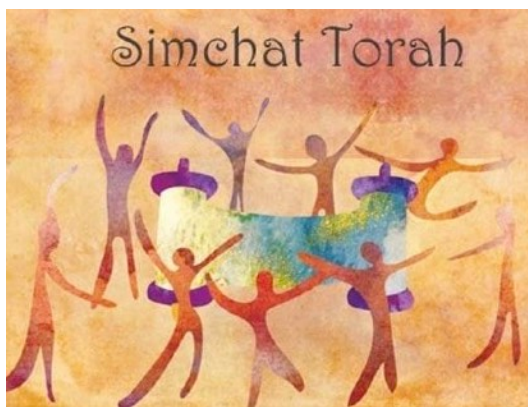


**Tuesday, October 15: EAT IN THE SUKKAH**  
 WITH RABBI MEDWIN  
 5:30 PM (Bring your dinner and a warm jacket)



**Friday, October 18:**  
**SHAKE THE LULAV & ETROG**  
 7:30 PM Visual T'filah Sukkot  
 Shabbat Services

## SIMCHAT TORAH-SHABBAT Friday, October 25, 2019 - 7:30 PM



Join us as we  
 celebrate the joy  
 of the Torah.



First we will dance with the Torahs  
 around the sanctuary. Then we will  
 unroll the Torah, book by book, point  
 out important verses, and take turns  
 reading from the last verses in  
 Deuteronomy and back to the  
 beginning in Genesis! Anyone

interested in reading just one verse of Torah that night, contact Rabbi  
 Medwin or add your name to the sign up sheet on the office door.



*From: the Rabbi...*

## A Taste of Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary

One of the courses I will be offering this fall as part of Sholom Adult Jewish University is based on Pirkei Avot in the Mishnah, which contains words of wisdom on Jewish ethics. The author of the book we will be using, Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz, is a distinguished scholar and author. His commentary explores the ancient texts and includes modern relevance to each mishnah. I want to give you a taste of how he understands the texts.

Pirkei Avot 1:1 states: *Moses received the Torah from Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua; and Joshua to the Elders; and the Elders to the Prophets; and the Prophets transmitted it to the Men of the Great Assembly. They [the Men of the Great Assembly] said three things: Be deliberate in judgment; develop many students; and make a fence for the Torah.*

I use this mishnah when I pass down the Torah from generation to generation at B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies because it is such a powerful statement of the goal of Judaism – to pass down our precious teachings to each generation. Rabbi Yanklowitz points out that this Mishnah does NOT state directly that God gave the Torah to the Jewish people. Instead, it talks of Moses “receiving” the Torah from Sinai. This teaches us that the Torah’s primary focus is on human relationships. Ethics becomes the foundation for a covenantal relationship with the Divine. Rather than hide away in study room or sanctuary, we are to have face-to-face encounters with others. He says that each generation much transmit the teachings of the Torah in such a way that they are stronger than when they were received. Every generation has new insights based upon the changing times.

Join us for this engaging and inspiring topic and learn how the ancient words inspire ethical values in today’s world.

*Rabbi Michele Brand Medwin, D.Min.*

## YOM KIPPUR DAY Wednesday, October 9, 2019

10:00 am Morning Service  
1:00 PM Meditative Harp Music  
2:30 PM Afternoon Service of Healing and Comfort  
4:30 PM Yizkor Service  
Immediately following Yizkor: Neila Closing Service

## Neila – The Door is Locked!

*Neila*, the name of the last service for Yom Kippur means “locked.” It implies that the gates are locking soon and it is time to get in the final confessions. Because of



changes in our society during the last year the Board of Temple Sholom decided it would be good to **KEEP OUR DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES**. It helps to give us a sense of well-being while in the temple building. We have installed an electronic lock on the front doors of the temple. Other than times when people are coming in for an event, class or services, or leaving, we keep the doors locked.

With this in mind, **PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY OR ON TIME** to the High Holy Day Services. If you come late, you will need to ring the door-bell on the left of the door. There will be someone who will be able to see who is at the door and then electronically unlock the door so you can enter. Also, if you are sitting in services and you hear what sounds like a ring tone, it is the doorbell at the front door ringing.

We thank you for your cooperation.

## ANNUAL BREAK-THE-FAST October 9, 2019 7:00 PM

### BHR in Rock Hill

Temple members = \$25  
Guests = \$28

### THERE MAY STILL BE ROOM:

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

# *5780 High Holy Day Greetings*

Ken & Sue Kantor

Paula & Phil Schroeder

Sue & Don Horowitz

Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

Marcia Salton

Temple President - Neal Jacobs & Jane

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Rosemary Deitsch

Marty & Lauren Miller

Rick & Marilyn Stein

Rabbi Medwin & Steve

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**CHRISTINA ROSSI-MERTON & EMILY**

**GARY BECKERMAN**

**LARRY RAVDIN**

**MINDY BARCHAM**



**Sholom Jewish University – Fall 2019/5780**  
**Temple Sholom, 5 E. Dillon Rd. Monticello, NY**  
[templesholom1954@gmail.com](mailto:templesholom1954@gmail.com)

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

**Tuition** - The cost is \$36 per course per semester for Temple members and \$54 per course per semester for non-Temple members. *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))* Registration forms are available at Temple Sholom or on the website - <http://www.templesholomny.org>.

**Please submit registration by October 7, 2019 to avoid registration fee.**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

**To reach you for alerts and/or cancellations:**

Primary phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Pirke Avot: A Social Justice Commentary**

We will use the book by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

*Please purchase the book for the course.*

Tuesdays at noon - 1:15 PM

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**2. Shtisel - Israeli TV series**

Tuesdays at 1:30 - 2:45 PM

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

☐ 1 class - \$36

☐ 2 classes - \$72

**NON-MEMBER:**

☐ 1 class - \$54

☐ 2 classes – \$108

✓ **Registration Fee \$5.00 (Please add this to your class payment.)**

*(This fee is waived if registration form and payment are at the temple office by October 7)*

I am enclosing a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ made out to “**Temple Sholom**” with “**Sholom University**” written in the memo line. **Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701**

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**I would like to attend classes through distance learning via Zoom.  
Please send the internet link and information how to long on.**



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

*(Keep this page for your information.)*

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

**Distance Learning** – You can still participate in Rabbi Medwin's classes via Zoom on the Internet. Check the box on the registration form and you will be given information how to join the class. You will be able to join in on discussions.

**Tuition** - The cost is \$36 per course per semester for Temple members and \$54 per course per semester for non-Temple members. 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)) Registration forms are available at Temple Sholom or on the website - <http://www.templesholomny.org>.

**Early registration deadline is October 7, 2019.**

**Classes are taught by Rabbi Medwin on Tuesdays from October 15 - December 10, 2019.**

**No class on November 12. There will be a make-up or optional class on December 17.**

**1. *Pirke Avot: A Social Justice Commentary* by Rabbi Shmuly Yankowitz**

**Tuesdays, Noon-1:15 PM**

*Pirkei Avot* stands out among the sixty-three tractates of the Mishnah as the Jewish text devoted to ethical advice and guidance. Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz takes these ancient texts and brings them to life for our modern world. Ordained at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, Rabbi Yanklowitz received an M.A. in leadership and psychology at Harvard and another M.A. in Jewish philosophy from Yeshiva University. He earned his doctorate at Columbia University. Rabbi Yanklowitz has drawn on a breathtaking number of sources and persons as well as his own personal experiences in composing his commentary. Commentators ancient and modern, men and women, Jew and gentile, as well as insights and anecdotes drawn from his own life and a variety of academic disciplines are all in conversation with one another in this pathbreaking commentary on this traditional text. Rabbi Yanklowitz also does not shy away from dealing with difficult passages that are at odds with a modern sensibility. *This book can be purchased from Amazon.com.*

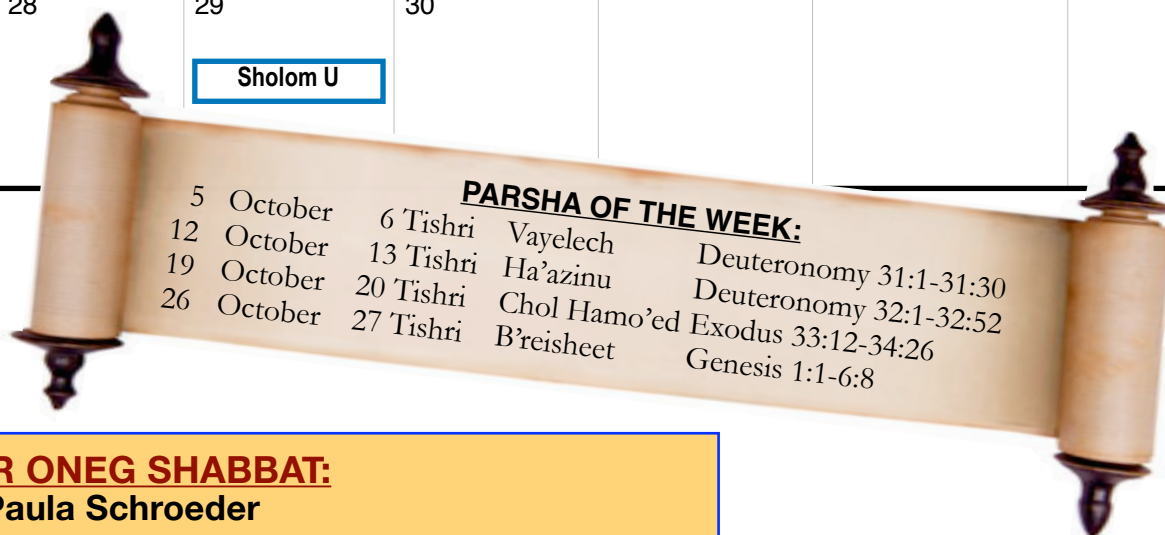
**2. *Shtisel – The Hit Israeli TV Series***

**Tuesdays, 1:30-2:45 PM**

Debuting in Israel in 2013, the show won immediate attention. This satirical drama follows the concerns of a Haredi (ultra-orthodox) Jewish family living in Israel. Filmed in Jerusalem the show brings us physically into Israeli life in this magical but every-day city. As we get to know the family members we learn how each one experiences the joys and challenges of being part of the orthodox community in a modern society. The characters are fascinating and unique and challenge us to understand the world they live in. We can't help but fall in love with each one as we get to know them on a deeper, more intimate level. The show is in Hebrew and Yiddish with English subtitles. We will watch one show each class and then discuss what we observed.

# OCTOBER 2019 - TISHREI / CHESHVAN 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> 2nd day	2	3	4  Shabbat Services 7:30 PM  Candle lighting 6:15	5  Vayelech
6	7  <b>PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON</b>	8 <b>EREV YOM KIPPUR</b> <b>KOL NIDRE</b>	9  <b>YOM KIPPUR</b>  <i>Break-the-Fast</i>	10	11  Shabbat Services 7:30 PM  Candle lighting 6:04	12  Ha'azinu
13  EREV SUKKOT	14  SUKKOT	15  SUKKOT  <b>Sholom U begins</b>  Board of Trustees 6:30 PM	16  SUKKOT	17  SUKKOT	18  <b>SUKKOT</b> Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  Candle lighting 5:53	19  SUKKOT  Chol Hamo'ed Sukkot
20  SUKKOT  <b>TEMPLE TOTS</b> Ages 2-4 10:30 am	21	22  <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>  <b>Sholom U</b>	23	24	25  <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  Candle lighting 5:43	26  B'reisheet
27	28	29  <b>Sholom U</b>	30			



## **OCTOBER ONEG SHABBAT:**

**04 Phil & Paula Schroeder**

**11 Gary Beckerman** *thanking Paula & Phil Schroeder*

**18 Judy Cutler** *in memory of Martha Cutler*

**25 Michael & Martha Zalkin**

Sponsor An  
**ONEG SHABBAT** ענין  
שבת  
Call Susan Kantor  
to volunteer  
798-0578

## Thank you ...

\*Don & Judy Desatnick, Don & Sue Horowitz, Phil & Paula Schroeder, Leon & Barbara Goodman, Danny & Natalie Kirschenbaum, Judith & Stanley Peskin, Annette & Rene Zerah, Marvin & Roberta Shabsis, Myrna & Murray Drillich, Melvin & Joyce Kaplan, for their donation in memory of Marvin Barcham.

\*Ed & Karen Mitchell, Gary Beckerman, David & Michelle Sager, Ken & Sue Kantor, Bob & Maureen Velten, for their donation in memory of Michael Barnofsky.

\*Sue & Don Horowitz, Ruth Turk for their donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

\*Rabbi Agin & Family in memory of Theodore "Ted" Drew.

\*Melvin & Joyce Kaplan for their donation in honor of the B'not Mitvah of the grandchildren of Barbara & Bernie Wolensky and Ronnie Millman & Larry Fields.



In memory of your Harvey Sklar

Certificate to: Mrs. Dina Sklar & Family

Donor: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

## Happy October Anniversary

- 13 Gary & Mimi Werner
- 15 Dr. Ted & Nancy Isseks
- 20 Michael & Martha Zalkin
- 20 Larry & Eileen Miller
- 27 Richard & Dr. Barbara Zirt
- 29 Howard & Helene Perlman

### 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](mailto:phillipssteph@gmail.com).

## Happy October Birthday

- 14 Alice Guttman
- 24 Rosemary Deitsch
- 25 Stacey Sharoff
- 29 Lauren Miller
- 30 Zach Sticco
- 31 Rose Schapiro



To **Rabbi Medwin**, a speedy, easy and complete recovery to you.

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch, Sue & Don Horowitz,  
Phil & Paula Schroeder, Marcia Salton, Celina Mintz, Howard & Helene Perlman,  
Bob & Maureen Velten, Dorothy Cohen. Lauren & Marty Miller Temple Board of Trustees,  
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To **Sue Horowitz**, a speedy, easy and complete recovery to you.

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch, Marcia Salton, Celina Mintz, Howard & Helene Perlman,  
Bob & Maureen Velten, Dorothy Cohen, Lauren & Marty Miller, Rabbi Medwin & Steve,  
Temple Board of Trustees, Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane*

To **Dorothy Cohen**, a speedy, easy and complete recovery to you.

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor, Sue & Don Horowitz, Lauren & Marty Miller, Temple Board of Trustees,  
Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane, Rabbi Medwin & Steve*

To **Mr. & Mrs Jay Neckritz**, Mazel Tov on the B'not Mitzvah of your grandsons.

*From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

To **Joan Rosenfelt**, a speedy, easy and complete recovery to you.

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor, Lauren & Marty Miller, Dr. Stephanie Phillips, Temple Board of Trustees,  
Rabbi Medwin & Steve, Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane*

To **Robert “Gandalf” Rosengard**, a speedy, easy and complete recovery to you.

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor, Lauren & Marty Miller, Temple Board of Trustees, Rabbi Medwin & Steve,  
Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane, Stephanie Phillips, Marcia Salton*

To **Bob Kassman**, a speedy, easy and complete recovery to you.

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor, Lauren & Marty Miller, Temple Board of Trustees, Rabbi Medwin & Steve, Marcia Salton,  
Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane, Sue & Don Horowitz, Phil & Paula Schroeder*

To **Lauren Miller & Debbie Glatt**, thank you both for all your hard work with the onegs. Couldn't have done it without you.

Very much appreciated.

*From: Sue Kantor*

To **Sue Kantor**, thank you for all your extra hard help with the onegs.

*From: Lauren Miller*

To **Stephie Millett**, continued good health.

*From: Dorothy Cohen*

Happy Birthday to **Gail Abramowitz, Yvonne Williams, Sue Kantor, Stephie Millett.**

*From: Dorothy Cohen*

Happy Birthday **Rabbi Medwin.**

*From: Ken & Sue Kantor*

Welcome back to Temple Sholom **Steve & Jane Bloom and Jacky Rosen.**

*From: Temple Board of Trustees, Rabbi Medwin & Steve, Marcia Salton,  
Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane, Lauren & Marty Miller*

Welcome to Temple Sholom **Celina Mintz, Gary Beckerman, Mindy Barcham, Larry Ravdin, Christine Rossi-Merton.**

*From: Lauren & Marty Miller, Temple Board of Trustees, Rabbi Medwin & Steve, Marcia Salton,  
Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane*

To **Lauren Miller & Bonnie Mitzner**, Mazel Tov! On Being installed as Co-Presidents of the Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah.

*From: David & Mary Jane Harris*

To **Ellen Nesin**, Mazel Tov on the engagement of your daughter, Jessica.

*From: Bob & Maureen Velten*

To the **Family of Jack Leshner**, condolences on the loss of your beloved father, Jack.

*From: Maureen & Bob Velten & Julie, Ellen Nesin, Temple Board of Trustees,  
Rabbi Medwin & Steve, Marcia Salton, Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane*

To **Ronnie Millman and Larry Fields**, Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson, Gibson.

*From: Sue & Don Horowitz, Paula & Phil Schroeder, Melvin & Joyce Kaplan*

To **Barbara & Bernie Wolensky**, Mazel Tov on the B'not Mitzvah of your twin grandsons, Ethan & Zachary Ivler and on the marriage of your granddaughter, Heather to Ilya.

*From: David & Mary Jane Harris, Sue & Don Horowitz, Phil & Paula Schroeder*

# 2019 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)

David & Mary Jane Harris (10/18)  
 Martin & Lauren Miller (3/19)  
 Maureen & Bob Velten (4/19)  
 Phil & Paula Schroeder (4/19)  
 Anonymous (4/19)  
 Jan Hirsch (8/19)  
 David & Sheila Epstein (9/19)

## 🕉 Gold (250)

Judith Cutler (10/18)  
 Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (8/19)  
 Anne Palley (8/19)  
 Sue & Don Horowitz (9/19)

## ♥ Silver (125)

Harriet Gottlieb (9/18)  
 Carole & Hal Abrams (9/18)  
 Jerry & Lorraine Bogursky (10/18)  
 Neal & Jane Jacobs (12/18)  
 Sue & Ken Kantor (4/19)

**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.*



There are many 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 Golden Book message (\$5)
- ✦ Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)

## Friends of Temple Sholom Exceptional Gifts from Non-members Diamond Donors

Herb & Barbara Sklar (9/18)  
 Debra Novitch & Dr. Wayne Schweitzer (6/19)  
 Natalie & Danny Kirschenbaum (7/19)  
 Linda Kleinman (8/19)  
 Primetimers of Temple Sholom (8/19)  
 Donald & Naomi Godfrey (8/19)  
 Jonathan Farrow & Family (11/19)  
 Allan Gottlieb & Family (11/19)

## Gold Donors

Dr. Marc & Judy Hudes (9/18)  
 Judy & Don Desatnick (9/18)



While Rabbi was recuperating from surgery, Rachel and Taylor Zirt led services with Lauren Miller.

Gail Abramowitz' beautiful voice enhanced the evening. Stephie and Zack Sticco also helped out. Thank you Gail, Rachel, Taylor, Stephie and Zack.



Getting ready for the High Holy Days, religious school student, **Macy Miros**, is practicing with the shofar.

Dear Paula & Phil.  
How lucky I am to know  
people like you.  
I think my house is sold  
so the new York trips that I  
loved so much & those  
wonderful beautiful bus  
trips will be a wonderful  
experience & memory.

The wonderful caring people  
I met I will never forget  
you are such a wonderful  
caring beautiful person.

Take care of yourself & Phil  
Be Happy Healthy & happy  
New Year. Love & Sue.  
I am paying my dues. I will forever  
Love Sue

It's wonderful to receive validation that what  
we provide is appreciated.  
Here are lovely notes received by the  
Primetimers and Temple Sholom.

9/6/19

This donation is in  
honor of all of those who  
sponsored oneq shabbots in  
this temple. We were honored  
to attend some of them.  
Let's hope the tradition  
continues.

Sincerely,  
Leah & Shala  
Gold





## GRADES K-3: Building connections to Jewish traditions



### **"Temple Tots (ages 2-4) Love Being Jewish!"**

Parents and their young (pre K) children are invited to participate in "I Love Being Jewish!" through stories, movement, songs and crafts with Helene Perlman, (N.Y.S. Certified Early Childhood)

**Nonmembers are welcome and the program is free.**

A parent is **required** to RSVP before each class by calling the Temple Office at **794-8731**, Monday through Friday.

Parents are encouraged to participate and are **required** to accompany their children at all times during the program.

#### **2019 Temple Tots Schedule:**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

**For more information call Helene Perlman at 794 - 3975**

# PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON

## Frankie and Johnny's, Hurleyville

### Monday, October 7, 12:30 PM

Our trip to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard was enjoyed by all. We had two busses and enjoyed all of the sights including Plymouth Rock, JFK Museum, Provincetown, Hyannis, Sandwich, lighthouses, wineries, Martha's Vineyard, and Mystic Village. We are thankful to Elaine and Morty Graff, Ellen and Steve Wofsy, and Judy Cutler for running the second bus. I am thankful for Mindy Barcham, Melinda Mallis, and David Epstein for helping out on the first bus.

We will have our Appreciation Luncheon at Frankie and Johnny's on Monday, October 7, at 12:30. Menu choices are eggplant parm, chicken parm, or broiled fish. This is not a fundraiser, so it is \$22 for members and \$27 for guests. We will have hor d'oeuvres served at the tables. It will be a full luncheon with coffee, tea and dessert. Please call Paula, 794-2314, with menu choices. **October 1 is the last date to make reservations.**

We have planned most of our trips for 2020.

\*June 24 and August 12 are trips to NYC Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non members.

\*July 15 bus trip to Newburgh and a 2-hour cruise on Pride of the Hudson. Lunch on your own at one of the beautiful waterfront restaurants or bring your own and dine along the waterfront. \$50/pp.

\*July 29 bus trip to Mohegan Sun \$30/pp.

\*September 2, we bus to Catskill Mountain Railroad and take a 1-1/2 hour train ride. Then a beautiful buffet luncheon at La Mirage. \$65/pp.

\*August 24-28 trip to Vermont includes Shelbourne Museum, Burlington's Marketplace, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Rock of Ages granite quarry, Morse farm to see how maple syrup is made, cider mills, Stowe Village, and Ben and Jerry's with samples. We are accepting \$75/pp refundable deposits. We are planning to have one bus so if you are thinking of going give a deposit. Brochures are available .

The Temple Shalom card party is scheduled for Monday, July 27.

We wish our members Happy New Year and a safe trip for the snowbirds.

Shalom,

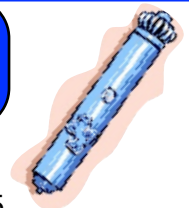
*Paula*

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Claire Korn
10	Morty Graff
12	Judith Anger
17	Barbara Jacobs
20	Vicki LaPolt
23	Diane Duberstein
24	Rosemary Heins
24	Sarah Zaken
25	Ronnie Millman
25	Roz Sharoff
26	Patsy Marshalek
28	Helen Gold
29	Lauren Miller
30	Sheila Feldman
31	Rose Schapiro



### Judaica Gift Shop



Yarmulkas valued to \$25 — ONLY \$5  
 Mezuzahs -- \$5 and up; Challah covers -- \$5  
 Rada cutlery, paring knives, knife sharpeners, steak knives, cookbooks All \$7-10  
 MANY assorted gift items for Shabbat and holidays

## ATTN: SNOWBIRDS - BEFORE YOU LEAVE ...

If you have items that you believe could benefit the temple please think of donating to Temple Sholom.

Please consider the following:

Electronic items and appliances should be new.

We do not have the storage space for furniture.

Artwork, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, and the like should be in very good condition.

No clothes.



We will pick up but we reserve the right to reject an item.

Please email Ira Simon at [ira.m.simon@gmail.com](mailto:ira.m.simon@gmail.com) to make arrangements, or call the temple and leave your contact information.

Thank you for your support!

### 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, Paula Schroeder**
- ☆ **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.

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# The Saga of the Citron\*



This Sukkot, take the time to inhale the aroma of a citron - that giant, knobby, lemon-shaped fruit with thick, dense skin - and you'll encounter an exhilarating fragrance. It may be almost inedible - bitter and dry, with little pulp or juice - but its unique scent of lemon and lime and its ever-bearing tree have endowed this native plant of northeast India with curative and ritual status. From ancient through medieval times, people utilized the fruit as a remedy for everything from snakebites and seasickness to muscular pain and skin disease.

The citron was first esteemed by the ancient Hindus as a symbol of prosperity, perhaps because of its generous size (the Hindu god of wealth, Kuvera, is always shown holding a citron). The fruit reached China sometime in the fourth century CE, at which time the many-lobed ornamental variety called the Buddha's Hand (when its finger-like lobes are closed, the fruit resembles a hand in prayer) became revered as a symbol of happiness. To this day, Buddhists value the citron as a religious offering in both temple and home altars.

It is not known when the Jews first encountered the citron (*etrog* in Hebrew), though scholars believe that Jewish exiles in Babylonia brought it back to Palestine sometime before 600 BCE. During the Second Temple period (515 BCE to 70 CE), when Jews regarded the harvest festival of Sukkot as the most important holiday of the year (so much so that Sukkot was known simply as *HeHag*--The Festival), the *etrog* was a frequent motif on coins and synagogue mosaics of the time.

It remains a matter of debate when exactly the *etrog* was adopted to fulfill the Torah commandment to "take the fruit of a beautiful tree" during Sukkot. Though it has been proposed that the biblical "fruit of the goodly tree" was originally a different fruit, later replaced by the citron, most scholars have rejected this theory on the grounds that Jews of the era were very conservative in adhering to religious traditions.

Why the *etrog*? Again, this remains a matter of scholarly speculation. In advancing proofs that the *etrog* was indeed the "fruit of the goodly tree," and perhaps even the fruit eaten in the Garden of Eden, the rabbinic authors of the Talmud asserted that since both the fruit and the tree had flavor, the *etrog* met both qualifications of the phrase, the tree being as "goodly" as the fruit. One rabbi demonstrated that the numerical value of the phrase "fruit of a goodly tree" was the same as the word *etrogim*, the plural of *etrog*. Still others compared the tapered oval shape to a heart, thus justifying its standing as the heart of the festival's prayer.

American Jews import the majority of their holiday *etrogim* from Israel, grown mostly by the Ludmir family on seventy-four acres of *etrog* groves in Bnei Brak. Every seventh year, the Ludmir family observes *sh'mita*, the Jewish law requiring the land to lie fallow. Only one grower in the United States has successfully harvested significant numbers of *etrogim*. John Kirkpatrick, a Presbyterian farmer, has cultivated some 250 citron trees under rabbinical supervision. Religious regulations prohibit grafting *etrog* trees onto stronger, disease-resistant rootstocks, so the trees are short-lived and vulnerable to disease and frost. Add to this the highly labor-intensive process of growing and selecting the fruit. Using a magnifying glass and a mirror, Kirkpatrick and his employees cull any blemished or imperfect fruit through the growing season and protect each promising *etrog* in an individual cloth bag secured to a branch. Of the 100,000 immature *etrogim*, about 12,000 are cultivated to full size; after sorting and grading, only 2,000-4,000 are good enough to sell for ritual use in the extremely brief time period prior to Sukkot. David Wiseman of Dallas, who markets some of Kirkpatrick's citrons through his company Zaide Reuven's Esrog Farm, says of the endeavor: "You've basically got to be crazy to do this."

\*Above is an excerpt from an article on the Reform Judaism website.

You can read the entire article at: <https://reformjudaism.org/saga-citron>

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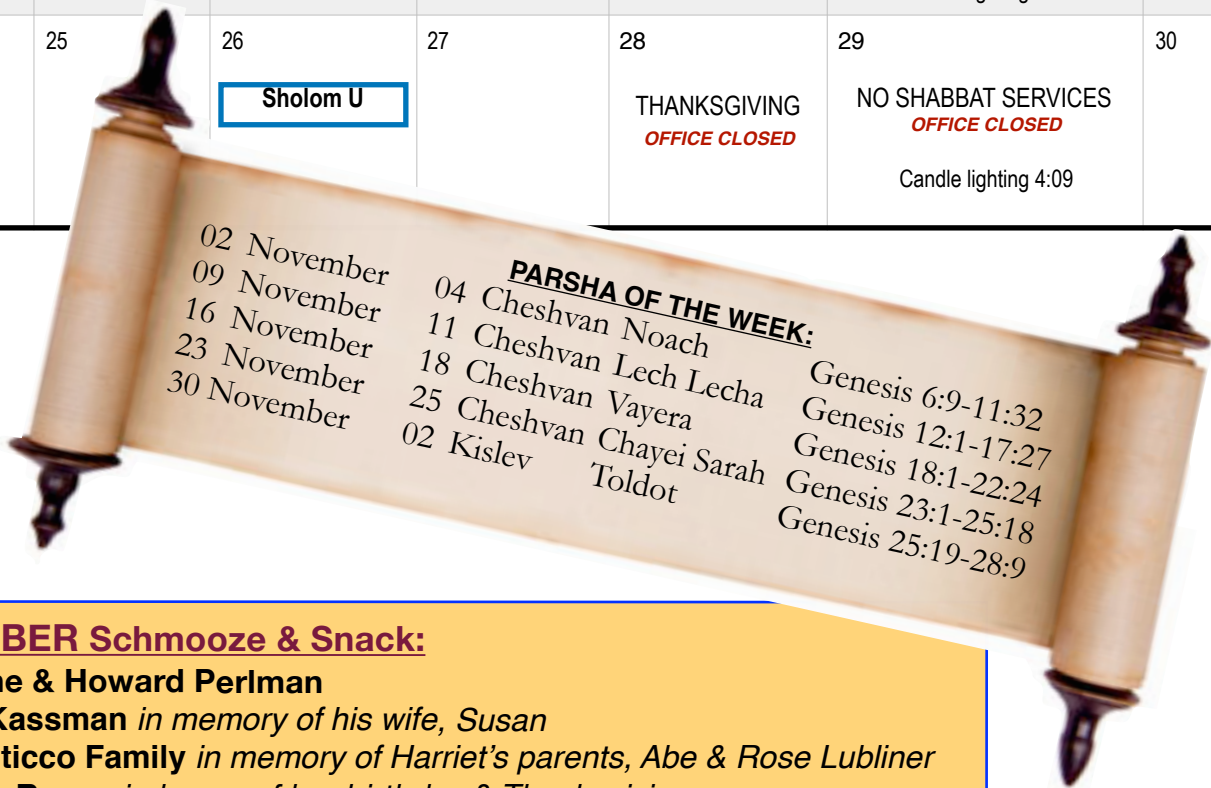
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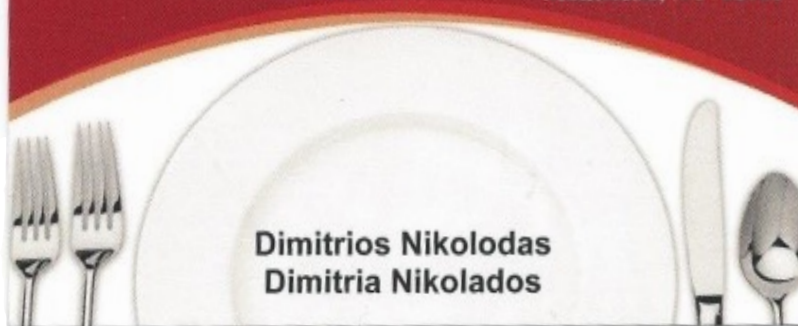
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