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Sholom Jewish University – Spring 2020/5780

Temple Sholom, 5 E. Dillon Rd. Monticello, NY templesholom1954@gmail.com

TUESDAYS — STARTING DATE: MARCH 3, 2020

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



Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Snack and Schmooze at 5:30 PM Hamantashen and ice cream sundaes after services

It was long, long ago In a land far away That all the things happened We tell of today...

Temple Sholom member Jane Bloom is pleased to announce the publication of her novel, The Thing at the Edge of Blundertown, a compelling story for the urgent times in which we live. For ages 11 through adult. Please join her at the Book Launch event on Saturday, February 29, 11am-1pm, at the Ethelbert Crawford Public Library in Monticello.











purchase and signing. Light

refreshments will be served.





THE THING for local author Jane M. Bloom Join us as Jane M. Bloom AT THE **EDGE** OI introduces her debut novel — a story of courage for dog lovers BLUNDERTO and people lovers everywhere! Books will be available for

A Young Adult N

Saturday, February 29, 2020 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.+ in the Robert D. Norris Community Room



From: the Rabbi...

Sneak Preview of Spring Pirke Avot Class

This spring, starting on Tuesday, March 3, we will be continuing our studies of Pirke Avot, the sayings of our ancestors. This book contains an ancient but very relevant guide to Jewish morals and values. Here is a sneak preview of some of the verses we will be studying and discussing. Join us for some great discussions. The registration form for Spring Semester is available on page 17 of the Harbinger, on the temple website, and at the temple office.

3:11-12 Anyone whose wisdom exceeds their good deeds, to what are they likened? To a tree whose branches are numerous but whose roots are few, then the wind comes and uproots it and turns it upside down. But one whose good deeds exceeds their wisdom, to what are they likened? To a tree whose branches are few but whose roots are numerous. Even if all the winds in the world were to come and blow against it, they could not budge it from its place.

4:1 Who is wise? One who learns from every person. Who is strong? One who subdues one's base instincts. Who is rich? One who is happy with one's lot in life. Who is honored? One who honors others.

5:14 There are four types of temperaments: One who is angered easily and easily pacified, their loss is offset by their gain. One who is hard to anger and hard to pacify, their gain is offset by their loss. One who is hard to anger and easy to pacify is pious. The one who is easily angered and hard to pacify is wicked.

Rabbi Michele Brand Medwin, D.Min.

Weather Cancellations

During the winter months (which can be as late as April) please check your e-mail or <u>www.weather.com</u> (the Weather Channel) before coming to services on Friday nights. If there is a weather statement, advisory, or warning, there is a good possibility we will cancel services. We like to err on the side of caution. Even if your road is fine, others in the area could be icy. An e-mail will be sent out to the congregation if we decide to cancel services, but not all members have or check their e-mail regularly. If you want to be sure, you can e-mail <u>rabbimedwin@me.com</u> or call or text her at 607-765-2895.

Rabbi Medwin will Zoom services from her home on such days with information on how to connect to Zoom on the e-mail that goes out.

Give the office your cell number and/or email address if you want to receive notifications.



POT LUCK (Dairy) DINNER **Friday, March 20, 2020** 5:30-7:00 PM

A short service will follow.

Let us know what you will bring. Please contact Susan Kantor 434-6679 or 798-0578 or call Steph at temple.

Passover 2020 April 8 - April 16



in the April Harbinger

Add your name to the list of those who will be extending *Passover Greetings*

Each entry will be individually highlighted The cost is \$18 ~ MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 10th

*Your name as you wish it to appear:

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Mail this form along with \$18 to: **Temple Sholom** P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

MARCH 2020 - ADAR / NISAN 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday W	ednesday	/ Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sholom U Spring Semester Begins Religious School	4	5	6 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 Dir Seuss PURIM Shabbat Service 6:00 <i>Candle lighting</i> 5:35	7 Tetzaveh
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins MOVE CLOCK AHEAD (2am)	9 EREV PURIM	10 PURIM Sholom U classes Religious School	11	12	13 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 Shabbat Services 6:00 <i>Candle lighting 6:43</i>	14 Ki Tisa
15	16	17 Sholom U classes Religious School	18	19	20 POTLUCK DINNER 5:30 Short Shabbat Service to follow Candle lighting 6:50	21 Vayakhel/ Pekudei
22	23	24 Sholom U classes Religious School Bd of Trustees 6:30 PM	25	26	27 Snack & Schmooze 5:30 Shabbat Services 6:00 <i>Candle lighting</i> 6:58	28 Vayikra
29	30	31 Sholom U classes Religious School	7 Mar			
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MARCH Snack & Schmooze: 06 Ruth Turk, Bob Kassman, Dorothy Cohen in celebration of Purim 13 Miros Family in honor of Macy's birthday 20 Potluck Dinner 27 Susan & Ken Kantor in memory of Lottie Elfenbaum's birthday						

Purim: History

The Story

The story of Purim is found in the Book of Esther, one of the books in the *Ketuvim* (Writings) section of the Bible. It is set in the land of Persia (current day Iran) at the time when Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) was king. King Ahashverosh held a banquet in the capital city of Shushan and ordered his queen, Vashti, to come and dance before his guests. She refused to appear and lost her royal position.

Acting on advice from his counselors, Ahashverosh had women from all over the kingdom brought to him, so he could choose a new queen. Esther, a young Jewish woman from Shushan, was chosen. However, following the advice of her cousin, Mordechai (who raised her after her parents died), Esther did not reveal her Jewish origins to the king.

Mordechai often sat near the gate of the king's palace. One day he overheard two men, Bigthan and Teresh, plotting to kill the king. Mordechai reported what he had



heard to Esther. She then reported the information to the king. The matter was investigated and found to be true, and Bigthan and Teresh were put to death. Mordechai's deed was recorded in the king's diary.

Meanwhile, the king's evil adviser, Haman, paraded through the streets, demanding that all bow down to him. Because Jews do not bow to anyone but God, Mordechai refused to bow down to Haman. Upon learning that Mordechai was Jewish, Haman decided to kill all the Jews in the Persian empire. He plotted to kill them—convincing King Ahashverosh to go along with the plan—and cast *purim* ("lots," plural of *pur*), a kind of lottery, to determine the day on which he would carry out his evil deed: the 13th of Adar.

However, Mordechai alerted Esther to Haman's evil plot, and Esther, in turn, revealed her Jewish identity to the king, convincing him to save the Jews and foiling Haman's plot. The Jews were allowed to fight back against the king's soldiers, and triumphed after a fierce battle. Haman was hanged, Mordechai received his estates and the position of royal vizier (adviser), and the Jews of Persia celebrated their narrow escape on the 14th of Adar, the day after they were supposed to be annihilated.

Thus, the fate Haman had planned for the Jews became his own. The holiday of Purim celebrates the bravery of Esther and Mordechai and the deliverance of the Jewish people from Haman's decree of death.

Over the centuries, Haman has come to symbolize every anti-Semite in every land where Jews were oppressed. The significance of Purim lies not so much in how it began, but in what it has become: a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival.

When We Celebrate

Although Purim is celebrated in most places on the 14th of Adar, in Jerusalem it is celebrated on the 15th. *M'gillat Esther* explains, "on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month—that is the month of Adar—when the king's command and decree were to be executed, the very day on which the enemies of the Jews intended to have rule over them, the opposite happened, and the Jews prevailed over their adversaries." The Jews fought and won on the 13th of Adar and celebrated the following day. However, *M'gillat Esther* continues by explaining that the Jews did not defeat their enemies until the 14th of Adar in the walled city of Shushan. Therefore, cities that were enclosed during the time of Joshua do not celebrate until the 15th of Adar, which has been appropriately named Shushan Purim. Because of the significance of Jerusalem, Purim is celebrated there on Shushan Purim.



In the Book of Esther, we read that Purim is a time for "feasting and merrymaking," as well as for "sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor" (Esther 9:22). In addition to reading the *M'gillah* (Book of Esther), celebrants dress in costumes, have festive parties, perform "Purim-spiels" (silly theatrical adaptations of the story of the *M'gillah*), send baskets of food (*mishloach manot*) to friends, and give gifts to the poor (*matanot l'evyonim*).



To **Phil Schroeder**, a complete, speedy and easy recovery. From: Larry & Carolyn Richman

Golden Book To Marcia Salton, condolences on the loss of your beloved son-in-law, Don Davidson. From: Larry & Carolyn Richman

To **Sabra & Jerry Saltzman**, Mazel Tov on the birth of your first grandchild, Justin Ryan. From: Maureen & Bob Velten

To Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Saltzman, Mazel Tov on your first child, Justin Ryan.

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To Nancy Hirsch, condolences ont the loss of your beloved husband, Bernard Hirsch. From: Maureen & Bob Velten, Sue & Ken Kantor

> To Carole Abrams, a complete, easy and speedy recovery. From: Phil & Paula Schroeder

Nitzah Cards To **Sheila Epstein**, a complete, easy and speedy recovery.

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To **Danny Kirschenbaum**, a complete, easy and speedy recovery.

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To **Linda Kleinman**, a complete, easy and speedy recovery. From: Phil & Paula Schroeder

To **Beth & Shelly Leidner**, Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Owen.

From: Larry & Carolyn Richman, Temple President – Neal Jacobs & Jane, Temple Sholom Board of Trustees, Rabbi Medwin & Steve



PASSOVER SEDER in 2020

Temple Sholom WILL NOT be offering a Passover seder this year at the temple. If you are making a seder and have room at your table for one or more additional people, or if you are looking for a seder to go to, please contact Rabbi Medwin. The rabbi will try to match up these two groups.

(rabbimedwin@me.com or 607-765-2895)

2020 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
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- 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
- Rick Stein, Ellen Nesin, Stephanie Phillips, Howard Perlman 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 handymen) who are at the temple every Wednesday doing all the small (and not so small) jobs required to maintain our 65-year-old building.

Thank you: Norbert & Henry Charitable Trust for your donation to the temple.



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There are many ways to support Temple Sholom

- 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)
- x Send a Golden Book message (\$5)
 - *Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)*

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Before





During

Much thanks to Howie Perlman and the building committee for so expeditiously restoring the heat at the temple.



After March 2020

Happy March Anniversary

3 Ralph & Ellen Cutler
19 Zane & Janet Morganstein
23 Dr. Rick & Marilyn Stein
29 Brian & Sheri Miros

Happy March Birthday

- 4 Jessica Nesin
- 5 Brian Miros
- 7 Andy Hazelnis
- 8 Dr. Ted Isseks
- 9 Macy Miros
- 10 Judy Cutler
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The Harbinger

PRIMETIMERS



Paula (561-496-3556)

Our time together up north is coming closer and closer, so mark your calendars with these important dates:

	May 18	Our first meeting		
	June 8 June 24	Primetimers meeting Bus to NYC		
	July 13 July 15 July 27 July 29	Primetimers meeting - Nesin Cultural Arts Bus trip to boat ride Pride of the Hudson Temple Sholom card party at Camelot Woods Bus trip to Mohegan Sun		
	August 10 August 12 August 20 August 24-2	Primetimers meeting - Gordon McAdam Bus to NYC Temple Sholom Theater Nite: Shadowland Stages 28 Trip to Vermont		
	September September September	9 Monticello Seniors Westchester Dinner Theater		
October 5		Primetimers meeting		

In mid March, Sue Horowitz will send out reminder letters for payment for the trips.



For more information you can call Paula (561-496-3556) or Sue (561-733-4020).

Shalom,

Paula



Sue (561-733-4020)

IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

March 6: David Chowes, Alvin Sodell, Evanelle Detwiler, Ralph Cohen, Jack Silverstein, Isadore Rosman, Emanuel Klein, Abraham Schulman, Anne Lutsky, Jerry Rosenberg, Stella Fishman, David Brand

March 13: Rose Perlmutter, Sarah Richter, Anna Hazelnis, Ruth S. Appel, Nancy Karkota Solomon, Adrienne Gold Huberman, Bessie Schwartz, Phillip Richman, Rose Appel, Ethel Goldfeder, *Olga Buchlerova, Emil Ippen, Dr. John Kotin, Raye Linnetz Furst

March 20: Pauline R. Goodman, Ken Gobel, Dora Bader, Aaron Altman, Norman Levine, Ben Schacht, Jacob Kapito, Isadore Cohen, Herman Lewinter, Henry Wrobel, Anna Cerullo, Murray H. Gitlin, Irene Jacobi, Ralph Jacobs, *Alois Eisner, Evelyn C. Silverstein, Rudiger Spiegl

March 27: Yetta Slotnick, Helen Rubler, Sidney Epstein, Hyman Mintz, Walter Gersten, Morton Farber, Irma Krieger, Jean Miller, Abraham Brafman, Benjamin Fein, Norman Plotkin, Jesse Wolfson, Carol Imbey, Muriel Gitlin, Samantha Brafman, Hyman Himmel

*Holocaust Victims From Pisek And Perished In Terezin

Donations to the YAHRZEIT FUND In Loving Memory of the Following:

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Bequests of all sizes are an important source of financial support for Temple Sholom, providing funds for temple programs, subsidizing membership, religious school scholarships, major maintenance of the building, and much more.

There are may ways you can make such a contribution to the temple in your will. You can specify a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, a special fund, or the general fund. Together, you and your advisors should decide what best suits your individual circumstances.

Thank you from our members, students, and the community who will benefit from your thoughtfulness in the future. We recommend you always consult your legal and/or financial advisor when providing for such a gift.



APRIL 2020 - NISAN / IYAR 5780

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri Summe hours	er Sat
			1	2	3 begin Shabbat Services 7:30 Candle lighting 7:03	Tzav
5	6	7 Religious School	8 EREV PESACH (1st Seder)	9 PESACH (2nd Seder)	10 NO SHABBAT SERVICES Candle lighting 7:11	11 Pesach
12	13	14 Religious School	15	16	17 Shabbat Services 7:30 <i>Candle lighting 7:18</i>	18 Shmini
19	20	21 YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY) Religious School Bd of Trustees 6:30 PM	22	23	24 YOM HASHOAH SHABBAT SERVICE 7:30 Candle lighting 7:25	25 Tazria- Metzora
26	27	28 YOM HAZIKARON (Israel Memorial Day) Religious School	29 YOM HA'ATZMAUT (Israel Independence Day)	30	HE WEEK: Leviticus 6:1-8:36	
Religious School Independence Day) PARSHA OF THE WEEK: Leviticus 6:1-8:36 Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Tzav Call Susan Kantor to volunteer 798-0578						
APRIL ONEG: 03 Ira & Karen Simon in celebration of Ira's birthday and their 38 th wedding anniversary 10 NO SHABBAT SERVICES 17 SPONSOR NEEDED 24 YOM HASHOAH (Holocaust Remembrance Service)						У



Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah



May 6: Movie night 7 PM at Temple Sholom, showing **RBG**, the docu-biography featuring Ruth Bader Ginsburg. At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. This film explores the unique and personal journey of her rise to the nation's highest court. (Suggested donation \$5)

June 4: 7 PM at Temple Sholom, Bonnie Lewis from Cornell



Cooperative Extension will offer a presentation about Tai Chi followed by a group Tai Chi session with her.

Aside from her many credentials, Bonnie is board certified as a SUNY Geriatric Scholar. NYS DOH Tai Chi instructor for fall prevention. (Suggested donation \$5)



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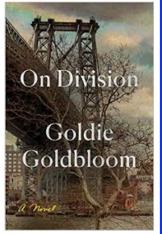
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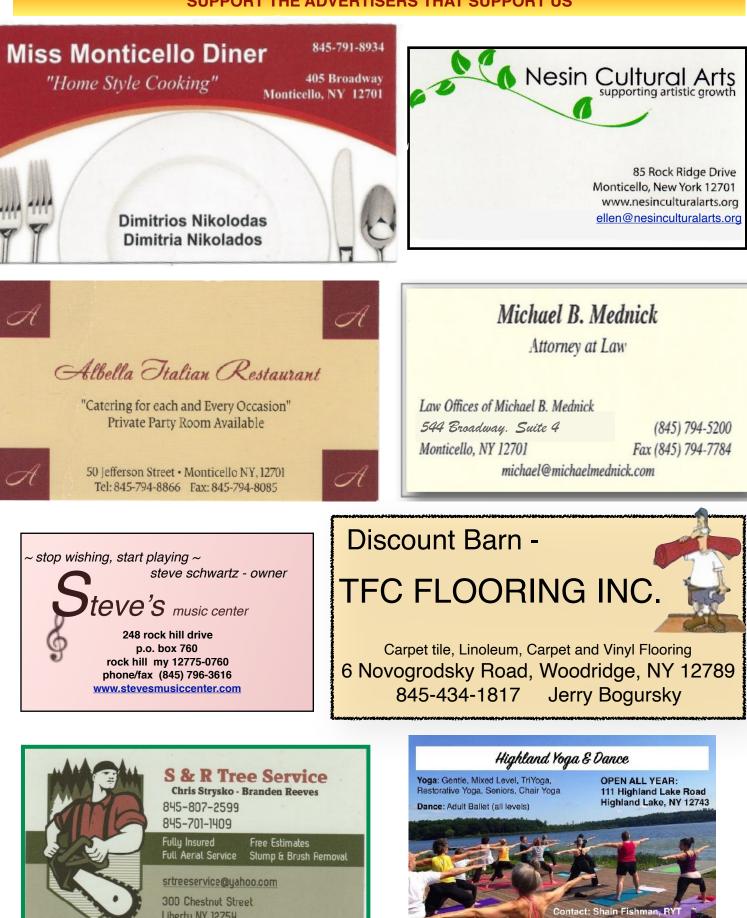
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(Keep this page for your information.)

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. (<u>rabbimedwin@me.com</u>) Registration forms are available at Temple Sholom or on the website - <u>http://www.templesholomny.org</u>.

Early registration deadline is February 25, 2020. Classes are taught by Rabbi Medwin on Tuesdays from March 3 - April 21, 2020. Make-up date April 28, 2020.

1. *Pirke Avot: A Social Justice Commentary* by Rabbi Shmuly Yankowitz Tuesdays, Noon-1:15 PM 8 classes

Pirkei Avot stands out among the sixty-three tractates of the Mishnah as the Jewish text devoted to ethical advice and guidance. Rabbi Shmly 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 8 classes

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 them we learn how each family member explores their own path through 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. You can't help but fall in love with their stories as they experience life. The show is in Hebrew and Yiddish with English subtitles. We will watch one show each class and then take time to discuss what we observed. We watched the first 8 episodes during the Fall semester. For the Spring we will continue with Season 1 Episode 9 through Season 2 Episode 4.

(The class will continue in Fall 2020 with the additional episodes of season 2. If you were not with us during the Fall 2019 semester you can catch up by watching those episodes on Netflix.)

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TUESDAYS - STARTING DATE: MARCH 3, 2020

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. (<i>rabbimedwin@me.com*) Registration forms are available at Temple Sholom or on the website - <u>http://www.templesholomny.org</u>.

Please submit registration form to the temple office by February 25, 2020 to avoid registration fee.

Name	Email
Address	Town
To reach you for alerts and/or cancellations:	
Primary phone	Alternative phone
 1. Pirke Avot: A Social Justice Commentar We will use the book by Rabbi Dr. SI <i>Please purchase the book for</i> Tuesdays at noon - 1:15 PM 2. Shtisel - Israeli TV series Tuesdays at 1:30 - 2:45 PM 	hmuly Yanklowitz
MEMBER of Temple Sholom in good standing 1 class - \$36 2 classes - \$72	Image: NON-MEMBER: Image: 1 class - \$54 Image: 2 classes - \$108

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Please add this to your class payment.)
 (*This fee is waived if registration form <u>and payment</u> are at the temple office by February 25)*

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

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

FROM SUE KANTOR – ONEG CHAIRPERSON

When you sponsor the Snack & Schmooze,

you are welcome to provide your own food — or — you can purchase the menu provided by the temple.

WINTER MENU:

Hor d'oeuvres, cheese, fruit, cake, coffee. \$40



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 1¹/₂ 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: <u>rabbimedwin@me.com</u>

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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* Adult Education * see pages 16 & 17

You can participate in Rabbi Medwin's classes remotely. If you have never used ZOOM before, you will need to download the software and follow the instructions. ZOOM is usually started by 11:45. If it is not up by noon, you can call the temple or the rabbi's cell phone, 607-765-2895.

You can use this link to join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://zoom.us/j/3143570584

Or telephone: For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location:

US: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833

Topic: Rabbi Michele Medwin's Personal Meeting Room; Meeting ID: 314 357 0584

* Shabbat Services *

This is the same link for watching **Shabbat services** via Zoom. If you are interested is watching services remotely, please contact Rabbi Medwin on the Friday you would like to watch, at least 1 hour before the service begins, via e-mail r<u>abbimedwin@me.com</u>), text, or phone (**607-765-2895**).



