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**AUGUST 2021** AV / ELUL 5781  
*The Harbinger*

*From the rabbi:*

## **Healing from the Pandemic**

When we gather together for Rosh Hashanah this year, either in person or on Zoom, I would like to take time to collectively reflect over the past year. A great deal has happened since we last “gathered” for High Holy Days. At the time we were deeply immersed in the Pandemic, trying to keep safe, hoping for a successful vaccine, missing friends and family, and experiencing the High Holy Days like we never have done before — alone in our homes, but also together through our electronic devices.



Jewish history reminds us that life is a journey. We know of the Israelites travels throughout the wilderness and the many places our ancestors have journeyed to, escaping persecution or trying to find a better way of life. During the past year our journey was more personal, more inwardly directed, until the vaccine finally enabled us to once again journey outside, but with a very different perspective than we had before the Pandemic hit.

When we go through difficult “journeys” in our lives, we can let it get to us, let it take over our lives, or we can find a way to grow and mature emotionally and spiritually. There is a Jewish expression – *Gam zu l'tovah* – Even this is for the good. We can be permanently wounded or find a way to move towards healing. Healing comes from acknowledging losses but also by realizing the positives that were gained through the experience. I encourage you to reflect on the past year since Yom Kippur. Write a paragraph about the losses you have experienced over the year, but also what you have gained and what you might have learned about yourself. (Losses include not only the physical but also loss of experiences.)



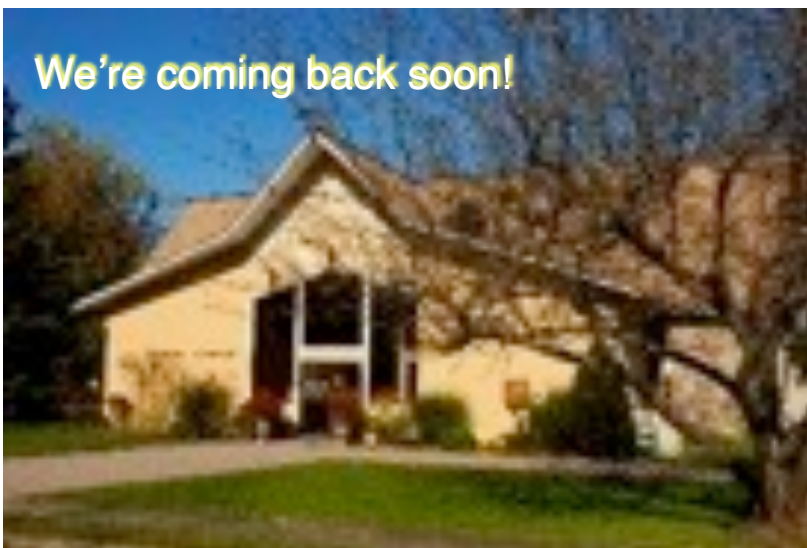
Send your paragraph to me in an email ([rabbimedwin@me.com](mailto:rabbimedwin@me.com)) by August 15, and we will use these reflections to share our collective experiences as a community when we meet again during this Rosh Hashanah.

*Rabbi Michele B. Medwin, D.Min.*

For all August activities, please check your email or the temple website (<https://templesholomny.org>) for updates about the temple building and where programs and services will be held.

We do not yet know when the building will be available to use as we come to the final stages in our repairs and renovations.

**We're coming back soon!**



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# Temple Sholom Annual **CARD PARTY**

**Monday, August 2 11:30-4:00 PM**  
at the CAMELOT WOODS CLUBHOUSE

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

**Donation: \$25 per person**  
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Paula 845-794-2314

Bonnie 845-807-7247



**Thank you Gail Abramowitz ... for \*LADIES NIGHT OUT.**

Included were temple members, Primetimers, and Camelot Woods Ladies.

\*The first one took place on July 7 at El Sombrero in Rock Hill. \$255 was raised for Temple Sholom.

\*The second one was at Casa di Longobardi in Swan Lake on July 21.

Gail is working on another night out in August.

**You go girl!**

SLICHOT PROGRAM  
**Violins of Hope**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

**ZOOM AND IN PERSON\***

**Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust**, narrated by Academy Award-winner Adrien Brody, is a PBS documentary featuring Israeli violinmaker Amnon Weinstein and his efforts to restore violins recovered from the Holocaust. Some were played by Jewish prisoners in concentration camps; others belonged to the Klezmer musical culture, which was all but destroyed by the Nazis. We will hear beautiful music played on these restored instruments by different musicians ranging from students to members of the Cleveland Orchestra.

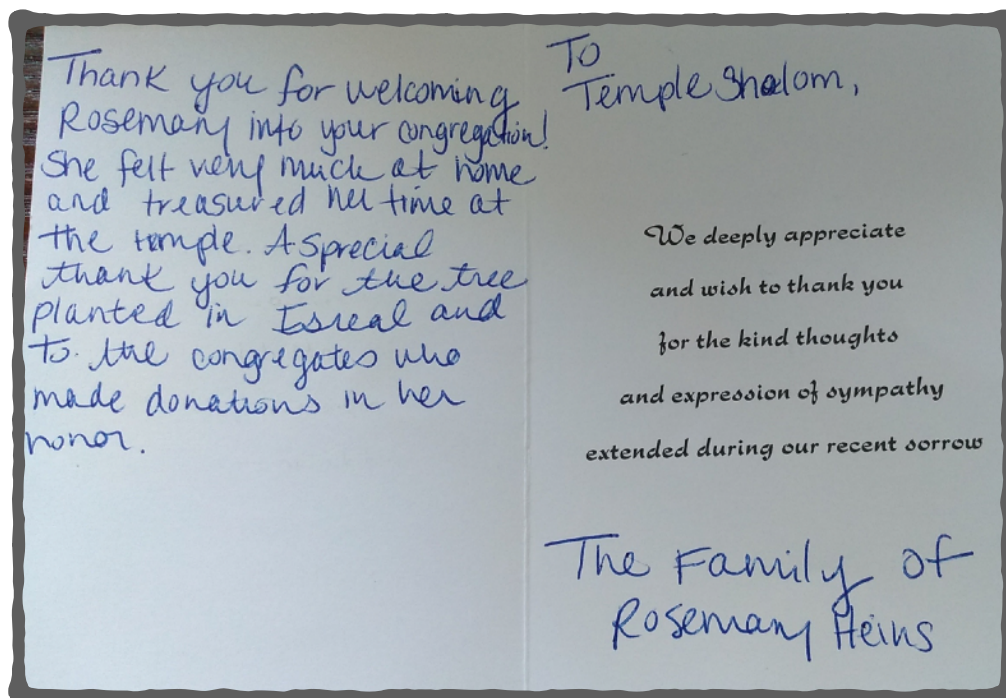
**SLICHOT SCHEDULE**

7:00-8:00 PM – Video: Violins of Hope

8:00-8:30 PM – Slichot Services



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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2 <b>ANNUAL CARD PARTY</b> (see p.3)	3 <b>SHOLOM UNIV</b>	4	5	6 Shabbat Services 7:00 (HYBRID) Candle lighting 7:47	7 Re'eh
8	9 PRIMETIMERS MEETING 1:00 PM	10 <b>SHOLOM UNIV</b>	11	12	13 Shabbat Services 7:00 (HYBRID) Candle lighting 7:38	14 Shoftim
15	16	17 Bd of Trustees 6:30 PM	18	19	20 Shabbat Services 7:00 (HYBRID) Candle lighting 7:28	21 Ki Teitzel
22	23	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Services 7:00 (HYBRID) Candle lighting 7:18	28 <b>SLICHOT</b> Violins of Hope 7:00 PM Ki Tavo
29	30	31				

**PARSHA OF THE WEEK:**

07 August 29 Av Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26-1:17  
 14 August 06 Elul Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9  
 21 August 13 Elul Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19  
 28 August 20 Elul Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8



3	Mimi Werner
4	Joyce Gitlin
10	Janet Smalls
12	Jerry Bogursky
16	Craig Hazelnis
18	Phil Schroeder
19	Edythe Raiten
20	Ralph Cutler
24	Michele Medwin
27	Marcia Siegel



*August*

9	Michael & Ann Hazelnis
15	Larry & Shain Fishman
18	Marty & Lauren Miller
24	David & Sheila Epstein
28	Jeffrey & Rita Kaplow

**You can do a mitzvah by being a Virtual Oneg Shabbat Sponsor. See page 12 for instructions on how to sponsor a Virtual Oneg Shabbat.**



**Virtual ONEG SHABBAT sponsors:**

**AUGUST 6:** Ellen Nesin, in honor of Jessica's & Brandon's wedding.  
**AUGUST 13:** Paula & Phil Schroeder in honor of Phil's birthday.  
**AUGUST 20:** Judy Cutler in honor of her mother, Martha Cutler.  
**AUGUST 27:** Sheila & David Epstein in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Mitzvah Cards

To **Phil Schroeder**, wishes for a speedy recovery.

*From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

To **Steve Sadow**, wishing him a belated 75th birthday.

*From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch*

Happy Anniversary to **Ken & Sue Kantor**.

*From: Lauren & Marty Miller*

To **Don Horowitz**, a speedy and complete recovery.

*From: Anne Palley*

To **Ruth Turk**, a speedy and complete recovery.

*From: Anne Palley*



**In loving memory of Todd Kantor.**

*Certificate to: Sue and Ken Kantor*

*Donors: Gail Abramowitz*

**In memory of Ruth Spolansky.**

*Certificate to: The Spolansky Family*

*Donor: Stanley Seidman*

**In loving memory of Joel Ross.**

*Certificate to: Joan Ross and Family*

*Donor: Janet and Zane Morganstein*

**In loving memory of Linda Beth Fiddle Rogers.**

*Certificate to: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lieberman*

*Donor: Janet and Zane Morganstein*

**In loving memory of Carol Berg.**

*Certificate to: Ron Berg and Family*

*Donor: Janet and Zane Morganstein*

## Thank you!

- ★ **Honora & Sam Wohl** for the donation in memory of Todd Kantor.
- ★ **Neal & Jane Jacobs** for the donation in memory of Rose Schapiro, Carole Berg, Joe Fowler, Rosemarie Deitsch, and Todd Kantor.
- ★ **Reva Miller** for the donation in honor of her brother, Harold Miller, being inducted in The Hall of Fame of the Jewish Historical Society of New Haven, Connecticut.
- ★ **Beth & Shelly Leidner** for the donation in memory of Todd Kantor.
- ★ **Judy Desatnick** in memory of her husband, Don Desatnick.

# THE WORD 'MITZVAH' IS A COMMANDMENT TO DO A GOOD DEED. IT'S KINDLING TO THE SOUL.

## 2021 Mitzvah Members

As is happening with most religious and service organizations across the country, Temple Sholom is experiencing a growing gap between income and expenses. To help toward closing the budget gap, Temple Sholom members are being asked to contribute, according to their ability, an additional amount above regular membership dues. Can you step forward to support the continued existence of Reform Judaism in Sullivan County?

### The three levels of Mitzvah Membership are:

✦ *Platinum Level - additional \$500 above dues*

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

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

If you are able, please **PAY YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION** and **BECOME A MITZVAH MEMBER.**

Specify: **"Mitzvah Membership"** Mitzvah Membership donations are tax deductible.

#### ✦ Platinum (500)

Maureen & Bob Velten (8/20)  
Jan Hirsch (9/20)  
David & Sheila Epstein (10/20)  
Mary Jane Harris (10/20)  
Anonymous (10/20)  
Paula & Phil Schroeder (4/21)  
Lauren & Marty Miller (7/21)

#### 🕉 Gold (250)

Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (8/20)  
Anne Palley (8/20)  
Sue & Don Horowitz (10/20)  
Judith Cutler (10/20)  
Lorraine & Jerry Bogursky (4/21)  
Neal & Jane Jacobs (6/21)

#### ♥ Silver (125)

Neal & Jane Jacobs (10/20)  
Helene & Howard Perlman (10/20)  
Sue & Ken Kantor (4/21)

**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.

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

## Friends of Temple Sholom — Exceptional Gifts from Nonmembers

### Diamond Donors

### Gold Donors

Linda Kleinman (7/20)  
Jonathan Farrow & Family (10/20)



**PRIMETIMERS**  
**NEXT ZOOM MEETING: Monday, August 9. 1:00 PM**

The Primetimers had a wonderful meeting on July 12. The Nesin Cultural Arts put on a beautiful virtual performance. All that attended this zoom meeting were thoroughly entertained. Thank you Ellen Nesin for arranging this and hosting the zoom meeting.

Our next zoom meeting will be on Monday, August 9, at 1 PM. You will receive the link several days in advance. We are excited to have Marvin Rappaport who will speak about his travels.

We are having a card and Mah Jongg party for the benefit of Temple Sholom on Monday, August 2, from 11:30-4 at the Camelot Woods Clubhouse (*see page 3*). There will be a full served catered luncheon from 11:30-1. Coffee, tea and cold drinks will be available all afternoon and we have wonderful raffle gifts. The donation for the card party luncheon is \$25 checks payable to Temple Sholom. Raffles will be \$5 each or 3/\$10. Please get your games together and call PAULA 845-794-2314 or BONNIE 845-807-7247 for reservations. All attendees must be fully vaccinated.

We have many members who have not paid their \$10 annual dues. For that amount you get a donation to Temple Sholom for your birthday, the monthly Harbinger, and priority on our trips. Your dues make it possible for us to donate to Hospice of Sullivan County, Nesin Cultural Arts, Federation for the Homeless, and Temple Sholom. If dues have not been paid for 2 years you will no longer be on our membership list.

Next season we will have our monthly meetings and several trips including our popular New York City trips. We hope to finalize it by the next issue of the Harbinger.

Shalom,

*Paula*

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6 Denise Berniker  
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8 Gladys Jacobson  
8 Ronald Sherman  
11 Ann Mace  
14 Honora Wohl  
17 Phyllis Kaufman  
18 Phil Schroeder  
22 Ester Effel

## **IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:**

**August 6:** \*Anna Hirschova, Stephen Imbey, Marion Cohen, Betty Amchir, Howard B. Kaplow, Jerome Lovenheim, Louis Miller, Rae Bick, Milton Imbey

**August 13:** \*Arnostka Meislova\*, \*Emil Frohlich, Gabriela Frohlichova, \*Helena Meislova, \*Ida Stinglova, \*Josef Fantl, \*Ludmila Hergetova, \*Ludvik Fantl, \*Matylda Fantlova, \*Ota Fantl, \*Ota Meisl, \*Vlasta Meislova, \*Harry Newman, Rose Rosen, Joseph Slayton, Jose Castillo, Beatrice Miller, Helen Donowitz, Ludwig Stein, Kenny Makransky, Samuel Levine, Clara Gewanter, Samuel J. Goodman

**August 20:** Dr. Josef Richter, Miriam Schecter, Steven T. Weisbaum, Saul Harris, Irving Salton, Lillian Shabus, Jeremiah Barnes, Howard Kirsch, Renee Bendersky, Mildred Rothberg, Gert Spero Rosen

**August 27:** Samuel Moss, Philip Hazelnis, Clifford Schwartz, Rosalyn D. Feinstein, Joseph Braunstein, Shirley Gold, George Rosen, Victims Of World Trade Center, Helen Leshner, George Fine, Sally Epstein, Sylvia Salpeter, Morris Sims

*\*Holocaust victims from Pisek and perished in Terezin*



## ***Donations to the YAHRZEIT FUND***

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

*Saul Harris* by Mary Jane Harris

*Joseph Slayton* by Joyce Slayton

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*Dr. Harry Hudes* by Judy & Marc Hudes

*Steven Imbey* by Beth & Shelly Leidner

*Hyman Perlman* by Howard & Helene Perlman

# REDEDICATION CEREMONY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

(SAVE THE DATE)

The **Return to Temple Sholom Committee** is hosting a **Rededication and Sukkah Raising Celebration** on Sunday, September 19, from 10:30 am to 12:00 PM.















Activities will include presentations on the history of Temple Sholom and on the Czech Holocaust Torah Scroll that now resides with us. There will be food, live klezmer music, folk dancing, prayer, and reflections.

Covid Protocols will be followed. You must be fully vaccinated to be inside the temple.

We are excited to have secured underwriters for this event. Two donors will match any donations received for this event up to a total of \$1,500. Your gift of \$18 becomes \$36, a donation of \$36 becomes \$72 and so on. Please send a check **payable to Temple Sholom** and write “rededication” in the memo line and mail it to P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701. Or, you can email your pledge to [templesholom1954@gmail.com](mailto:templesholom1954@gmail.com).



Just as the Maccabees paraded around the temple singing grateful praises, please join us as we rededicate Temple Sholom.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>You can do a mitzvah by being a Virtual Oneg Shabbat Sponsor. See page 14 for instructions on how to sponsor a Virtual Oneg Shabbat.</p>			1	2	3 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 Candle lighting 7:06	4 Nitzavim
5	6 EREV ROSH HASHANAH	7 	8 	9	10 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 Candle lighting 6:55	11 Vayelech
12	13	14	15 EREV YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE	16 	17 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 Candle lighting 6:43	18 Ha'azinu
19 REDEDICATION CELEBRATION & BUILDING THE SUKKAH 10:30 am	20 EREV SUKKOT 	21  SUKKOT Bd of Trustees 6:30 PM	22  SUKKOT	23  SUKKOT	24  Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 Candle lighting 6:31	25  Sukkot
26 	27 	28	29 	30		

**Virtual ONEG SHABBAT sponsors:**

**SEPT 3: Sponsor needed**

**SEPT 10: Sponsor needed**

**SEPT 17: Rabbi & Steve Medwin** in honor of all the temple members who worked so hard to put the temple back together and enable us to meet again in person.

**SEPT 24: Sponsor needed**

**PARSHA OF THE WEEK:**

04 September	27 Elul	Nitzavim	Deuteronomy	29:9-30:20
11 September	05 Tishrei	Vayelech	Deuteronomy	31:1-31:30
18 September	12 Tishrei	Ha'azinu	Deuteronomy	32:1-32:52
25 September	19 Tishrei	Chol Hamo'ed Sukkot	Exodus	33:12-34:26

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### GIFTS of SERVICE to Temple Sholom

- ★ Steve Plotkin for the kiddush and holiday wines
- ★ Rabbi Medwin for organizing our virtual oneg sponsors
- ★ Mary Jane Harris for building and maintaining the website
- ★ Stephanie Phillips for maintaining the facebook page
- ★ Rick Stein, Ellen Nesin, Stephanie Phillips, Howard Perlman, Gail Abramowitz 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: Mary Jane Harris, Rabbi Medwin, Lauren Miller, Stephanie Phillips, Paula Schroeder, Jane Jacobs, Ira Simon
- ★ 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 are going above and beyond overseeing the ongoing restoration after the flood damage to the temple.

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# ONEG עונג שבת SHABBAT

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Because of the pandemic, funds are tighter. You can do a mitzvah by being a **Virtual Oneg Shabbat Sponsor**. Pick a Shabbat you would like to “Virtually” Sponsor.

Send an e-mail to Rabbi Medwin ([rabbimedwin@me.com](mailto:rabbimedwin@me.com)) and tell her which Shabbat you will sponsor and if you have a specific reason: birthday, anniversary, in memory of, in honor of, to celebrate Shabbat, to support the temple, etc. If you provide a picture of the person or event that you are honoring, the rabbi will share it with the congregation during the service.

Send a donation check to:

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PO Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701  
Write “*Virtual Oneg Shabbat*”  
in the memo line.

The email sent to temple members the week of your oneg will recognize you as the sponsor and you will be acknowledged during the service.

Is your friend sponsoring an oneg? You can make a donation to the temple in his or her honor.

## Many ways to support Temple Sholom

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- ★ Send a Tribute Card (\$10)
- ★ Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)

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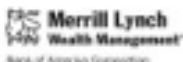
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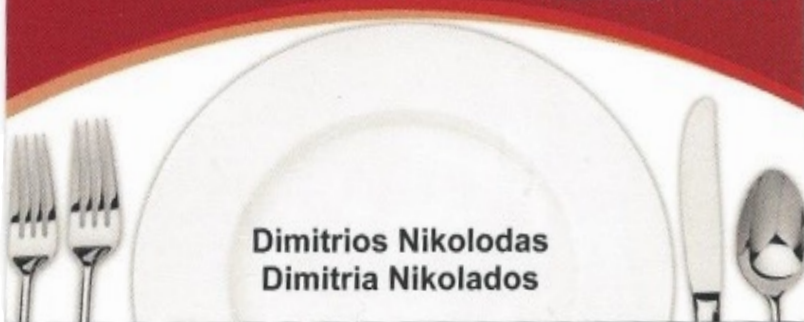
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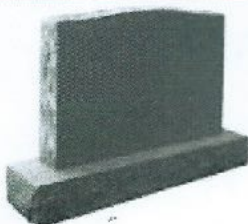
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