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in Broomall**
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The Temple Tidings



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Hilltoppers

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP
THIS CHRISTMAS**

Clothing Collection

Please bring **ONLY** these items: NEW socks (cotton tube socks) and NEW underwear (cotton, male and female sizes small to XXL) - please bring to the Temple Lobby by December 24th.

Financial Support

We have agreed to raise/contribute \$800 from our congregation to pay for the food for this day.

Volunteers

People interested in volunteering for this social action opportunity can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A4AE2AA31-temple>.

We will need people to volunteer on December 25th for the dinner itself or to bake desserts to be delivered to Temple Sholom before December 24 (leave in freezer - labeled and wrapped well). If you are interested in bringing desserts ahead of time or volunteering on the day of, please log onto <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A4AE2AA31-temple> to sign up!

Please direct any questions to Dina Stonberg at dinamph@gmail.com or 484-361-5083

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FROM THE DESK OF RABBI RIGLER

Hanukkah is known as the festival of lights. In the Talmud one of the most famous arguments between the schools of Hillel and Shammai was about the Hanukkiah. Shammai declared we should decrease the candles each night. Hillel, who we know won and won every argument, proclaimed that Judaism is about increasing the light and adding joy. We increase the light each night of Hanukkah during the darkest nights of the year to bring joy. While Hanukkah is actually a minor holiday, in the scope of the calendar, we all have such warm memories. Latkes cooked to perfection and filling our homes with the smells of the season, gifts we gave or received, family time and dreidel games. This year as we focus on mitzvot please consider ways that

you can increase the light in our world. Pick a night and instead of receiving give to others who are in need. How about making donations in honor of your friends instead of gifts? Buy a gift certificate to Kiva.org, a micro-loan program that your friends can use your gift to make a difference in the world. Buy coats for our on-going collections. Donate money to Mazon: a Jewish response to hunger.

This year we wanted to increase the light and the sense of community by inviting you to join us on the web each night to light your candles. There is no reason to be alone these holidays!

Best for a Hanukkah filled with light and Peace,

~ Rabbi Peter Rigler

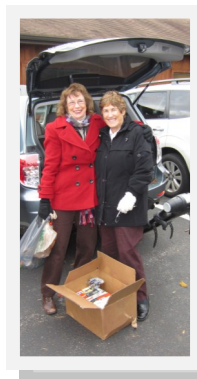
HURRICANE RELIEF – OUR CALL TO MOBILIZE WAS HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR!

Thank you! I was inspired and so impressed with the response from our community to Hurricane Sandy. Each time we made a plea for volunteers the outpouring of support was heart-warming! For example, the morning that we loaded the van full of your donations I worried (as I often do) about us having to do it alone. We sent one email out to the congregation and 15 people showed up to meet us! We also raised over \$1,000 that went to the URJ relief fund. My wife, Rabbi Stacy Rigler wrote the following to our friends and family when we returned:

"We just got home from Staten Island. The drive to the synagogue up through New Jersey and along the west side of the island was fine, we did see lots of downed trees. As we went east, most gas stations were closed or had lines of people with cars and canisters. We picked up our hosts from Temple Israel, Rabbi Mike Howard and Tracy and went to the new drop section. Once we were within a mile or two there was a ton of congestion and people everywhere. Many houses declared uninhabitable, piles of garbage bags, people cleaning and stuff all along the streets. They said the surge was over 14 feet where we were. Our very full van of relief supplies was unloaded within 10 minutes. We brought things into tents where they were immediately being given out. They had very few batteries when we arrived. We brought a second load to another

distribution center of items the synagogue members brought to Temple Israel and were on our way home. Going home we drove along the eastern coast where there were fewer gas stations open and many more dark houses. Thanks everyone for helping us do this mitzvah. ~ Rabbi Stacy Rigler"

It was a day I will long remember! The impact we made was immediate! The van full of supplies made it straight from our homes to the homes of those in need. *Todah Rabah, Temple Shalom!*



MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE

As a Rabbi, I believe that we needed to recognize the sanctity in same sex marriages and monogamous relationships in the strongest possible way. The key issue in the sanctity of a relationship is a commitment to exclusivity and to elevating the relationship to a state of *kedusha*, holiness. When two individuals arrive at that point in their relationship when they have felt the bonds of love, they deserve a place under the *huppah* in the presence of a rabbi and in the presence of community to celebrate that love. The joy they share will, we hope, help them build their home together in the way of our tradition, as a place of exclusivity, of *ahava v'achva, shalom v'reut*: love and harmony, peace and companionship. As Jews we have known discrimination and hatred. How can we do anything but open our hearts and minds to help others who seek true freedom? It is important to know that our own Reform movement, the URJ, has endorsed same sex marriage and equality. The CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) has also endorsed same sex marriage.

As a country, we still have a long way to go toward getting our laws to reflect the principle that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is unjust and unfair. In many parts of the world, gays and lesbians fear for their very lives due to legal regimes and social environments in which homosexuality is criminalized and demonized. And in the United States, it's been only about ten years since the United States Supreme Court invalidated state and federal laws that purported to make homosexual behavior a crime. And it's only been one year since the discriminatory "Don't Ask Don't Tell" regime in the U.S. military was ended.



This week, we have seen some more states finally stand up...I think it is now our turn! How taken I was with the results this week. As I tried to sleep the night after the results I kept thinking about those in our state (Pennsylvania) who are denied basic rights based on sexual orientation. It is time, we need to make this issue one that is debated in our state. , Not an issue that is ignored with people saying, "Forget it Pennsylvania will never do it!." This is UNACCEPTABLE! We need to demand more of our state...Please join and support the struggle. Join the movement for change!

Alex Kress, a first year HUC-JIR student and I started the [Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/#!/MarriageEqualityPA/likes) in an effort to gather voices who support Marriage Equality. We have already seen a wonderful showing of support! We are in the process of trying to grow so please join and support us.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/MarriageEqualityPA/likes>

TZEDAKAH FUND

The Tzedakah Fund is our Temple's outreach vehicle to the local and greater community to help with food and shelter in time of need. We called for emergency donations during Super Storm Sandy and within 3 days had more than \$1,000 to donate to the URJ Hurricane Relief Fund. Then Rabbi Peter made a connection with Temple Israel on Staten Island and got a list of specific supplies and put out a call for donations on Friday. The van left on Monday morning bringing cases upon cases of much



needed supplies. We had many volunteers of all ages helping with packing boxes on Sunday and Monday. Thanks to all who helped.

Please continue to donate to the Tzedakah Fund anytime you want to remember a birthday, honor someone's achievement, or make a memorial contribution so that our ability to respond to need can be timely. Thank you. ~ Laurie Albert

CANTOR SHAPIRO'S MESSAGE



Psalm 121 for Yizkor*

I officiated at a funeral a number of years ago after a beloved congregant died suddenly. A local pastor who was a good friend attended all aspects of the funeral to help console the mother of the deceased, as the pastor was the religious connection in the mother's life. After *shiva*, my pastor friend and I spent some time talking about the day and what it had meant to her. We discussed details and she summed up the experience of feeling comforted by Jewish ritual by saying, "Jews really get death."

The *Yizkor* experience is a deeply moving service, taking us through the gamut of emotions that we feel when we lose a loved one. It is another expression of how, as my friend put it, we "get" death. It allows us, through the liturgy, to recall the laying to rest of loved ones, and to measure a sense of distance and healing that has occurred since that time. Nahum Sarna explained that through the Torah and *N'vi'im*, "God reaches out to man," but through the words of *T'hillim* (Psalms) we "reach out to God." He contends that through the Psalms, "the human soul extends

itself beyond its confining, sheltering, impermanent house of clay. It strives for contact with the Ultimate Source of all life." [1] Thus, it seems very natural that when confronted with death, mourning, and remembrance, we turn to the Psalms as they offer an already existent liturgy that cries out to God.

In Psalm 121, the author imagines a God of strength with the ability to protect us. In the context of *Yizkor* these words are meant to comfort the mourner. The first two words of the poem, *Esa einai*, (I lift my eyes) direct us vividly upward at a time when we may be inclined to downward thought. They tell us to remember, yet to keep striving toward life under God's protection. The word *shomeir*, denoting protection or guardian, occurs no less than eight times in this very short psalm.

The prolific Canadian composer, Ben Steinberg (1930-), wrote a setting of Psalm 121 especially for use during *Yizkor* for the High Holidays.

Steinberg's setting for solo voice and organ relies heavily on *nusach* and evokes through a pairing of music and text, a sense of looking up, out of the

PSALM 121

ESAH EINAI d beharim

mei-ayin yavo ezri?
Ezri mei-im Adonai,
oseh hashamayim vaaretz.
Al yitein lamot raglecha,
al yanum shomrecha.
Hinei lo yanum v'lo yishan
shomeir Yisrael.
Adonai shomrecha,
Adonai tzilcha al yad y'minecha.
Yomam hashemesh lo yakela,
v'yarei-ach balaila.
Adonai yishmarcha mikol ra,
yishmor et nafshecha.
Adonai yishmor tzeitecha uvo-echa,
mei-atah v'ad olam.

I TURN MY EYES to the mountains;
from where will my help come?
My help comes from Adonai,
maker of heaven and earth.
God will not let your foot give way;
your guardian will not slumber;
See, the guardian of Israel
neither slumbers nor sleeps!
Adonai is your guardian,
Adonai is your protection
at your right hand.
By day the sun will not strike you,
nor the moon by night.
Adonai will guard you from all harm;
God will guard your life.
Adonai will guard your going and coming
now and forever.

אֶשָּׂא עֵינַי אֶל-הָרִים

מֵאַיִן יָבוֹא עֲזָרִי
עֲזָרִי מֵיָמֵי יי,
עֹשֶׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ.
אַל יִתֵּן לַמּוֹט רֶגְלְךָ,
אַל יָנֹּם שׁוֹמְרְךָ.
הִנֵּה לֹא יָנֹּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן
שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל.
יְיָ שׁוֹמְרְךָ,
יְיָ צִלְךָ עַל-יַד יְמִינְךָ.
יוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא-יִקְלָה,
וְיָרֵי-אָח בַּלַּיִל.
יְיָ יִשְׁמָרְךָ מִכָּל-רָע,
יִשְׁמֹר אֶת-נַפְשְׁךָ.
יְיָ יִשְׁמֹר-צֵאתְךָ וּבֹאֶךָ,
מֵעַתָּה וְעַד-עוֹלָם.

PSALM 23

MIZMOR L'DAVID

Adonai ro-i lo echsar.
Binot dshach yarbitzini
al mei n'nachot y'nahaleini.
Nafshi y'shoveiv
yan'cheini b'maglei tzedek
Imaan sh'mo.
Gam ki eilech
b'gei tzalmavet
lo-ira ra ki atah imadi
shiv'cha umishantecha heimah y'nachamuni.
Ta'aroch l'fanai shulchan
neged tzor'rai
dishanta vashemen roshi
kosi r'vayah.
Ach tov vachessed
yird'funi kol y'mei chayai
v'shanti b'veit Adonai
Forech yamim.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

Adonai is my shepherd; I lack nothing.
God makes me lie down in green pastures;
God leads me to water in places of repose;
God renews my life;
God guides me in right paths
as befits God's name.
Though I walk through a valley of deepest darkness,
I fear no harm, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff — they comfort me.
You spread a table for me in full view of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my drink is abundant.
Only goodness and steadfast love shall pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the House of Adonai
for many long years.

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד

יְיָ רֹעִי, לֹא אֶחְסָר.
בִּנְיֹת דְּשָׁח יִרְבִּיצְנִי
עַל-מֵי מַנְחוֹת יְנַהֲלֵנִי.
נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב
יְנַחֲנִי בְּמַגְלֵי צֶדֶק
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.
גַּם כִּי אֵלֶיךָ
בְּגֵי צַלְמַוֶּט
לֹא אִירָא רָע כִּי אַתָּה עִמָּדִי
שִׁבְתָּךְ וּמִשְׁאַנְתְּךָ חֵמָה יְנַחֲמֵנִי.
תַּאֲרוֹךְ לִפְנֵי שֻׁלְחָן
נֶגֶד צָרָי
דִּשְׁאַנְתָּ בַשֶּׁמֶן רֹשִׁי
כֹּסִי רְוָיָה.
אֲךָ טוֹב וַחֲסֵד
יִרְדּוּנִי כָל-יְמֵי חַיָּי
וְשָׁנְתִי בְּבֵית יְיָ
לְאֻלָּךְ יָמִים.

deepness of mourning, toward a peaceful feeling of protection.

This setting, in English, by composer Isadore Freed (1900-1960), was written for four-part a cappella choir. Similar to Steinberg's *Esa Einai*, Freed's choral setting begins in a way that lifts harmonically and invites the listener to rise upward. Freed wrote for a Classical Reform setting, and the lack of organ in this piece would have been a definite and distinct choice for him. Its absence and the starkness of the voices alone, without any accompaniment, strive to create a sense of human calling out and reaching out to God.

Many congregations tend to lean toward the comfort of what they may consider to be traditional settings of Psalms during Yizkor. However, there are a number of interesting and beautiful contemporary settings of Psalm 121. Cantor Natalie Young's *Esa Einai* is set in a contemplative mood. As she sings with backing from synthesizer, piano, and flute, it seems that she has crafted the music to let the listener dwell in the low places while the words serve the purpose of pointing toward the hills.

As Rabbi Rick Sarason pointed out in his article (*see below*), Yizkor Memorial Prayer, our tradition responds to the needs of our people through the creation of liturgical innovations, such as the *Yizkor* service. May our people be renewed through the words of the psalmist, brought to light through song, which bring comfort, connect us to our history, and urge us to look toward the heights.

~ *B'shirah* (in song),

Cantor Shapiro

*If you're reading the print version of *The Temple Tidings* and would like to hear the musical examples, please contact Cantor Shapiro at cantor@temple-sholom.org and she will make them available to you!

My article for this month's *Tidings* is due to appear in the URJ's 10 Minutes of Torah/Delving into T'filah publication.

It is a companion article to the one written below by Rabbi Rick Sarason,

On the last day of each of the *Shalosh R'galim* (in Reform congregations, on the seventh day of Pesach, the single day of Shavuot, and Atseret-Simchat Torah) and on Yom Kippur, Yizkor memorial prayers are recited for our deceased relatives as well as for the martyrs of the Jewish people (in our own day, particularly for those who died in the Holocaust). This is an old custom, going back to the time of the Crusades in the Rhineland (11th-12th centuries).

The aftermath of those massacres gave rise to a series of ritualized memorials—initially of communal martyrs on the anniversary of the slaughter (around the time of Shavuot), including children mourning lost parents and parents mourning lost children. The use of the Kaddish as a memorial prayer recited on behalf of one's deceased parents originated in this milieu, as did the customs of observing the anniversary (*Yahrzeit*) of a parent's death and kindling a memorial candle. The Yizkor prayers, beginning with the words *Yizkor elohim nishmat* . . . ("May God remember the soul of . . .") were first formulated then.¹ Eventually this ritual was regularized on Yom Kippur and spread beyond the Rhineland to other Jewish communities. The recitation of Yizkor prayers also on the last days of the Festivals apparently originated in central Europe following the massacres of Jews in the German lands during the Black Death of the 14th century, but became more common in eastern Europe in the 17th century, with the popularization of Lurianic *kabbalah* by mystics who stressed the penitential aspect of the Festivals. The prayer *El malei rachamim*, a central element of the memorial service, originated in 17th-century Ukraine at the time of the Chmielnicki massacres. It implores God to bind up in the bound of everlasting life the soul of the deceased.

These core memorial prayers in the Ashkenazic rite are recited, together with several psalm texts, after the reading of the Haftarah, before the Torah is returned to the ark. The creation of a separate and extended Yizkor "service" is modern, the creation of 19th-century Reform Judaism, particularly in America. To extend the memorial rite beyond the basic traditional prayers, various other thematically relevant psalms and original vernacular readings and meditations were added. This is the structure and content of the Yizkor service in all modern prayer books.

The Yizkor service begins (as in *Mishkan T'filah*) with *Adonai, mah adam* ("Adonai, what are we?"), a series of biblical verses, mostly from Psalms, that deal with the fragility of human life and conclude with the confident assurance that "God will redeem the soul of God's servants, and none who trust in God shall be desolate." MT continues with Psalm 23, a statement of confidence in God that is well loved in the western world, and Psalm 121, another well known expression of confidence that "the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps." These are followed by Psalm 16:8-11, *Shiviti Adonai l'negdi tamid* "I am ever mindful of God's presence; God is at my right hand; I shall never be shaken . . . For You will not abandon me to the underworld . . ." All of these psalms are frequently recited at funerals as well.

Following these psalm-texts are the Yizkor prayers proper, for deceased loved ones and for the martyrs of the Jewish people. The service concludes with *El malei rachamim*. Mourner's Kaddish is not recited at this point, because it will be said at the end of the entire service.

The several "left-page" readings have also become very popular in recent decades on account of their power to move us: Rabbi Alvin Fine's poem, "Birth is a beginning;" Zelda [Mishkovsky]'s poem, *L'chol ish yeish sheim*, "Each of us has a name;" Leah Goldberg's poem, *Mibeit imi*, "From My Mother's House;" and "We Remember Them," by Rabbis Sylvan Kamens and Jack Riemer.; New to MT is Menahem Rosensaft's poem, "I used to be part of you.;" Each of these poems adds depth and meaning to the memorial moments.

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



Director's Corner

Our Temple Sholom community continues to grow! You may be interested to know that we are currently 458 family units strong. This is an overall increase of 17 family units from last year. Especially during this Hanukkah season, it is wonderful to know that our community is one of the important lights in the lives of so many. Together we truly shine!

Although the majority of members join a Temple right before the High Holy Days, it is important to know that many potential members explore and even join our Temple throughout the year. Our potential members are looking for a community that is strong, vibrant, welcoming and diverse. Temple Sholom possesses all of these qualities and then some.

Please let your friends, neighbors, co-workers and all those you come into contact with know about Temple Sholom in Broomall. Invite them to join us for Shabbat, Hanukkah, Tanakh study, Religious School and Preschool enrichment programs, a mitzvah opportunity or any of our many and varied events that you think may be of interest. Kindly let me know their contact information so that I may follow up with them on your behalf.

With your good word and encouraging invitation, our communal light will continue to burn brighter and brighter.

Wishing you a Happy Hanukkah.

~ Warmly, Abbey Krain,
director@temple-sholom.org



Community Coordinator

As we approach the end of the calendar year, for me it is the perfect time to take a moment to take stock and look at all that there is to be grateful for. Both for what we have received as well as the opportunities we have been granted to reach out to others in so many different ways and the gift of learning from our own lapses.

Temple Sholom as a community needs to feel great about what we have been able to do, from those who have volunteered for the new Mitzvah Core projects, the donations of food to Philabundance and the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County and the donations for those in need after Super Storm Sandy, those who lead Shiva minyans, make hospital visits, and bake when called upon as well as those numerous deeds and simple acts of kindness that may fall under the radar but are very meaningful to the recipients.

As a community we have made a difference. As a community we have been so fortunate to be the recipient of so much as well. Just look around, we are surrounded by things to be grateful for.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it.

~ B'Shalom, Sandy Cohen
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TEMPLE SHOLOM PREFERRED VENDOR LIST

Attention Bar and Bat Mitzvah Parents and Parents of the Bride and Groom! If you have used any vendors, and are pleased with them, please submit their name, contact information and what they do and they will be added to the new Temple Sholom Preferred Vendor List. Looking for caterers, DJ's, florists, invitations, photographers, party planners, etc.

Art Zabell has graciously offered to compile this database of vendors in an *Excel* format.

Remember: We need your input to create a comprehensive listing.

Contact Sandy Cohen at skcohen@temple-sholom.org or give her a call at 610-356-5165.

DECEMBER ONEG SPONSORS

November 30

Kent and Julie Massey in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their sons David and Scott

December 7

Brad and Laura Nachman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Fletcher

December 13

Dana and Jennifer Daugherty in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Maxwell

A special thank you to Steve and Ilene Berger and family for sponsoring our November 16th Oneg in honor of Betty & Irv Berger's 68th Wedding Anniversary.

CELEBRATING A SIMCHA?

SHARE IT WITH AN ONEG!

Honor your loved ones and the Temple by sponsoring an Oneg and sharing your special day with us. A birthday, anniversary, baby naming, or marriage blessing are all perfect occasions.

Please contact the Temple office at 610-356-5165 or

info@temple-sholom.org for details.

MITZVAH MEALS



A Continuing Opportunity to Serve

The Mitzvah Meals program is off to a good start this year with many new volunteers who signed up during the high holidays. If you'd still like to contribute your time & energy to this program of feeding homeless and hungry people in Delaware County, please contact Adam or Robin Weinstein at weinsteinrobin@yahoo.com or call them at 610-446-1113. The next Mitzvah Meal date is Tuesday, December 11; the one following that is Tuesday, February 12 and will be coordinated by Emily Freedman emily.freedman2@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

TANAKH STUDY WITH RABBI RIGLER

Wednesdays,

December 5, 12, 19, & 26
at 10:30 AM in the Library

JEWISH MEDITATION

Our breath . . . it is always there . . . in and out . . . rise and fall . . . but how often do we pay attention to it?

Everyone is welcome to join our circle when we meet in the Temple Annex on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Give yourself the gift of paying attention to your breath as we practice a quiet time of deeper breathing when we meditate on Jewish teachings and prayers.

No previous experience is required. The practice of meditation can open a doorway to reflection, compassion, wisdom and inner joy. All Temple members are welcome to sit with us on as many Wednesdays that are convenient for you. Take some time from your busy life to learn what meditation has to offer and can bring to you personally.

We will be meeting in the Temple Annex on December 5, 12 and 19. Please plan to arrive by 9:25 AM in order for us to begin promptly at 9:30 AM.

We look forward to you becoming a part of our circle.



Every Temple member is welcome to join our sessions. Please plan to arrive by 9:25 AM in order for us to begin promptly at 9:30 AM.

Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:15 AM

December 5, 12 and 19

We look forward to seeing you in the Temple Annex

A WORD FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The festival of Hanukkah has been represented in many different ways in our modern society. The ecology cause wants to reinvent Hanukkah as a "green holiday," where energy conservation and activism against global warming are foremost in our minds. The "Candle of Righteousness" initiative in some Jewish movements, teaches about the needs of the less fortunate by encouraging families to donate their holiday gifts to groups that help the poor.

The truth is that for many American Jews, Hanukkah has become a blue-tinsel copy of Christmas, as we have fallen under the spell of the marketing consortiums into a celebratory season that could be known as "Chrismukkah!!"

Hanukkah is not about the presents. Nor is it a Jewish version of "goodwill towards men." Rather it is the story of the refusal of some Jews to bow down to the idols of the popular culture of their day. Those Jews wanted to remain separate and faithful to their own traditions and beliefs. The Heroes of Hanukkah, the Maccabees, fought to preserve Jewish religious identity while under the oppression of the state-mandated idolatry of the Greeks who ruled Jerusalem at the time. The Greeks did not force the Jews from their land; they tried to banish our spirituality by outlawing such celebrations as Shabbat, Rosh Hodesh and even the covenant of Brit Milah.

This event in history holds a message for today's Jews in America. In America today, we enjoy religious freedom that our ancestors could have never imagined. We are not forced to choose between secularism and religious practice. This freedom does carry a threat. We are free to assimilate ourselves into extinction.

Today, Jews need a reason to be more like the Maccabees, not by going around and killing others who do not believe as we do, but by rising up against the pain and suffering that now pervades the human world both here in this country and in far off lands.

These times call out to us to practice "*Tikun Olam*," a healing of the world.

The magic and wonder of our festival is in our Hanukkah candles; those tiny and humble flickering flames in our menorahs. This is our standing tribute to a series of miracles that happened to our people thousands of years ago. These lights create the excitement of Hanukkah.

In our own congregation we can also see the lights. The many activities within our educational programs, the vigor exhibited by our dedicated auxiliaries, the influx of 31 new members since July of this year!!, and the leadership of our clergy through prayer and song make Temple Sholom a light unto all who enter through its doorways.

We light our menorahs in the windows of our homes so that our neighbors can see our small, modest candles. They quietly and dramatically light up the room with their power. We should yield to our senses when we see those candles burning. Let those flames fuel our spiritual and secular lives, so that we can listen to our thoughts and feel the warmth that emanates from our hearts.

Chag Orim S'meach, Carl Miller

MAZEL TOV TO:

Amy & David Berkowitz on the engagement of their son Aaron, to
Nina Shinday

Let's share our happy occasions, milestones and good news with one another. Please submit your information (anniversary, birth, graduation, new job etc.) by Tuesday of each week to our Temple office: admin@temple-sholom.org.

PARA-RABBI/PARA-CANTOR/SHIVA LEADERS WANTED

Are you interested in becoming more involved in Jewish ritual? Would you like to celebrate Shabbat from the bimah? If so, consider training to serve as a para-Rabbi, para-Cantor or Shiva leader. These lay leaders are taught to lead services and participate in services when our Rabbi and/or Cantor are not available. Some training and study is involved.

Please join Rabbi Rigler Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM for an informational meeting.

Please let us know if you will be attending the meeting by contacting Sandy at skcohen@temple-sholom.org.

LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR NEW AND USED BOOKS



Your Temple Sholom Library is looking for any type of used or new book for our Used Book Fair on Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room.

Please bring any new or used donations to the library desk. We will accept ANY author or ANY content. It does not have to be Jewish.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the Temple Sholom library. Any books left over after the Fair are donated to Delaware Community College Book Exchange and the Jewish Genealogy Group. Your treasures will be passed along to other loving homes.

~ Mary Ann Gould and Erica Danowitz
Temple Sholom Co-Librarians

BOOK FAIR DONATIONS WANTED!

TO GOD'S EARS, A DOCUMENTARY

The history of conflict between Catholics and Jews over thousands of years has eased in present times. A concert of twenty Jewish Cantors singing in a Roman Basilica celebrates the progress in inter-faith relationships and the importance of understanding and tolerance. "***To God's Ears***" is a 42 minute documentary presenting a beautiful combination of music, performance, story and history. The film examines Catholic-Jewish dialogue, telling a story of how far we have come. Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro of Temple Sholom in Broomall, was a participant in the concert.

"***To God's Ears***" will be showing at Temple Sholom in Broomall on January 27, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

The film will be followed by a Q & A session at 4:00 PM with the film's director, Jeffrey Schneider, who will join us by Skype from California; and Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro live from Temple Sholom.

Admission is free. However, donations will be accepted and will support the film and the American Conference of Cantors.



NEED HELP? WE'RE HERE!

THE MITZVAH CORE

Please let us know if you are aware of someone

- ★ Entering the hospital
- ★ With a new baby
- ★ Death in the family
- ★ Shut-in
- ★ Other

We want to help! Working together we are truly a caring community.

PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE
AT 610-356-5165

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood Excitement Continues in December

You might think that Sisterhood should be taking a breather after November's incredibly exciting month, but December continues with two events you shouldn't miss!



First, let me take a step back and say "Ko! Hakavod!" what a great job Elizabeth Bloch and Ellen Bedenko accomplished with our Holiday Gift Fair early last month. Wow! New vendors! Enthusiastic shoppers! The coolest-ever Silent Auction! The yummiest bake sale items

possible! It was a day truly chock full of shopping extravaganza opportunities. Thank you so much for what you did, and for all that great organizing you did of many, many volunteers. It was that joint working-together that made the entire Gift Fair such a success. Also thanks to our untiring janitorial staff; the Bedenko family for taking lunch orders, helping vendors bring in merchandise for set-up; and Andi Lieberman for taking photos of this program.

Our visit to the Wharton Esherick Museum was also a great success. For many of us, it was our first time for this unique experience. Our day culminated in a lovely lunch at chairperson Margaret Husick's home.

Moving on to December, after many, many months of careful planning, Chairperson Laurie Burstein-Maxwell's dream of bringing Jacob International to Temple Sholom in Broomall will come true on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30 PM. This "Generation to Generation: Breaking the L'Dor Vador of Cancer" program is being brought to us by a group of medical professionals who will educate us on the genetics of cancer, the BRCA-1 Mutation, why Ashkenazi Jews are more susceptible, and much more. It is absolutely incumbent on every one of us to attend this important program. It is open to the public with no cost for admission.

Do you like to be creative and wrap gifts with pretty gift wrap and nice ribbons? Gift wrapping

opportunities abound during the month of December, both at King of Prussia Mall and at Barnes & Noble in Broomall. What a fun way to participate in the holiday spirit while benefitting Sisterhood. See page 21 for details!

Come celebrate Hanukkah with your Temple Sholom family! Thanks to the fantastic organizational skills of Chairperson Evelyn Elias with the help of Melissa Fein and Frances Epstein, Sisterhood is offering a special Hanukkah Dinner on Friday evening, December 14th. This year, we have obtained the services of renowned caterer Pumpnick's, and we are proud to say we've lowered our prices from past years! See the flyer on page 11, and prepare to have your mouth water for the delicious latkes and more!

Quick, everyone, get reading! You won't want to miss the January Sisterhood Book Club meeting when we'll be discussing "Once We Were Brothers," by Ronald H. Balson. Please contact Laurie Burstein-Maxwell at lauriejb@verizon.net for more information.

On sale this month in The Gift Garden is all Hanukkah merchandise, including Hanukkiot (menorahs), gelt and dreidels. Be sure to stop by and shop!

Please join us for our upcoming Sisterhood Board Meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 7:30 PM in the Temple Library. Our meetings are open to everyone and we welcome everyone's input. For questions about any of our events, to become involved in Sisterhood, or Sisterhood in general, please contact Donna Hendel at 561-445-0021 or via email at sisterhood@temple-sholom.org.

~ Donna Hendel, Sisterhood President



The Sisterhood of Temple Sholom in Broomall Presents

HANUKKAH DINNER

Friday, December 14th



5:30 PM Tot Shabbat
6:15 PM Hanukkah Dinner
7:30 PM Shabbat Hanukkah Services

Bring your family Hanukkiah (menorah)
To light the Hanukkah candles with our Temple Family

Leave the cooking and cleanup to us.
Family Style Dinner: Catered by Pumpernick's. BYOB!

(new, low 2012 pricing!)
Adults 13 + Up: \$25
Children 3 -12: \$10
Little people 2 and under are free!

Adults Attending _____ # Children _____ Phone _____

Name (please include children's names & ages)

E-Mail _____

Make checks payable to "Temple Sholom Sisterhood"

Contact Sisterhood@temple-sholom.org or Donna Hendel 561-445-0021.
55 North Church Lane, Broomall, PA 19008

RSVP by December 7th and NO LATER!

Reservations are REQUIRED. Space is LIMITED. Always a sell-out event!
Get your reservation in early!

DID YOU KNOW:

- ★ 1 out of 40 Ashkenazi Jewish women have a BRCA 1 or BRCA 2 gene mutation which gives them a 33%-50% risk of developing breast cancer by age 50 and 56%-87% by age 70. A simple blood test will tell you if you have a BRCA 1 or BRCA 2 gene mutation.
- ★ 1 out of 40 Ashkenazi Jewish women have a BRCA 1 or BRCA 2 gene mutation which gives them a 27%-44% risk of developing ovarian cancer by age 70. If you have a BRCA gene mutation, you can reduce your risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer up to 96%.
- ★ Just as Ashkenazi women have an increased risk of inheriting a mutated BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene from one or both of their parents, so do Ashkenazi men. These mutations result in a higher risk of developing certain types of cancer, including male breast cancer and prostate cancer.

The Temple Sholom Sisterhood is bringing Jacob International - Jews Against Cancer of the Breast - to Temple Sholom on December 5th at 7:30 PM. It is free and open to the public. Come and bring your family and friends ... both men and women are invited and encouraged to come.

GENERATION TO GENERATION BREAKING THE L'DOR VADOR OF CANCER Wednesday, December 5th 7:30 PM Temple Sholom in Broomall

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Debra Copit

Navigating Your Breast Imaging Experience in 2012
Director of Breast Imaging at Albert Einstein;
Asst. Prof. of Radiology -Jefferson Med College

Dr. Lisa Jablon

From the Results Forward-What Do you Do with
the Information?

Director of Albert Einstein Breast Health
Program and Director of Genetic Risk Program

Darnelle Dorsainville

"The Genetics of Breast Cancer"
Certified Genetic Counselor; Coordinator of Breast
Cancer Risk Assessment Program at Albert Einstein

Lori Singer White PhD

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BROTHERHOOD EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Jewish Musuem December 2nd

Brotherhood is planning a trip to the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia on December 2nd. If we have 15 or more advance sign-ups, we can prearrange to get the admission fee to the museum at the group rate. Please contact Brotherhood@temple-sholom.org to join the event. We will meet at the Temple at 9:30 AM to carpool to the Museum. The cost varies:

Children under 12 - no cost
Children age 13 to 21 - \$11 (\$9 group rate)
Adult age 22 to 64 - \$12 (\$10 group rate)
Seniors 65 and older - \$11 (\$9 group rate)

A brief overview of this wonderful Museum: Covering 25,000 square feet and three and a half floors of the Museum's new building, the core exhibition offers a layered experience through which visitors explore more than 350 years of Jewish life in America through evocative objects, telling moments, and state-of-the-art interactive media. In addition, the Only in America® Gallery/Hall of Fame celebrates the lives and achievements of eighteen Jewish Americans who exemplify a central theme of the Museum—that America has provided individuals with extraordinary opportunities.

Media Imbalance and Media Watch – Brotherhood Brunch Sunday, December 16th at 10:00 AM

The Brotherhood Brunch on Sunday, December 16th will feature the usual delicious brunch starting at 10:00 AM. This will be followed by a presentation by Jerry Verlin, author, business executive, advocate for Israel and Lee Bender, Esquire, co-President of the Greater Philadelphia District of the ZOA, board member of JCRC, and Israel Advocacy Committee chairman of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

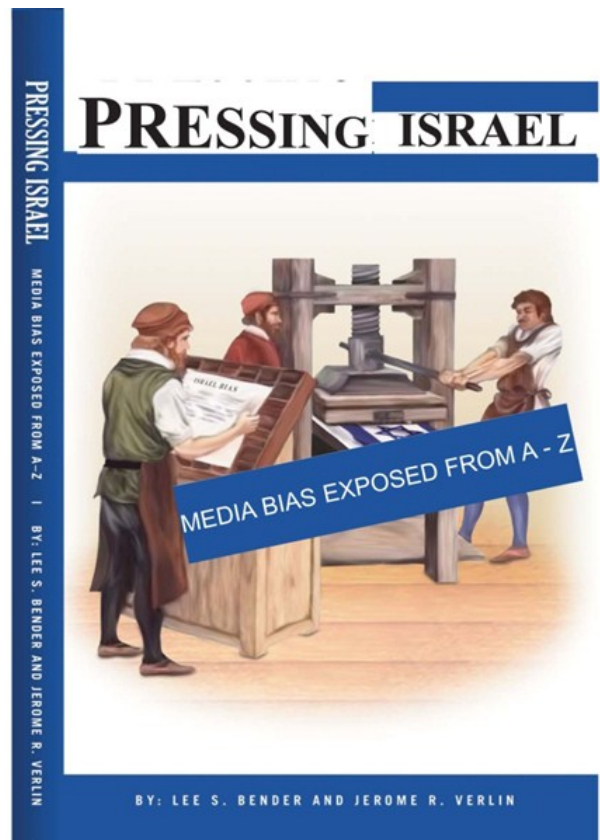
They will discuss Media Imbalance, Media Watch and his New book, co-authored by Lee Bender, "A to Z" dealing with anti-Israel bias in the media.

Jerry has been a one man crusade against outrageous media bias against Israel, particularly in the Philadelphia Inquirer. His views are strong, at times controversial, but always informative.

Movie and Chinese Food

Brotherhood will also have a movie and Chinese food event during the Holiday season. Details to follow soon.

~ Elliot Wunsh, Brotherhood President
brotherhood@temple-sholom.org





DECEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH

Scott Michael Massey and David Henry Massey, sons of Kent and Julie Massey, will be called to the Torah on December 1st. Sister Laura and grandparents, Sue and Jack Safirstein from Hartsdale, NY, along with other friends and relatives will be sharing in this special day with the boys.

Radnor Middle School 7th graders; David enjoys computers, the outdoors and Camp Eisner. Scott enjoys computers, baseball and Camp Eisner as well.

Scott collected children's books for his Mitzvah Project. He took the books to Einstein hospital and read to children, then he gave each child the book that he had just read to them. This bar mitzvah project was part of a literacy program to encourage reading in young children, especially those in underserved communities where reading to pre-school children is less common.

For his Mitzvah Project, David fostered animals for the Philadelphia SPCA. By bringing small kittens and their mother home to care for them, the cats could spend time being socialized in a loving environment, rather than being kept in a cage until they were old enough to be adopted.

Scott and David both have developed a love of Jewish life and learning through their years at Temple Sholom and summers at Camp Eisner. They are both very grateful for the hard work that so many people have put into helping them reach B'nai Mitzvah.



Fletcher Nachman, son of Brad and Laura Nachman, will be called to the Torah on December 8th. He will be joined in his special day by his sister, Macy; grandparents Howard and Mickey Harrison of Broomall,

PA; relatives Audrey, Joe and Rachel McEneaney of Broomall, PA, Jay Nachman of Philadelphia, PA, Eric, Andrea, Max, Benjamin, and Elianna Nachman of Richmond, VA; cousin Ricki Nachman, of Raleigh, NC; Mark and Carolyn Nachman of VA Beach, Virginia; and Linda, Joel, Jennifer, and Sadie Greenstein of Charlotte, NC.

A Haverford Middle School seventh grader, Fletcher enjoys playing soccer and X-Box, going to Camp Kweebec, and spending time with his dog, Gus.

For his Mitzvah Project, Fletcher collected money for the Free to Breathe 5K Run / Walk for lung cancer, which took place on Sunday, November 4th in Philadelphia, PA. Fletcher, along with Brad, Laura, Macy, Jay, Eric, Andrea, Max, Benjamin, Elianna, and Gus Nachman participated in the run. Fletcher exceeded his fundraising goal. Fletcher chose to raise money for lung cancer in honor of his grandparents, Donald and Marilyn Nachman, who died of lung disease.



Max Daugherty, son of Jennifer and Dana Daugherty will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 15th. Joining him on this special day will be his sister, Samantha, grandparents from Florida, Delaware County and Chester County.

A Springton Lake Middle School 7th grader, Max is a major sports enthusiast. He skis, snowboards, plays baseball, basketball and lacrosse. For his Mitzvah Project he is working with the Miracle League, which is a baseball league for special needs kids.



RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Around Our School

Innovation + Relevance + Hanukkah = New Paradigms for Jewish Education

As the holiday of Hanukkah approaches I have been giving a lot of thought to both the evolution of the holiday and the evolution of Jewish education. The words “change,” “innovation” and “relevance” apply to both of these ... especially for Reform Jews.

Reform Judaism differs from more ritually observant forms of Judaism in that it recognizes that our sacred heritage has evolved and adapted over the centuries and that it must continue to do so. According to Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, former President of the Union for Reform Judaism, “Reform Jews are committed to a Judaism that changes and adapts to the needs of the day.”

So how do these changes and adaptations relate to Hanukkah? The story of Hanukkah isn't really about oil or Greeks. It's actually a story about a civil war that was won by the Maccabees. One account says that they came to rededicate the Temple and decided to celebrate the festival that had gone uncelebrated just a month or so before. The “late” celebration of that holiday – the eight-days of Sukkot – eventually evolved into a new eight-day festival.

Generations later, our ancient rabbis were uncomfortable with the militaristic undertones of the holiday. They adapted Hanukkah, gave it a more religious message, and folded stories about oil and miracles.

Over time the holiday continued to change and evolve. Jews integrated local traditions – like potato pancakes in Eastern Europe and top-spinning games in Western Europe – and found new ways to make the holiday come alive for themselves. In the last century, Israeli pioneers re-adapted the holiday again, rediscovering the themes of strength and self-determination that resonated with their own experience.

Hanukkah is a wonderful illustration of how Jewish living is all about change. The way that we educate must also change to meet our contemporary society. For too long our schools have followed a set pattern of classroom education that no longer meets the needs of our 21st century students or their families. Across the country new models of Jewish education from camp models, to Shabbat models, to

Important Dates in December:

Saturday, December 1 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
5th grade Family Dor l'dor Shabbaton

Sunday, December 2 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
6th grade & Gesherim Dor l'dor with guest artist, Avi Zukerman

Saturday, December 8 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
4th grade Family Dor l'dor Shabbaton

Sunday, December 9 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM OR
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Hanukkah Color Wars! Students only!

Sunday, December 16 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM OR
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
2nd grade Dor l'dor

Friday, December 21 – Tuesday, January 1
Confirmation Class trip to Israel

choosing one's own Jewish learning path are being piloted. Contemporary educational methodologies, relevance and choice are the focus of these models... and statistics show that these changes are making a difference! Students are more engaged, families are more engaged and Jewish learning is, well, not only more relevant, but more FUN! Changes are coming to Temple Sholom's Religious School. These changes will encourage students and their families to add new layers of meaning to our tradition ... while making it their own.

Happy Hanukkah ~ Lori Green, Education Director

Want to see more about what is happening in our school? Check out our school website, www.temple-sholom-school.org to see pictures, postings, blogs and so much more.



6th Graders enjoy their Camp Harlam retreat.

**ETTA NATALIE
ROSENBLATT PRESCHOOL**



November was a very busy month at the Temple Shalom Preschool. Like the rest of the country, we too had Presidential elections! However, our election was between two Teddy Bears. One bear promised an ice cream party if he won and the other bear promised a moon bounce party. It was a tough (but fun) campaign. The ice cream team won (and nobody lost!).

From elections we turned our attention to Thanksgiving. Giving thanks is an important value in Judaism and in the United States. "Gratitude as Attitude" is a big part of what we try to teach in Preschool and not just for the holiday of Thanksgiving. Of course, we also had a school-wide Thanksgiving feast. The classrooms and the multi-purpose room were all beautifully decorated with the colors and symbols of the season.

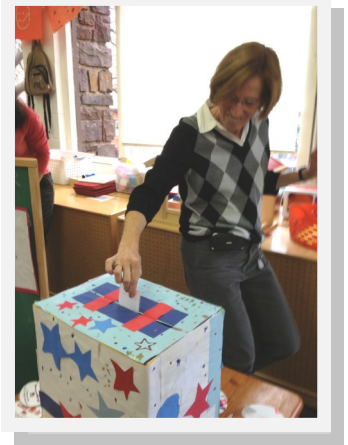
Now that December is here, we have turned our attention to Hanukkah. Getting ready for Hanukkah is always fun. The Preschool is getting ready for our big Hanukkah Show. Each class will be on the stage in costume presenting their own Hanukkah song. Of course we will celebrate after the show with *soufganiot* and our very own "school made" latkes. With our own army of little Maccabees we are learning the story of how Judah and his brothers fought for freedom in ancient Israel. The children got to experience first-hand how to work the olive oil press. We also are learning about the Hanukkah, latkes and dreidels and everything else that makes Hanukkah an enduring miracle in Jewish tradition.

The greatest miracle in Jewish life is its ability to continue from generation to generation. That miracle happens every day in our Preschool, a true community of light, joy and learning.

Happy Hanukkah!

~ Best, Miss Liz Sussman, Early Childhood
Education Director
610-886-2065

preschool@temple-shalom.org



The Temple Tidings Publication Guidelines

**Deadline for the January, 2013 issue:
December 5**

The Temple Tidings is published monthly. Material submitted for publication may be edited for style, length and content. Anonymous submissions will not be printed.

Please make submissions by EMAIL if possible. A confirmation message will be sent on receipt of your e-mail or send submissions to the Temple TYPEWRITTEN or CLEARLY PRINTED. Questions?

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HOSPICE COMMITTEE



Our hospice group formed 25 years ago and is available to help congregants and their families dealing with terminal illness. Our wonderful group of volunteers are available for respite care, errands, books for children and adults, plus other things as needed.

There have been some requests for bereavement seminars, and our certified bereavement counselors will be available soon to hold meetings. Call Rabbi Rigler for more information on bereavement.

Please contact Pam Haas at 484-802-1186 or Amy Berkowitz at 610-353-8077 for more information or to ask any questions.

~ Pam Haas, Hospice Chairperson

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB



(Sisterhood Membership is not required).

Good news!! The Sisterhood Book Club has become so popular that we may have enough women to start a second book club!!!!

We began our book club with 5 members and now we have 15-20 members. And more women are interested in joining one. We are offering our help to start a second Sisterhood Book Club. We can read the same books or different books chosen by the members.

The original Sisterhood book club will meet on January 10th at Harriet Rosenblatt's home in Broomall. We will read "*Once We Were Brothers*" by Ronald H. Balson.

We are also scheduled to meet on the following dates (place and book TBD):

March 21, May 9

Questions? Call or email Laurie Burstein-Maxwell at 610-525-8895 or lauriejb@verizon.net

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**Not all services will be webcast.*

CAROL SANDLER'S HILLTOPPERS EVENT DEEMED MUSICAL SUCCESS

Carol Sandler's program on "My Musical Journey" was a highly participatory event. Along with her many instruments - eight? Maybe more? - Carol engaged the audience by describing the history, relating how the instruments connected to her life, and playing every one. Participants learned about a violin versus a fiddle, a tin or penny whistle, baby and folk or blues harmonicas, banjo, melodica, piano and steel drum.



Attendees played "Guess this show tune," and were quite adept at this. Everyone enjoyed the sing-a-longs and using

shaker instruments to add percussion to musical selections. A steel drum duet with Frances Epstein was a highlight, as was an opportunity to dance a waltz to piano accompaniment.

Afterward, Carol answered many questions about the individual and group music lessons she gives to children through 80-year-olds, and about the derivation of certain instruments.



LOBBY CAFÉ - A SUNDAY TRADITION!

When you drop the kids off for Sunday school, why not stop in, relax, meet up with new and old friends and have a cup of coffee and a snack at the Temple Sholom Sunday Lobby Café. The WiFi is free and the company good. The Café is open from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM on Sundays when there is Religious School.

Thanks to October volunteers Laurie Burstein-Maxwell, Helena Ciechanowki, Evalyn Elias, Jeff Farhy, Shannon Farmer, Robin Gall, Kim and Larry Segal, Melissa Shusterman, Scott Spencer, The Watson Family and especially Rebecca Parmet and the boys.

We are always looking for more volunteers. if you're interested in baking, selling (or both) you can sign up directly at <http://tinyurl.com/TS-Cafe> or drop Steve Kanesh an email sjkanes@mac.com.



ONE BOOK ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY (OBOJC) SELECTION

"What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank" A collection of short stories by Nathan Englander

Nathan Englander, a master of short fiction, writes about West Bank settlers and Orthodox families, the Holocaust and mixed marriages, but not to editorialize about them. His real subjects are memory, obsession, choices, and consequences. "In Nathan Englander's eyes, human beings make choices for admirable and regrettable reasons, with good and bad outcomes. His compelling storytelling, his compassion, and his startling originality make Englander an essential writer. This collection confirms his exceptional talents yet again, and it is not to be missed." Jewish Book Council

"What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank" is available in limited copies at the Temple office @ \$15 a copy (list price \$24.95). To purchase the book contact Sandy Cohen skcohen@temple-sholom.org or call 610-356-5165.

Save the date: Rabbi Rigler will facilitate a book discussion for "What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank" at the Hilltopper's Book Club meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 1:30 PM.

THE HILLTOPPERS

Board Meeting:

The Hilltoppers Board will meet on Thursday, December 6th at 10:30 AM, in the Temple Library. Members of Hilltoppers are invited to attend and see how our activities are planned. Your suggestions will be considered and you may wish to become involved.

General Meeting – Multipurpose Room



Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th (note: the second Thursday of the month) at 7:30 PM, at which time Dr. Scott Spencer will be our guest speaker. His subject will be "The Ballad Collectors: Gathering

Folksongs and Shaping a Nation."

At the turn of the previous century, folklorists and music scholars began scouring the continent for traditional folk songs. Influenced by scholar Francis James Child, these collectors had notions that songs were important to academia and needed to be saved before the influence of radio and recording technology wiped them out permanently. Amateur collectors and academics from Columbia University, Harvard and elsewhere all scrambled to gather and publish American ballads – finding traditional songs sung by cowboys, loggers, sharecroppers, gold miners, mariners and many others across North America.

The songs they collected and published went on to profoundly influence the fields of English, folklore, Anthropology and Musicology, and through the efforts of people like Carl Sandburg and John Lomax helped shape the collective identity of our nation. This presentation will look to the stories of these early collectors, their time in the field, and the music and culture they saved. We will explore the subject through recordings, images from the field, and maybe even try our hand at singing.

Dr. Scott Spencer is the editor of the recent book, "The Ballad Collectors of North America: How

Gathering Folksongs Transformed Academic Thought and American Identity." He is an adjunct professor of Music at Villanova University, and Mellon Visiting Regional Faculty Fellow with the Penn Humanities Forum. Living in Swarthmore, Scott is the husband of Temple Sholom's Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro. They have two musical kids - Zev and Frances.

We will conclude our evening with time for refreshments and socializing. There is no charge for Hilltoppers members and a suggested donation of \$2.00 from non-members.

Book Discussion Group – Annex

We will review the book, "Once We Were Brothers," by Ronald H. Balson, on Thursday, December 27th at 1:15 PM, in the Temple Annex. Barbara Ostroff will facilitate.

Donations

Please direct your donations to the Hilltoppers Fund by making checks payable to: "Hilltoppers of Temple Sholom" and mailing them to the Temple. Your donations will be listed in *The Temple Tidings*.



Come Play Mahjong

December 4th at 7:30 PM

Questions? Contact

Brook Braunstein at

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Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser **Two Opportunities**

Grab a Friend, donate your time,
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Sign up NOW to wrap gifts at the
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December 10, 4 PM to 10 PM
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Wednesday, December 8th and Friday, December 24th Call Sandy Heitner at
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Temple Sholom Trivia Night

For Adults Only, so set up the babysitters now!!



Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Come test your Knowledge against other friends as Temple Sholom hosts a Trivia Night with MC, Rabbi Peter Rigler to benefit our Religious School.

You will also want to enter one of our several raffles because we have some really fabulous prizes for you to win!!!

Appetizers, desserts, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please contact Merraine Rein for a food donation in exchange for a raffle ticket by emailing Merraine@comcast.net.

If you are business owner and would like to donate a raffle prize or if you have any general questions, please contact Terri Watson, by emailing Terri.Watson@verizon.net or calling 484-716-2870.

RSVP by January 4th, 2013

Names of people attending _____

Number of people attending _____ **@ \$18.00 per person =** _____

Please send form and payment to:

**Temple Sholom in Broomall
Trivia Night
55 North Church Lane
Broomall, PA 19008**

Happy Holidays!

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WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Hello to all women of Temple Sholom in Broomall.
We welcome you to Women's Spirituality when we
meet on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 PM in
the Temple Library. Our very own Education
Director, Lori Green, will be presenting her creative
program on "L'dor Vador: Engaging the Next
Generation."

As each of us pass through life, there are defining
moments that leave an indelible impression. L'dor
Vador - Legacy and Responsibility. How do we
impart knowledge to our children of the life and times
of our grandparents who passed away before they
were born? How do we pass on our family heritage?
How do we engage the next generation?

As women, mothers and grandmothers, don't miss
this opportunity when Lori explores these questions
and more on engaging the next generation. Mark
your calendars to meet with Women's Spirituality in
the Temple Library on Wednesday, December 19th
from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

Women's Spirituality also offers a time for quiet and
calming reflection preceding our meeting. After a
busy day you are welcome to join us when we will be
meeting in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM for Jewish
Meditation led by one of our members. We will then
move to the library when Lori will present her
program. If you wish to attend the meditation, please
plan to arrive by 6:25 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday,
December 19th.

6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Sanctuary - Meditation

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Program

~ Linda Tarash
linda.tarash@gmail.com



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Condolences on the death of your beloved father, Aaron Osherow

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to good health

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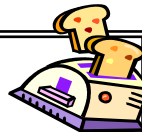
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Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son, Fletcher Nachman

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From: The Sisterhood Board
Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son, Maxwell Daugherty



TOASTY'S TIDINGS



ToaSTY has a lot of exciting events coming up in December and January. On December 15th, we will celebrate the end of Hanukkah with a great event. Look for more details soon!

We had a great time at our hayride event in October. We enjoyed a night at Linvilla Orchards full of pumpkins, apple cider, and roasted marshmallows.

NFTY-PAR, the North American Federation of Temple Youth-Pennsylvania Area Region, is the regional youth group for reform temples. The next NFTY-PAR event is WINSTY from January 18-20. It is a great weekend full of social action and hanging out with new and old friends. For more information, go to nfty.org/par.

There is still time to join ToaSTY! Dues for the year are \$50 and include membership in NFTY-PAR and a free t-shirt and water bottle. Checks can be made to Temple Sholom and left in the front office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email toasty@temple-sholom.org.

Have a great holiday season!

~ Alyssa Kress, ToaSTY Advisor



Congratulations and thanks to ToaSTY for helping lead the way to an amazing 2,460 pounds of food that was collected for Philabundance during the High Holy Days.

**NOTE: Food Collections are ONGOING.
Bring in your canned goods today!**

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A tree was planted by Louise Schmidt & Art Zabell in memory of Symme Price, beloved sister of Irma Shapiro.

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Doing Mitzvot in the Community?

**Please let us know so we can share
your story with the congregation!
Contact the Temple Tidings Editor at
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SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
SAVE THE DATE!

Scholar-in-Residence is pleased to announce that our 2013 Scholar will be Danny Siegel.

Danny Siegel is a well-known author, poet and a maven on doing mitzvot, tzedakah and tikkun olam (repairing the world). He has touched the lives of countless individuals and communities for over 30 years and founded the non-profit mitzvah organization. Danny is inspirational for all ages.

Save the Date: March 15 - 17, and will include events and programs on all three days.

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- ☞ **WEDDING**
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John & Cindy Eddy

Financial Assistance Appeal

In memory of Alexander Granik
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General Fund

In memory of Roberta Rosenblum
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In honor of a speedy recovery for Cindy Meyer
In honor of a speedy recovery for Liz Mellman
Shirley Chalick
In honor of a speedy recovery for Cindy Meyer
Norma Munin
In memory of Bertha Gartman
Loraine Bailie
In memory of Philip Friedman
Serene Friedman
In memory of Belle Sacks
Adele Persky

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In memory of Charlotte Skirboll
Dan & Pam Haas
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In memory of Sylvia Gesoff Thomas
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In memory of Manuel Gilman
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David & Laurie Albert
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John & Cindy Eddy

Religious School Education Fund

In memory of Esther Querido
Steven & Dana Querido
In memory of Aaron Osherow
Harriet Rosenblatt
In memory of Rose Cohen
Steven & Ruth Gail Cohen
In memory of Harry Schwartz
Neil & Judy Schwartz

Sacred Music at Temple Sholom

In memory of Arch McElroy
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In memory of Dr. Edwin J. Powell
David & Julie Leavitt
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In memory of Frieda Sherak
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In memory of Barbara (Bobbie) Ladenson
Bob Wasserman & Diane Kamis-Wasserman
In memory of Ruth Klemptner
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In memory of Reuben Jaffe
Allan & Diane Jaffe

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In memory of Leonard Albert
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In memory of Ida Arnstein
Serene Friedman
In memory of Terry Benjamin
Barbara Drizin

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In memory of Edward Schubert
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In memory of Joseph Babad
Jerry & Barbara Goldstein
In memory of Esther Braverman
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Brook Levin

Youth Scholarship Fund

In honor of Cantor Patty Kaplan
Bob & Marian Slater
In memory of Joseph Schneider
Paul & Ellese Schneider

Women's Spirituality Fund

In honor of Gloria Kresch's special birthday
In memory of Amy Clarke
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Cindy Fastman
In memory of Minnie Bycer
Linda Tarash
In memory of William Friedman
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Financial Assistance

To offset the reduction of revenue incurred when a Temple Sholom family cannot afford to pay their total dues. Contributions go directly into the General Fund.

General Fund

To support Temple operations.

Hospice and Healing Fund

To assist the Hospice Committee in carrying out its support programs.

Howard Weiner Library Fund

An endowment fund in which the interest is used to purchase books and supplies for the library.

Jubilee Endowment Fund

To secure the future of Temple Sholom in Broomall.

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An endowment fund in which the interest may be used for the music program.

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Interest is used to send students to a URJ camp each year.

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To provide grants for graduate study toward becoming a Jewish professional.

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To support the programs of the Etta Natalie Rosenblatt Preschool.

Preschool Music Fund

Established by the Confirmation Class of 2008 to support Preschool Music Programs.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Contributions to this fund will be used at the discretion of our Rabbi.

Religious School Education Fund

To support programs, special events and materials for education at all levels.

Contributions can be earmarked for Women's Spirituality Group studies at the donor's discretion.

Cantor Kaplan Chair for Sacred Music Endowment

To endow the cantorial position at Temple Sholom, ensuring the future of Jewish music in our congregation.

Sanctuary Book Fund

To defray the cost of purchasing books for our sanctuary. A book plate is placed in each book indicating the donor's name and the occasion, for a minimum donation of \$36.

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To maintain and improve all aspects of technology, including our new Webcast used by Temple Sholom.

Temple Beautiful Fund

To improve and maintain the aesthetics of the Temple, including decor, furnishings, grounds and gardens.

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To feed the hungry in our community. Contributions are distributed at the close of each fiscal year to outside charities at the discretion of a special Tzedakah committee.

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To send Temple Sholom Youth Group members to National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) sponsored events. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need.

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Yahrzeits in December ... Z"L



December 1

Eleanor Rayack Delson
mother of Barbara Ostroff
William Friedman
father-in-law of Serene Friedman
Elizabeth Gutmaker
sister of Jennifer Morgan
Fred Holender
father of Dorothy Rodney
Sophie Silverman
grandmother of Susan Garelik
Amy Berkowitz
Ruth Zamble

December 2

Lottie Besterman
mother of Ardeth Pinsk
Charles Delson
father of Barbara Ostroff
Lillian Krangel
mother-in-law of Rebecca Krangel
Bernard Levy
father of Margaret Husick
Morris Lieberman
father of Warren Lieberman
Irvin Nelson
father of Julie Samuels
Hyman Rotman
Sydney Weingarten
grandfather of Rachel Broscoe
Ida Weinman

December 3

Dr. Stanley Brockman
husband of Yvonne Brockman
father of Leslie Greenfield
Elaine Shiskin
sister-in-law of Lenora Margolis

December 4

Ida Amstein
mother-in-law of Serene Friedman
Larry Brenner
husband of Judith Brenner
Maria Chernyak
aunt of Ellen Bedenko
Edith Friedman
aunt of Serene Friedman
St. George Hunt
husband of Susan Robinovitz

December 5

Ruth Lerman
mother of Charles Lerman
Estelle Satzman
mother of Roy Satzman
Adele Siegal
mother of Barbara Berlin
Sarah Silberman
Ben Topal

December 6

Hilton DuBoise
father of Nancy DuBoise
William Riffkin
father of Marsha Rosenbloom

December 7

Anna Fayer
aunt of Loraine Bailie
Roy Glazier
Beatrice Kassel
mother of Jane Kassel
Leon Phillips
father of Linda Phillips
David Schwartz
grandfather of Ilene Berger

December 8

Joseph Babad
grandfather of Barbara Goldstein
Marvin Bogin
brother-in-law of Allan & Diane Jaffe
Reuben Jaffe
father of Allan Jaffe
Esther Milichersky
grandmother of Carl Miller

December 9

Maxine Feldesman
mother-in-law of Sherry Halpern
Minna Friedman
aunt of Mayer Selekmán
Leonard Jacobs
father of Barry Jacobs
Morris Ross
father of Susan Friedman
William Shapiro
father-in-law of Sara Shapiro
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aunt of Brett Amdur

December 10

Rubin Block
father of Rosalyn Smolinsky
Anna Jenkin
grandmother of Rachel Broscoe
Evan Malarkey
son of Tim & Stephanie Malarkey
Nathan Phillips
uncle of Linda Phillips
Todd David Satell
Mary Stone

December 11

mother of Mary Weiner
grandmother of Mollie Plotkin
Sharon Weinberg
cousin of Cynthia Fastman

December 12

Louis Glick
Harry Schwartz
father of Neil Schwartz
Sarah Silverstein
mother of Sonia Johnson
Jacob Specter
husband of Marilyn Specter
 Sylvia Gesoff Thomas
mother of Lisa Pottiger

December 12

Helen Amdur
grandmother of Brett Amdur
Rose Itzko
mother of Mitchell Itzko
Martin Metoxen
brother of Yvonne Brockman
uncle of Leslie Greenfield
Harriet Perlman
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Tillie Klein Good
mother of Susan Dorfman
Solomon Mellman
father-in-law of Elizabeth Mellman
Morey Wollin
father of Barbara Blinder
Marvin Young
brother of Sara Shapiro

December 14

Nathan Bender
Joseph Appel
grandfather of Carol Borloff

Ruth Eskovitz
grandmother of Stacy Rigler
Jules Faktor
brother of Sylvia Oxman
Alice McElroy
mother of Cynthia Verbosky
Daniel Newman
grandfather of Jodi Gilbert
Mayer Weinstein

December 15

Newton Berger
father of Merraine Rein
Harry Brown
father of Geraldine Joseph
Grace Rapoport
mother of Lynne Klempner
Arthur Rogosin
father Phoebe Resnick

December 16

Goldie Goldberg Fastman
mother of Beverly Joie
Sylvia Margulies
grandmother of Elisa DiFuria
Selma Shandler
mother of Richard Shandler

December 17

Marcie Goodfarb
mother of Julie Lasorsa
Peter Isaacson
father of Robert Isaacson
Dora Laster
aunt of Ilene Brouda
Meyer Zamble

December 18

Leslie Groce
Jean Gubkin Brown
grandmother of Laurie Brown
Fritzi Scherr
step-sister of Gerri Sassler
Shirley Szabad

December 19

John Fisher
cousin of Frederick Kelner

December 20

Norma Minsky
Oscar Reiner
grandfather of Steven Querido
Frances Solomon
aunt of Carol Jacobs
Wendy Stone
sister of Mary Weiner
aunt of Mollie Plotkin

December 21

Charles Abraham
father of Richard Abraham
Jean Friedman
aunt of Eileen Buckwalter
Philip Schecter
uncle of Laurie Burstein-Maxwell
Richard Sork
brother of Lisa Rosenfeldt
Armand Spitz
step-father of David Smilk

December 22

Philip H. Damsker
father of H. Sue Zackroff
Shirley Graboyes
sister-in-law of Betty Graboyes
Herman Guttenberg
Sue Krisel
mother of Cheryl Lynch

December 23

Albert K. Besterman
father of Ardeth Pinsk
Morris Freedman
father of Reina Robbins
Elliot Levin
father of Kenneth Levin
December 24
Sara Bleiman
grandmother of Jeffry Bleiman
Eva Burns
mother of Renee Campion
Edith Ernstein
mother of Rebecca Parmet
Martin Goldfuss
father of Beverly Cylinder
Christopher Massey
brother of Kent Massey
Edna Strauss
sister-in-law of Elizabeth Mellman

December 25

Ken Bower
friend of Carol Herman
Max Burns
father of Renee Campion
Mark Gottlieb
father of Harry Gottlieb
Fannie Solomon
mother of Louise Schmidt

December 26

Milton Bricker
grandfather of Jeffrey Toren
David Chinitz
father of Florence Bortnickner
Jacob Cohen
grandfather of Dana Querido
Sonia Gladstone
grandmother of Julian Gladstone
Sofiyor Lubenskaya
grandmother of Ellen Bedenko

December 27

Wilma Barron
aunt of Ellen Fisher
Abe Cohen
father of Steven Cohen
Samuel Fisher
father of Ellen Fisher
Nathan Greene
Saul Korewa
brother-in-law of Sharon Goldman
Murray Plotkin
grandfather of Kevin Plotkin
Sandra Wasserman
late wife of Robert Wasserman
Samuel Wills
uncle of Loraine Bailie

December 28

Sonia Bolotsky
mother of Michael Bolotsky
David Cooper
father of Matthew Cooper
Solomon Kaspin
uncle of Barbara Goldstein
Morris Wills
uncle of Loraine Bailie

December 29

Milton Cooperstein
father-in-law of Michele Cooperstein
Joyce Dichter
mother of Beth Verman

December 30

Samuel Drizin
husband of Barbara Drizin
Jean Fine
mother of Judy Newman
Mary Gladstone
mother of Julian Gladstone
Goldie Neff
mother of Robert Neff
Mayer B. Weinstein

December 31

Alexander (Al) Cohen
uncle of Elyse Endy
Adele Parmet
mother of Daniel Parmet
David Prager
father of Jay Prager
Freeda Presser
mother of Roni Kozin
Dori Riesenfeld
mother of Mark Riesenfeld
Morry Skirboll
uncle of Pam Haas
December 31
David Morgenstern
father of Myra Rios
Betty Reiner
grandmother of Steven Querido
Michael Tenner

RECENT DEATHS

Alma Armon,
mother of Dr. Jan Armon

Roger Lowe,
cousin of Laurie Burstein-Maxwell

Paul Kaufmann,
husband of Marilouise Kaufmann

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div></div> <div>18 Kislev 2</div> <div>9 AM Brotherhood Trip 9:30 AM Religious School/Sunday Café 11 AM 6th Grade Parent B'nai Mitzvah Mtg. 11 AM Kol Shalom 11:30 AM Shape Up! 2:30 PM Adoption Group</div>	<div></div> <div>1st night of Hanukkah Saturday, 12/8</div> <div>Live Candle Lighting Webcast every night of Hanukah at 7PM</div> <div>Sisterhood Hanukah Dinner 12/14 (RSVPs required)</div> <div>19 Kislev 3</div> <div>6:30 PM Hebrew School 7 PM Academy</div>	<div>Mitzvah Opportunities</div> <div>12/11 Mitzvah Meals</div> <div>12/25 Broad St. Ministry</div> <div>20 Kislev 4</div> <div>4 PM Hebrew School 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:45 Shalom Rav Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism 7:30 PM Mahjongg</div>	<div>Please note: Religious School Vacation Preschool Vacation 12/23 - 1/1 School Resumes 1/6</div> <div></div> <div>21 Kislev 5</div> <div>9:30 AM Jewish Meditation 10:30 AM Tanakh Study 4 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:30 PM Executive Board 7:30 PM Jacob International</div>	<div>22 Kislev 6</div> <div>10:30 Hilltoppers Board Mtg. 7:30 PM Sisterhood Board</div> <div></div> <div>23 Kislev 7</div> <div>9:30 AM Preschool Shabbat 8 PM Shabbat Service</div> <div></div>	<div>17 Kislev 1</div> <div>10 AM We Sing Shabbat 10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah: David & Scott Massey 5 PM 5th Grade Shabbaton 7 PM Margaritas, Munchies & Mitzvot</div> <div></div> <div>Torah Portion: Vayishlach</div> <div>24 Kislev 8</div> <div>10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah: Fletcher Nachman 5 PM 4th Grade Shabbaton 7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast</div> <div></div> <div>Torah Portion: Vayeshev</div> <div>1st Night Hanukkah</div>	<div>25 Kislev 9</div> <div>Annual Giving Phoneathon 9:30 AM Religious School/Sunday Café 11 AM Kol Shalom 11:30 AM Shape Up! 7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast</div> <div>2nd Night Hanukkah</div> <div></div> <div>26 Kislev 10</div> <div>6:30 PM Hebrew School 6:30 PM Geshertim Hebrew 7 PM Academy 7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast</div> <div>3rd Night Hanukkah</div> <div></div> <div>27 Kislev 11</div> <div>4 PM Hebrew School 4 PM Geshertim Hebrew 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 6 PM Mitzvah Meals 7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism</div> <div>4th Night Hanukkah</div> <div></div> <div>28 Kislev 12</div> <div>9:30 AM Jewish Meditation 10:30 AM Tanakh Study 4 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast 7:30 PM General Board Mtg.</div> <div>5th Night Hanukkah</div> <div></div> <div>29 Kislev 13</div> <div>7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast 7:30 PM Hilltoppers Program</div> <div>6th Night Hanukkah</div> <div></div> <div>1 Tevet 14</div> <div>9:30 AM Preschool Shabbat 5 PM Tot Shabbat Service 5 PM Candle Lighting Webcast 6:15 PM Hanukkah Dinner 7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service</div> <div>7th Night Hanukkah</div> <div></div> <div>2 Tevet 15</div> <div>10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah: Maxwell Daugherty 6 PM Kol Shalom & Shalom Rav Hanukah Party 7 PM Candle Lighting Webcast</div> <div>Torah Portion: Miketz</div> <div></div> <div>8th Night Hanukkah</div>	<div>3 Tevet 16</div> <div>9:30 AM Religious School/Sunday Café 9:30 AM Brotherhood Brunch 11 AM Kol Shalom Rehearsal 11:30 AM Shape Up!</div> <div>4 Tevet 17</div> <div>6:30 PM Hebrew School 6:30 PM Geshertim Hebrew 7 PM Academy</div> <div>5 Tevet 18</div> <div>4 PM Hebrew School 4 PM Geshertim Hebrew 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism</div> <div>6 Tevet 19</div> <div>9:30 AM Jewish Meditation 10:30 AM Tanakh Study 4 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30 PM Gratz Cooks 6:30 PM Women's Meditation 7:30 PM Women's Spirituality</div> <div>7 Tevet 20</div> <div>9:30 AM Jewish Meditation 10:30 AM Tanakh Study 4 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30 PM Gratz Cooks 6:30 PM Women's Meditation 7:30 PM Women's Spirituality</div> <div>8 Tevet 21</div> <div>9:30 AM Preschool Shabbat 8 PM Shabbat Service</div> <div></div> <div>9 Tevet 22</div> <div>Torah Portion: Vayigash</div> <div></div> <div>10 Tevet 23</div> <div>Religious School Vacation</div> <div>11 Tevet 24</div> <div>Preschool & Religious School Vacation</div> <div>12 Tevet 25</div> <div>Preschool & Religious School Vacation Broad Street Ministry Service Projects 5 PM Brotherhood Movie & Chinese Food Dinner</div> <div>13 Tevet 26</div> <div>Preschool Vacation 10:30 AM Tanakh Study 4 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class</div> <div>14 Tevet 27</div> <div>Preschool Vacation 1:15 PM Hilltoppers Book Club</div> <div></div> <div>15 Tevet 28</div> <div>Preschool Vacation 8 PM Shabbat Service</div> <div></div> <div>16 Tevet 29</div> <div>Torah Portion: Vayechi</div> <div></div>

Special Dates to Look Forward to in December:

December 1 and January 26: We Sing Shabbat. Shabbat Fun for Preschoolers and their families
December 5: Sisterhood Presents Jacob International. An informative seminar addressing genetic issues involving breast and ovarian cancer. See page 12.
December 14: Sisterhood Hanukkah Dinner (space is limited and reservations are required) See page 11.
December 25 Broad Street Ministry Service Project - details on Front Page
And sometime in December: Brotherhood Chinese Dinner and movie - See page 13

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