MONTHLY MIDDOT:

HAKARAT TOVAH – GRATITUDE

“AWAKEN TO THE GOOD AND GIVE THANKS”

WHEN RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL, THE KOTZKER REBBE, WAS READY TO CONSIGN OLD SHOES TO THE TRASH, HE WOULD FIRST WRAP THEM IN NEWSPAPER TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE.

THE JEWISH RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES:

IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

Get an inside look at cults like Jews for Jesus, and learn from the experts how to respond!

Monday evening, January 27 at 7:00 pm

A fascinating program at Temple Sholom for our Congregation & Academy Students

We are requesting at least one adult attend with each student

Rabbi Tovia Singer is the director of Outreach Judaism, a national organization dedicated to countering the efforts of Christian groups and cults who target Jews for conversion. He is one of just a handful of qualified and successful exit counselors helping families reclaim their loved ones from the evangelical church. He is the host of the “Tovia Singer Show” on Israel National Radio, author of the popular book and accompanying tape series entitled, “Let’s Get Biblical,” and a frequent guest on radio and television shows.

A picture from our ToaSTY 3-6 grade Rainbow Loom event. Our students enjoyed an event with, LOOMinating Designs. They learned incredible new bracelets on the Rainbow loom…here are just a few.

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As you receive this Tidings, I am in Israel traveling with six of the students from our confirmation program. (You should also know that five more of them will be going this coming summer with Camp Harlam and NFTY.) I have been feeling a deep desire to return to Israel in recent weeks and there is no better way than sharing it with our students. I am deeply indebted to Dr. William and Roni Kozin and an anonymous donor whose very generous contributions made the trip possible. They understand the life changing experience that the trip will bring. I have taken more than 20 groups to Israel and know that seeing the land of our ancestors connects us to our people in the strongest of ways. We need to do all we can to bring our children to Israel and also every adult in our community.

I am a passionate Zionist and have lived in Israel for more than three years of my life. Each time I am there I learn, explore, struggle and connect to our people. I have lived there as a student, a volunteer, a tourist, a counselor, a teacher and a pilgrim. I am also deeply concerned about our ever changing relationship with the State of Israel … Israel needs us now more than ever to be there. I hope you will consider coming to Israel this summer with me. We have planned an amazing trip! Join me in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm on January 22nd to hear about the trip, see the schedule and ask all of the questions that you have.

For me traveling to Israel is not a vacation, it is a journey! I share with you the famous poem by Yehudah Amichai that expresses the connections I hope our students will make and you will make when you join me in Israel!

**Tourists**

Visits of condolence is all we get from them. They squat at the Holocaust Memorial, They put on grave faces at the Wailing Wall And they laugh behind the heavy curtains In their hotels. They have their pictures taken Together with our famous dead At Rachel’s Tomb and Herzl’s Tomb And on the top of Ammunition Hill. They weep over our sweet boys And lust over our tough girls And hang up their underwear To dry quickly In cool, blue bathrooms.

Once I sat on the steps by a gate at David’s Tower. I placed my two heavy baskets at my side. A group of tourists was standing around their guide and I became their target marker. “You see that man with the baskets? Just right of his head there’s an arch from the Roman period. Just right of his head.” “But he’s moving, he’s moving!” I said to myself: “redemption will come only if their guide tells them, ‘You see that arch from the Roman period? It’s not important: but next to it, left down and a bit, there sits a man who’s bought fruit and vegetables for his family.’”

~ Rabbi Rigler

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**Being Filled With Gratitude!**

Thank you to those who have already made a donation to our Annual Giving Campaign.

We ask all our congregants to consider making a gift.

Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.

You may send your checks to the Temple Office made payable to Temple Sholom in Broomall or donate on our website.

~ Art Zabell, Annual Giving Chairperson
Through the wonders of modern technology, I'm typing my *Tidings* article at about 30,000 feet on the Temple Sholom ipad! I'm flying home from the URJ Biennial gathering which took place in San Diego, CA. The Biennial offers a week of learning and worship opportunities for Reform Jews from across North America. I was joined in San Diego by our own Lori Green, Mary Ann Gould, Joanna Gould and Laurie Browngoehl. We will return full of ideas about how to bring some of the learning we did back to our Temple Sholom community.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the URJ, addressed the community, encapsulating the major themes of the week, including, "the power of practicing audacious hospitality, inclusion and outreach; new youth engagement initiatives; the importance of social justice; intensified Israel-Diaspora relations; and perseverance of our efforts for religious pluralism in Israel. Over the course of the Biennial, attendees engaged in important conversations about food, justice, the challenges facing the advancement of women, worship innovations, managing congregations, and much more."

While I wasn't able to attend workshops in each of these areas, we were blessed to have five of us there! So if you see Lori, Laurie, Mary Ann or Joanna, make sure to ask them about their experience. Our congregation is taking part in the active learners network of the B'nai mitzvah revolution, a project of the URJ. A small group has been engaged in a process which involves designating core areas of strength and importance and areas of conflict. We will begin a process of community engagement around this in the coming months. It's exciting to be at the forefront of this. We were told that we are the vanguard in this revolution! The interesting thing is that many of my rabbinc and cantorial colleagues who are not involved in B'nai Mitzvah Revolution ask me, "what are they telling you to do?" The URJ gives us a process to take part in, in which we identify our core values and make sure that our b'nai mitzvah program is in alignment with our values. This is akin to the work that Lori and her team engaged in as they did the work to reimagine what our religious school experience could be for our children. So there is no magic bullet to "fix" b'nai mitzvah. Each congregation is encouraged to explore meaningful ways to bring their core values into the work that they do with b'nai mitzvah families. I am excited to continue this work as soon as the wheels hit the ground!

B'shirah ~ Cantor Shapiro

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Join us as we explore Judaism with Interfaith families in Partnership with InterfaithFamily/Philadelphia

Temple Sholom warmly opens our doors to those families who want to learn about Judaism as a family. We are pleased to provide an opportunity to experience the joy of our tradition, through the exploration of holidays, practices, our faith and more.

This six session series is geared to families and will be held from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on the second Friday of each month; January-June.

January 10 February 14 March 14
April 11 May 9 June 13

Our teacher, Rachel Thomas, will guide this learning adventure. We welcome all participants to join our congregational Shabbat potluck dinner following the class as well as our Family Shabbat service at 7:30 pm.

To reserve your family's spot in the class RSVP by Monday, January 5.

The 6 session series is $18 for Temple Sholom members and $36 for non-members.

For more information contact the Temple Office at 610-356-5165 info@temple-sholom.org
At Yom Kippur services this year, I had the privilege of addressing the congregation on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Since that time, a number of congregants have asked for the text of my remarks, which I am honored to offer in this month's Tidings.

As we enter 2014, there is much to share at Temple Sholom. I look forward to taking collective “ownership” of this special community and our countless blessings in the coming year.

Shanah Tovah and Shabbat Shalom. On Yom Kippur I begin with a confession: I am boastful. What can I say? I’m a Jewish mother of sons. It’s in my DNA. But in the last week, I have been bragging about something other than my children - and it’s gone something like this:

• You know - OUR sanctuary was standing room only on Rosh Hashanah. Or …
• MY Rabbi knocked the cover off the ball with this year’s family service sermon or …
• OUR cantor is so supportive of my children. She makes them feel like they can do anything. Or …
• When MY congregation sings Oseh Shalom together, it is so beautiful I can’t help but cry.

I could go on - and believe me I do - but I have long been struck by a subtlety embedded in my words. I almost unequivocally refer to my Temple Sholom experience in the possessive.


It would be just as easy to talk about THE religious school, THE executive director, THE volunteers - but I don’t because at some point - perhaps unknowingly - I took ownership of this place and the people who make it what it is. And I put forth - whether you realize or not - many of you have too.

The thought may be a little daunting. After all with ownership comes great responsibility. As owners, we are in charge of protecting what belongs to us. We are entrusted to care for something of value - and if we forsake that trust, the loss is ours. If something were to go wrong, the owner is accountable. Maybe instead we could be renters here at Temple Sholom? Because after all, we don’t need the Temple year-round? There’s far less commitment in that, right?

Well sure. But when you rent, when all is said and done, you really have nothing.

So here’s the good news: By being here today, you have chosen ownership and are entitled to the value that comes with that commitment. For those who have invested their time and energy into Temple Sholom, you understand what I am talking about. For those who have yet to do so, consider this your lucky day. Because you own something extremely valuable - that you didn’t know was yours!

You are title holders to a community, to a building, to a path of peace and spirituality, to education, to support, to joy, to companionship, to the chance to make a new friend every time you walk in the door. It’s better than stock in Apple! Because I promise you, there is no downside.

Something very special is happening here at Temple Sholom. We are breaking new ground in our religious school and our Preschool is thriving. Our programming offers something for every single one of us no matter what the stage of life we are in. Our services are warm, inviting thought provoking and when combined with our beautiful music, it is an opportunity waiting for us -- each and every week to look inward and reach outward. Want to give back? Our Mitzvah Core. Want to play ball? Our Brotherhood. Want some meaningful conversation? Our Women’s Spirituality group.

I’m bragging again. I’ll work on it.

Every day our clergy, our staff, our volunteers and our lay leadership are building this all for YOU. You own it. So come – and make it yours.

~ Emily Mendell, Vice President
I am so thankful to be a part of Temple Sholom in Broomall! Day in and day out I am in awe of the many ways that we are here for one another. We are here for one another in prayer, learning, programs and activities. We cook together, play softball together and celebrate milestones with one another. We serve on committees, share our ideas and plan for our future together as a Temple community. We are here for one another in good times and in times of need.

The notion of community is always changing. In addition to our physical community, we are able to interact with one another via our website, webcasting and Facebook. We gather together not just in our Temple building, but also in our homes including recent Rimon Mixer and Havdalah in the Home events, at places where we engage in mitzvot together like the Broad Street Ministry and JRA, as well as other places of learning such as museums and the theater.

I am thankful that I have the opportunity to be at Temple Sholom in Broomall every day. Experiencing our Temple community and having the opportunity to connect with so many individuals and families fills me with gratitude for all that we are.

If you have the time, I hope you will think about your gratitude for Temple Sholom in Broomall … and, if you would like to share a thought or two with me, please send them my way.

A special thanks to all of you for being here for me.

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

January is the month of Gratitude at Temple Sholom. We all have so much to be grateful for starting with our engaging and supportive Temple community.

In terms of programs there is lot to get you thinking in January, in addition to our Middot Shabbat and weekly Tanakh study with Rabbi Rigler, there are three different book discussion meetings and a historical review of Jewish Mysticism. What fabulous opportunities to stretch your mind!

January 9
Sisterhood Book Club
January 12
Conversations with Men: The History and Development of Jewish Mysticism
January 16
Hilltoppers Day time program: Dr. Nina Haydel on "Sally Hemmings - A Love Story"
January 16
Sisterhood Beading Class
January 22
Israel Trip Update!
Women’s Spirituality: Book Discussion of the “The Dove Keepers” by Alice Hoffman
January 23
Hilltoppers Book Group: “The Woman Who Heard Color” by Kelly Jones
January 24
Middot Shabbat on Patience
January 25
We Sing Shabbat for preschoolers and their families with Liz Sussman and Rabbi Stacy Rigler

To stretch your body, hold February 12 and March 12 for Yoga: Bringing the Middot to Life with Rabbi Myriam Klotz as we focus on the middah of Patience.

Last Chance to sign up for Basic Hebrew Class with Rabbi Beth Janus which begins on January 6.

~ B’shalom, Sandy Cohen
skcohen@temple-sholom.org
I have never done counted cross stitch. I think I remember starting some cross stitch pieces when I was a kid, but I never finished a thing. So, when I read about this project, I only had to think about it for two seconds. I knew I had to participate. I thought there's always YouTube to learn.


Torah Stitch By Stitch is an extraordinary international project done by ordinary people. Temma Gentles, a Canadian fiber artist had a vision of creating a Torah using counted cross stitch and involving the world wide community. Teams of four could work on each section. Currently there are over 500 stitchers in 12 countries. When each participant’s section is assembled into the complete text of the Five Books of Moses to compose a Torah scroll, it will measure 2 meters (6.5 ft) high x 86 meters (282 ft) long. That is almost the length of a football field.

I "recruited" three friends of mine from Temple Sholom, my synagogue, to work with me. Fortunately one of us (not me) had experience with counted cross stitch. She became our leader.

Our first meeting was in October. We were entering the synagogue at the same time as our Rabbi. He was so pleased to hear about the project and offered to share with us the story behind our portion of the Torah. He is a fascinating and funny young guy and his recounting the story of Isaac and his two sons gave such meaning to what we were going to stitch.

I have finished my 2 1/2 lines and have passed it off to my friend, Dina. I encourage you to join us: Dina Stonberg, Nancy Hays and Rebecca Parmet, who have already committed to stitching their lines for this fabulous endeavor! If you like to stitch and want to be a part of this amazing project, please contact me, Cheryl Lynch, at oyveyquilts@yahoo.com.
CONVERSATIONS
WITH MEN
(A.K.A. MEN’S SPIRITUALITY)

Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 am

The History and Development of Jewish
Mysticism
What is Jewish Mysticism?

What can we learn from the Jewish mystics like
Isaac the Blind, and Isaac Luria?

We look forward to having you with us.

Join us on Sunday morning in the Rabbi's study
to explore the wonders of Torah and Judaism.
Come. Check us out. Meet new and old friends.
Learn something interesting.

Questions and/or comments? Contact Daniel
Endy at daniel.endy@gmail.com.

TANAKH STUDY WITH
RABBI RIGLER

Wednesdays
January 8, 15, 22 & 29
at 10:30 am in the Library

SUPPORT THE SCRIP PROGRAM
BY SIGNING UP TODAY!

All Temple members are encouraged to support the Scrip
program to Giant, Acme, Superfresh, and Shoprite
Supermarkets. These store cards, as well as CVS, and
Starbucks cards, are available in the Temple office and
Sundays during Religious School hours. Many other gift
cards to Department stores, Specialty shops, and
Restaurants can easily be ordered through Nertila in the
School Office. Each card is worth its full face value. The
flyer with the names of all the gift cards is on our
information table in the lobby. Gift cards are especially
good for Holiday gifts or to say 'thank you' or 'I care
about you' to someone special. Please call Evie Elias at
610-449-0357, for further information. It's a Mitzvah to
support the Scrip program to benefit the children in our
Religious School.

March 1st will be an evening of music and
fun all while helping those in need in our
community. Plan to join us for a musical
coffee house - the only cost of admission
will be a bag of non-perishable groceries
for a local food bank.

What can you do?

➢ Save the date of March 1 for an
evening of musical fun where the
cost of admission will be a grocery
bag of non-perishable food for a
local food bank.

➢ Volunteer to help with the event.
We need help setting up, cleaning
up, at the door, doing publicity,
sound system, or being an
accompanist for the performers.

➢ Be a baker and help with dessert or
snack refreshments for the event.
Remember, if we can do this with
all donated refreshments, all ticket
sale proceeds go directly to the food
bank.

➢ Be a performer. We are looking for
home-grown talent to perform
vocal, instrumental or comedy acts.

If you can help, please let Laurie Albert
know by email at lgalbert@verizon.net.
We welcome our Newest Members:
~ The Frantz Family ~
Robert, Lauren, Arianna & Claire

Havdalah at Home

Havdalah at Home was celebrated at the home of Gloria and Ed Kresch on December 7th. Gloria introduced us to a song based on the Hodu prayer from Psalm 136, by sharing with us a YouTube presentation that added lovely visuals. To see this moving video, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YU5SBqnk3FY.

Birchot Havdalah, Shavua Tov and Eliyahu followed, to be matched by wonderful dining and conversation.

The next Havdalah at Home will be in February. Look for further details in The Temple Tidings and weekly email announcements. A more formal reminder will come later this month to those on the mailing list. Please contact Bob at bobnmarians@aol.com or call 610-527-4138 to join the invitation list. Everyone is welcome!

Please show your support of the Scholar in Residence Program by making a contribution!

A donation to support the Scholar in Residence program is encouraged. Any amount is appreciated, but donations of $100 include two admissions for the brunch, and donations of $50 or more include one admission for the brunch.

To RSVP for the potluck, volunteer for the reception, or otherwise provide support, please contact Jen Isayev at 484-557-9930 or isayev@live.com. Financial donations can be sent to the Temple c/o Scholar in Residence Program, 55 Church Lane, Broomall, PA 19008. Please respond by March 8.

Scholar in Residence invites you to take
A Soul Path Journey: Making sense of life's path with the wisdom of Mussar - A 1000-year old Jewish spiritual path with:

Rabbi Alan Morinis
Dean of the Mussar Institute

March 21 - 23

Alan Morinis is an anthropologist, filmmaker, writer and student of spiritual traditions. For the past sixteen years the nearly-lost Jewish spiritual discipline of Mussar has been his passion, and he is now a leading interpreter of Mussar teachings and practices.

The Weekend Events will include:

Friday evening, March 21:
6 pm - Potluck (vegetarian, dairy). Reservations are requested
8 pm - Shabbat service: "What is Mussar and why should I care?"

Saturday afternoon, March 22:
4 pm - "Why you are how you are -- a Jewish perspective"
5:30 pm - Reception with beverages and light hors d'oeuvres

Sunday morning and afternoon, March 23:
10 am - Brotherhood brunch*, with program starting at
11 am - "Personal change with the tools of Mussar - a Jewish pathway for becoming a mensch"
12:30 pm - "Raising a mensch - Instilling Jewish values in your children and grandchildren"

*There is a charge for the Brotherhood brunch, but otherwise all programs are free.
SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

Sisterhood Advises: Be(ad) The First One On Your Block To Create Original Beading Masterpieces

You’ve probably noticed that many of Temple Sholom in Broomall’s women are looking much more fashionable these days. Their wardrobes don’t reflect our dreary winter at all. That’s because Sisterhood women went shopping last month at our Boutique Wearhouse event and took advantage of individualized shopping advice and yummy champagne to sip while deciding on purchases. A great time was had by all, and we thank Ellen Covner and Lauri Sila for having co-chaired our event.

Now, we’re getting ready to be creative. It’s time to accessorize either your current clothing, or it could be that your new Boutique Wearhouse items could use some beading additions. Join us on January 16 at The Bead Garden on Darby Road in Havertown. Our evening will include specialized instruction and lots of schmoozing while we create. And, we’ll even serve some refreshments! Thank you, Sharon Goldman, for chairing this event.

Just around the corner is another Sisterhood event to anticipate with much enthusiasm. Bring a friend or a spouse or a man or all three and join us at the Temple on Saturday night, February 15 for MOVIE NIGHT!!! We’ll be providing you with details soon, but keep your taste buds set for make your own sundaes, with promises by chairwoman Deb Kirsch that her homemade ice cream waffle bowls will be a delicious feature. Deb’s committee, which includes Nancy Hays, Barbara Clarke, Harriet Schultz-Rosenblatt, Barbara Berlin, with help from Melissa Fein, guarantees us that it is definitely going to be a fun night.

We know it’s still quite a while away, but we definitely want to make sure you’ve marked your calendar for Wednesday, March 26 for Matzah Mia 2, which is a Women’s Seder to be held at Har Zion in Penn Valley. We’re proud that Temple Sholom in Broomall is a sponsoring organization and we are so excited about this Passover event, which will bring together 250 to 300 women from area congregations.

Do you need the perfect gift? Please drop by Sisterhood’s Gift Garden’s in January to check out special sales on picture frames, art and photo albums. I bought a perfect Bar Mitzvah gift from the Gift Garden last month, and was so pleased to even use my Sisterhood discount coupon of 10% off my purchase. Such a bargain!

The Sisterhood Book Club will be meeting, on January 9 at 7:30 pm at Stefanie Adams’ house to discuss “The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls” by Anton DiSclefani. This should be a fascinating discussion because our Sisterhood member Emily Freedman will be sharing some photos and stories from her own mother, who also attended this Riding Camp.

Start the New Year RIGHT and please try to join us for our upcoming Sisterhood Board Meeting on January 2 at 7:30 pm in the Temple Library. Our meetings are open to everyone and we value your ideas and suggestions.

Want to see what we’re all about? We encourage you to check out Sisterhood’s webpage on the Temple’s website at temple-sholom.org to see our yearly calendar and our photo gallery.

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have questions about any of our events or to become involved in Sisterhood, please contact sisterhood@temple-sholom.org or call Donna Hendel at 561-445-0021 or Fran Epstein at 610-789-0784.

Sisterhood Invites you to Get Creative!

Where:

When: Thursday, January 16 7 - 9 pm

The cost will be $35, which includes an evening out with your favorite Sisterhood "Sisters" while you create the original jewelry masterpiece of your dreams ... that you'll get to take home and wear proudly. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited; only the first 14 women who sign up will be able to participate. Our evening will include specialized instruction and lots of schmoozing while we create.

To sign-up for the wonderful evening, rsvp by January 9th to: sisterhood@temple-sholom.org
Space is LIMITED to ONLY 14 women, so don’t delay, sign-up today!
**THE HILLTOPPERS**

**Board Meeting**  
Thursday, January 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 10:30 am, in the Temple Library. All Hilltoppers are invited. Why not join us?

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday, January 16\textsuperscript{th} at 1:30 pm. Please note that this is an afternoon meeting.

Our speaker will be Dr. Nina Haydel and her topic will be: "Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson: A Secret Love Story"

Dr. Haydel, Philadelphia native, has lived and taught in Latin America and the Middle East. She currently teaches at Rider University, is academic advisor and professor of a Master of Arts Education program at Central Michigan University, and designs and teaches online courses for two additional universities. Her many interests include writing children's books about New Orleans, traveling, and editing the genealogical writings of her husband, Belmont Haydel. Dr. Haydel will present a new twist to the saga of Sally Hemings, the 38 year slave-wife and love of Thomas Jefferson. Her presentation will be in the first person, offering different viewpoints on a long-debated and sometimes controversial history.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour and refreshments will be served. It is free to Hilltoppers members. A $2.00 donation is suggested from nonmembers.

**Book Discussion Group**  
Thursday, January 23\textsuperscript{rd} at 1:15 pm in the Temple Annex. We will review “The Woman Who Heard Color,” by Kelly Jones. All Hilltoppers are welcome whether you've read the book or just want to hear about it. 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*.

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**UNDERSTANDING HOSPICE FROM A JEWISH VIEWPOINT**

The Jewish vision of healing, called *refuah shleimah*, or "complete healing" is a holistic one comprising both body (*refuat guf*) and soul (*refuat nefesh*). *Refuah shleimah* shows us that Judaism deems body, mind, and soul each to be vital parts of the healing process. The Jewish vision of healing, then, fits in well with the hospice team approach of providing doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, aides and volunteers, who attend to the patient's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The Jewish concept of *refuah shleimah*, along with hospice care, teach us to recognize that healing can still occur even when there is no longer the possibility of a cure.

Temple Sholom's Hospice volunteers are here if you need them. Please do not hesitate to call if you need care, respite, assistance or information. Confidentiality is respected.

~ Barbara Smilk, Hospice Volunteer

**OUR CARING HOSPICE**

Trained Temple Sholom volunteers are here to help! Please call us - we are here for you.

Contact Rabbi Rigler and Cantor Shapiro at the Temple or call Pam Haas 484-802-1186 or Amy Berkowitz 610-353-8077.
Volunteers Still Needed for Mitzvah Meal Project!

Thanks to the dozens of you who have already signed up to help with the Mitzvah Meals this year. In this community outreach opportunity, our congregation prepares and serves a hot meal to hungry people at the Life Center shelter at 63rd and Market. Many faith congregations and school groups participate, so that meals are served there every night of the year.

Temple Sholom has committed to feed the hungry the second Tuesday of every even-numbered month. The next meal is Tuesday, February 11. We still need people to purchase items for the meal, to prepare a casserole (simple recipe provided), and we could use another one or two people to help serve the meal. If you haven't yet signed up and would still like to be involved, please call Emily Freedman at 610-220-7359 or email her at emily.freedman2@gmail.com. You may also sign up, if you are reading this online, by clicking here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A4AE2AA31-life. You may use this link to sign up for any future Mitzvah Meal, as well.

If you are reading this on paper, you will need to copy the above link into your browser. Or, you can go to "Signupgenius.com" and click on "Find a Sign Up," and then enter the email address of our "Signup Genius Genius," Dina Stonberg, which is dinamph@gmail.com. This will then take you to a place where you can select "Life Center Meals" and sign up for your opportunity to serve.

We look forward to another great year of participation in this important mitzvah.

Mitzvah Core Cares!

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 Book Club

Our next book is “The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls,” by Anton Disclafani. The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 9th at the home of Stefanie Adams, 1307 Sussex Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Her phone number is: 610-642-6402.

RSVP to Lisa Warner, alissamgm@aol.com by January 2nd.

About the book:

Weaving provocatively between home and school, the narrative powerfully unfurls the true story behind Thea’s expulsion from her family, but it isn’t long before the mystery of her past is rivaled by the question of how it will shape her future. Part scandalous love story, part heartbreaking family drama, “The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls” is an immersive, transporting page-turner - a vivid, propulsive novel about sex, love, family, money, class, home, and horses, all set against the ominous threat of the Depression - and the major debut of an important new writer.

Rimon Lobby Café

A big "Todah Rabah" (thank you) to all the volunteers who have helped get the Rimon Café off to a great start!

We are still looking for a handful of volunteers to help us in the café during the winter months. We need help staffing the Café as well as folks to bring in baked goods (store bought or homemade), fruit, boxed juice, snacks, etc. If you are interested in volunteering or have a suggestion, feel free to call or email Rebecca Parmet at 610-322-4356 or drparmet@gmail.com.
Friday Night, January 10 is Family Camp Shabbat

A very special Camp Shabbat service is planned, including camp songs and camp-style oneg. Special guest will be Aaron Selkow, Director of Camp Harlam.

Sunday, January 12 is Camp Day at Rimon

All students are encouraged to proudly wear any camp t-shirt to school that day.

Students and their Parents are welcome to attend a kid-friendly Camp Presentation during school (specific times will be emailed to parents).

Come and learn about Jewish Summer Camp at our Camp Fair - Your child only has so many summers to grow! Representatives from Camps Harlam, Pinemere, Golden Slipper, Galil, JRF, 6 Points Sci-Tech, 6 Points Sports Academy and Ramah be in the **Multipurpose Room from 12 - 2 pm**

Free Refreshments will be served

**This FREE program is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

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- 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy
- Camp JRF
- Ramah
- Golden Slipper Camp for Boys & Girls
- Neuberger Family Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Temple Sholom in Broomall Invites you to

**Celebrate Jewish Overnight Camp**

The weekend of January 10 – 12
As 2013 came to a close, I must reflect on this past year. ToaSTY has been amazing! The Youth Board, the activities and most important our kids! It has truly been an honor to be ToaSTY’s Youth Group Director, and I love every minute of it and sharing it with you! In November, we went to the King of Prussia Mall for a scavenger hunt and had a great time. It is always so nice to see our kids enjoying their time together. We followed that up with our December Shul-In.

As part of our on-going series on summer experiences, I would love to share with you the story of Alison Prager, who took part in NFTY’s Summer Leadership Kallah:

At the end of this summer I attended NFTY PARs 2013, Summer Leadership Kallah or what some people know it as, SLK. SLK is the longest event of the year and that just means that your bonds and friendships that are made throughout the event, become all the more great and have an extra few days to progress. I originally registered for this event to see all of the friends that I hadn’t seen all summer and that were attending this event, however I’m always amazed by all the new friendships I make at each NFTY event that I go to, and that is why I keep going.

At this NFTY event, I remember one service in particular that was very inspiring. We all got split up into six groups and got given a certain prayer from the service. Within our groups we all worked, as equals and our jobs were to act out the prayer we were given. My group got the prayer, the Barchu. To express this we all stood in the formation of a heart to symbolize the coming together as one. In this moment when we all stood and chanted the prayer, I truly felt at home and surrounded by so much love. It gave me a new perspective on services in general and how each prayer can have a deeper meaning then on the outside, and also how you can relate it to something more familiar to you.

As each NFTY event has different fun activities, this one included my all-time favorite activity, known as Pie Wars. This is a one if the many things that makes SLK a special event. Each PAR-ite can have the options to pay for any other PAR-ite, of their choosing, to get smashed in the face with a pie full of whipped cream. As you are just talking with your friends and hanging out in the sun, out of nowhere someone can come up and pie you in the face. It’s definitely my favorite part of the event watching everyone running around and get pied with whipped cream. I can even admit that getting pied in the face may be really sticky, but it’s also a lot of fun.

I couldn’t have thought of a better way to spend the last few days of my summer then attending this event. Throughout the week I was there, I was able to reach out of my comfort zone and explore different topics with teens my age and be able to have that one thing in common, being Jewish. SLK was an incredible event and I enjoyed every second of it. ~ Alison Prager

Ali, thank you so much for sharing! I am so glad that our teens are really embracing Judaism and doing things that mean something to them. I look forward to sharing more experiences with all of you in this coming year.

I hope everyone has had a safe holiday season! ToaSTY is looking forward to getting back to it in 2014! We are always looking for teens, grades 9-12 who are interested in coming to events, let us know, we would love to have you! If you have any questions, concerns or would like to stop by and check us out, please email me at toasty@temple-sholom.org.

B’Shalom,  
~ Joanna Gould, ToaSTY Youth Group Director
JANUARY B’NAI MITZVAH

Marie Alfonsi Shelanski, daughter of Samuel D. Shelanski and Sophie C. Alfonsi-Connaire, will become a Bat Mitzvah on January 4. She will be joined by her siblings Sarah Bella and Noah, grandparents Dr. Morris V. Shelanski and Rita M. Shelanski, and grandparents Gérald Alfonsi and Danielle Alfonsi coming in from the South of France.

A Harriton High School 9th grader, Marie is very creative and enjoys music and art. She is an extremely avid reader and loves to spend her free time reading books of all genres. Marie is also now a member of the Harriton Theater Company and had her first performance this past November in the Laramie Project. Marie loves spending time with her friends whenever she can. Her favorite team sport to play is soccer, which she has played for many years in the Lower Merion Soccer Club. Badminton is her favorite backyard sport that she loves to play throughout the summer. Marie excels academically and consistently makes the honor roll. Her favorite subject is science and is interested in having a career one day in a scientific field.

Marie has become very aware of the people close to her who have suffered or are suffering through cancer. Because of this, Marie has chosen for her Mitzvah project to help children who have cancer. Marie would like to spend time with these children to help brighten their day while they are going through treatment. She would also like to collect and donate items that will help these children and their families, as many of them come to the Philadelphia area for treatment and spend a lot of time away from their homes. Marie would like to provide not only useful items to the family, but also fun things for the children such as games and stuffed animals. She feels that a little bit of laughter and cheer will give them some help them get them through this difficult time.

Marie was born and raised in the Greater Philadelphia Area but also speaks fluent French and is very fortunate to spend her summers in the South of France where her mother’s side of the family lives - it is her home away from home. Marie loves to travel and has traveled throughout much of Western Europe. Marie is looking forward to sharing this special day with all of her family and friends!

Erica Nicole Watson, daughter of Michael and Terri Watson, will be called to the Torah on January 25th. Sharing in her special day will be her sister, Gillian, grandparents Marlene and David Meyer, from Scranton, Aunt Laurie, Uncle Mike and Cousin Alexander also from Scranton and the whole Watson family from Delaware County.

A Haverford Middle School 7th grader, Erica takes Jazz and Tap Dance. She likes acting and singing in the school plays and Upper Darby Summer Stage. Erica loves photography and directing videos. She has been on the honor roll every marking period since the beginning of 6th grade. Erica is an entrepreneur and the owner of her own business called CraftStar by Erica.

For her Mitzvah Project, Erica volunteered at Martin’s Run to help some of the residents’ scrapbook their photos and keepsakes. Erica was also very excited to create an Anti-bullying video with her friends from Temple Sholom and present it to the 4th and 5th grade Rimon classes for a discussion about dealing with different bullying scenarios.

BIMAH BASKETS

Festive baskets to decorate the Bimah and benefit Temple Sholom’s Religious School and the Life Center for Eastern Delaware County.

Two Bimah baskets are $150 ($75 each) and a smaller Oneg Basket is available for the Oneg Table for $45. Interested in ordering the baskets?

Please contact Stephanie Albero at 610-459-3645 or email her at stephalbero@verizon.net
Sisterhood Reminds You To
SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 15
Is MOVIE NIGHT!!!
Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes ...
Homemade waffle cone bowls will be available.
Bring a friend; All MEN welcome, too!
Details will follow soon!

Brotherhood Reminds You To
SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 9
A delicious Brunch and an Informative presentation on
The Myth about Jews and Addiction
With guest speaker, Linda Hershman
Details will follow soon!
In exploring this month’s Middah, I encourage you to witness your child's natural appreciation for the little things.

One way to turn our focus to our many blessings is to learn from our children who often provide natural exuberance and appreciation of life in all its limitless glory:

"Watch this, Dad! When the wind blows in one direction all the grass lies down flat, then when it blows the other way, the grass flips over! I'm not kidding. Come see this!"

"Can we stay here at the zoo all day and come back tomorrow?"

"I can have rainbow and chocolate sprinkles on my ice cream? This is the best day of my life!"

Get on the Level ...Their Level

You may have to slow down to appreciate what enthralls, astonishes, charms, and tickles your child. Go out back to see the teeny red worm. Sit down with the class picture and let your daughter tell you every single name. Save time when your son visits your office to let him make five photocopies of his hand in slightly different positions. Listen and ask questions when God tells you about the refrigerator the size of a room that he saw on his class trip to the supermarket. Excerpted from http://www.kveller.com/preschooler/behavior-and-discipline/gratitude.shtml, by Wendy Mogel

Be Grateful for Everything

Formalizing the ritual of blessings so that it becomes a habit is another way to teach children to remember what they've been given. We tend to want to send God "wish lists" of the things we want, rather than remembering to thank him for what we already have. In our house we go around the table each week at Shabbat dinner and say our "gratitudes." This ritual has multiple benefits. It's often a chance to catch up with one another on the goings-on of the week, and it teaches the children what their father and I value. I might tell Emma: "I'm grateful that you got dressed and ready for breakfast all week long without any reminding," and continue to the rest of the group, "I'm grateful that Uncle Sol is feeling better. I'm grateful that Josie is here to join us for dinner. I'm grateful that I finished another chapter of my book this week."

Excerpted with permission from “The Blessing of a Skinned Knee” (Scribner).
Hearing the whisper … Grow! Grow!

Here we are experiencing the cold, dreary winter months of winter with the leafless trees baring their branches to the icy winds. Yet, in Israel, the magic of nature is slowly unfolding. Tiny buds are beginning to emerge on the almond trees…the first trees to burst into spring bloom. As an agricultural society, our forbearers recognized this magical moment and the holiday of Tu B’Shevat emerged.

As I look at the calendar and realize that Tu B’Shevat, the Jewish holiday that celebrates the “new year” for trees, will fall on January 16, I also remember a very beautiful Midrash. This Midrash teaches that behind every blade of grass, there is a special angel in heaven whispering encouragement: “Grow, Grow.” (Midrash B’reishit Rabbah.) This beautiful image captures not only the spirit of Tu B’Shevat but of our Rimon program!

At Temple Sholom the sound of children as young as two years old fill our classrooms, hallways, sanctuary and every nook and cranny of our building. Each one of our children from Preschool through Post Confirmation has an angel who is whispering … grow! grow! Our clergy, staff, faculty, office staff, custodians, parents, grandparents and friends are the angels. Together we are growing and shaping the Jewish future in our children. Take a moment and think about how you are part of this miracle!

Join the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Birthdays are a perfect time to reflect on how many blessings there are in our lives and how important it is to share those blessings. At this year’s birthday we are inviting your child to identify one present that he or she would be willing to give to someone whose family cannot afford to buy him or her presents. Come with your child to the office of the Education Director to present the gift. During monthly family Shabbat celebrations (the second Friday of every month) a beautiful certificate of appreciation, signed by the clergy, will be presented recognizing your child’s generosity.

If you want to see the seeds of Rimon up close and personal, feel free to visit us on Sunday mornings (9:30 - noon), Mondays (4:45 - 8:30) or Tuesdays (4:00 - 5:30) or visit our website at: www.temple-sholom-school.org.

~ Lori Green, Education Director

Explosive! Entertaining! Thought-Provoking!

These are words that many have spoken to describe their experience with Rabbi Tovia Singer, director of Outreach Judaism. As we send our teenage children off to college with, what we hope, is a strong Jewish identity, groups and cults such as Jews for Jesus are waiting to lead them in a different direction. Targeted to our Academy students (7th – 10th gr.) and their parents, all congregants are invited to join us on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm to learn how to respond to such groups.

January Highlights

Sunday, January 5 - Tuesday, January 7
Rimon resumes

Friday, January 10  7:30 pm
6th gr. Gesherim leads Shabbat Worship

Sunday, January 12  10:00 - 10:30 am
4th gr. Parents pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting

Sunday, January 19 - Tuesday, January 21
NO RIMON - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 27  7 pm
Special Program for all Academy teens, parents and congregants

Trivia Night … What an AWESOME EVENT!

On Saturday night, November 16 well over 100 came out to engage in fun, friendship and nosh … all to benefit Rimon! Under the direction of Terri Watson, co-chair - Lisa Lacianca, emcee Rabbi Rigler, and an entire cast of helpers, over $4000 was raised to help ensure that the children of Temple Sholom’s Rimon education program receive the very best Jewish education possible. On behalf of our children … thank you to everyone who came out to participate and help. Editor’s Note: See pages 18 and 19 for evening details and photos.
TRIVIA NIGHT RECAP

Terri Watson and Lisa Lacianca, Co-Chairpersons of the Temple Sholom Trivia Night are pleased to announce that November 2013 Trivia Night was a huge success!

We are so happy that our Congregants came out to support Rimon. Our children’s education is so important and it was overwhelming to see our community support this event, while having lots of fun together!

We would like to thank the following people for all their help in making it a wonderful and fun filled evening:

- Alexis Rosenfeld
- Amy and Eric Pasnak
- Amy Cylinder
- Becky Krangel, Sandy Cohen and Abbey Krain from the office
- Beth Handwerger and Michael Richardson
- Bev and Steve Granoff
- Debbie Kaplan
- Elyse Endy
- Emily Mendell
- Eric Lerner
- Jen Isayev
- Jim and Cindy Meyer
- Joanna Marcuse
- Lon and Jeff Rosenblum
- Lori Green
- Lynne Klemnner
- Mark Lacianca
- Mike and Erica Danowitz
- Mindy and Peter Haenn
- Nanci Capoferrer
- Rabbis Stacy and Peter Rigler
- Rebecca Parmet
- Robin Weinstein
- Sal and custodial staff
- Shannon and Ted Farmer
- Sue Shandler
- Evalyn Elias

Everyone who baked and brought desserts! Unfortunately we don’t have all the names. So many generous people brought stuff in at the door!

Auction Winners and Generous Bidders

- Tim and Ellisa Habbar
- Steve Kanes
- Evalyn Elias
- Steve Granoff
- Pete Haenn
- Erica Danowitz
- Adam Rosenfeld
- Peter Rigler
- Michael Richardson
- Laurie Browngoebl
- Michael Goldman

Event Chairs Terri Watson and Lisa Lacianca, and resident scorekeeper Mark Lacianca.
Congratulations to the Winners on Team David's Slingshot
HILLTOPPERS’ SPEAKER RUTH JENKIN WOWS WITH HER OWN STORY OF HEALTHY EATING

Ruth Jenkin, noted speaker on nutrition and self-esteem, spoke recently to a spellbound audience of Hilltoppers and others on “My Humorous Journey Into Senior Nutrition.”

Ruth explained that she came from a family of bakers in Queens, NY, where everyone in her family had been fat. Eating bakery food was their normal diet, where they believed a cheese-filled pastry meant they were eating protein and a blueberry muffin meant they were eating fruit.

From years of poor eating habits, Ruth experienced poor self-esteem issues and an unhealthy body image. She attempted to follow many fad diets, such as Atkins, Stillman, Stewardess, and more. Ultimately, she developed bulimia.

Out of these years of desperation, Ruth created a number of rules and behaviors to follow that eventually led her to become one of the most popular Weight Watchers lecturers in the Philadelphia area for 40 years. Currently, her sessions are filled with enthusiastic devotees.

Here are her five behaviors to live by:

- Never go hungry. It’s a good idea to have a healthy snack, such as an apple or a cheese stick three hours after a meal.
- Wear tight clothes. This keeps you aware of your current size.
- Eat sitting down. Sitting down and making a meal an event helps you slow down and feel full.
- Pay attention to your food; savor it. Make your meal attractive.
- Don’t put food in your mouth if you already have food in your mouth. Eat slowly!

Find a safe place, Ruth cautions, where your new, healthy lifestyle will be supported by others. Begin there and go forward.

Ruth advises to think about your individual capability and don’t aim to be perfect. Aim, instead for “good.” See realistic and flexible exercise guidelines for yourself. If you can’t run a marathon and if you can’t make it to the gym seven days a week, make a goal of three or four days a week, instead.

Create a belief system for yourself in terms of eating. Forget about the starving children in … insert your favorite country here! Forget about the “Clean plate club.” It’s all right to throw away extra food. Believe in yourself enough to think, “I deserve to throw this … insert unhealthy food here, such as cake, candy, cookies … into the garbage.”

A byproduct will occur as you change the way you take care of yourself and learn to like yourself. It’s important to be selfish. Your identity might change along this journey, too, as you begin to think of yourself as “athletic,” or “someone who enjoys clothes shopping.” Ruth notes that changing your relationship with food changes who you are.

It’s also important to understand that all this takes practice, advises Ruth, and it happens slowly. You can begin to send the message that you’re feeling good about yourself, even if you don’t quite yet. Show it on the outside, explained Ruth, and you’ll begin to believe it on the inside.

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Carl Miller, MCC
An Associate of Bobbye and Bob Haupt, CruiseOne
Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, January 22nd Women's Spirituality will be meeting in the Temple library to discuss Alice Hoffman's historical fiction novel "The Dovekeepers." Please join us in a lively discussion about four women and their path to the Masada massacre and the story of survival and endurance.

In 70 C.E., nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. It is a multi-part story with details of life 2,000 years ago. The tale follows the path into Masada through its mothers, daughters and wives. It blends mythology, magic, archaeology and women. The result is a feminist story.

The saga unfolds from the perspective of four courageous Jewish women whose lives converge in the dovecotes of the rebel desert stronghold. The title refers to the job the women had taking care of doves which had many uses in the survival of the town. Hoffman brings this tragedy to life as four women who take care of the dovecote at the fortress tell their stories.

Suspicious of one another early on, the women, each with her own secrets and talents, powerful lovers and magical spells, soon develop a loyalty so fierce that they are willing to sacrifice everything for each other and for the children they are entrusted with.

This book provides some valuable insight into the past. It also leaves us with some intriguing questions. How could the Jewish people continue to believe in God when their world was literally falling apart around them? Do you feel the lives of the women in "The Dovekeepers" echo the lives of women in the modern world who are experiencing war and political unrest? What questions arose as you read the book? How did you feel about the survivors at Masada and the events that took place during that time?

All women of Temple Sholom are welcome to meet with us in the Temple Library on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm as we discuss these and many other interesting thoughts that arose from "The Dovekeepers," by Alice Hoffman.

If you wish to begin your evening with meditation and quiet reflection led by one of our members, join us in the sanctuary at 6:25 pm. At the conclusion of our meditation we will move to the library for our book discussion.

Women's Spirituality looks forward to you joining us on Wednesday, January 22nd. Enjoy an evening blending quiet reflection and a thoughtful discussion.

Jewish Meditation

It might be cold outside but it is warm in the Temple Annex. There is always room in our warm and welcoming circle for every Temple member as we share a quiet time of reflection and chanting while meditating on Jewish teachings, prayers or Hebrew letters. No previous meditation experience is required.

Did you know that meditation can bring wisdom, compassion and qualities of kindness from a Jewish perspective? Meditation can balance our busy lives and cultivate mindfulness. Take time - - - slow down. Jewish meditation can refresh us in our day-to-day encounters with ourselves, other people and in prayer. Share with us as we learn what meditation has to offer. There is a seat waiting for you in our circle of chairs as we spend a quiet time together.

Meditation Dates to Remember for this Month:

January 8, 15, 22, and 29

When: Wednesdays 9:25 am - 10:15 am
Where: Temple Sholom Annex

Join us any Wednesday morning that is convenient for you. Come once, twice or more often. A chair is waiting for you in our circle. Please help by arriving by 9:25 am.

Questions? Please contact the Temple Office or call Linda Tarash at 610-446-2101 or linda.tarash@gmail.com.

Women's Spirituality welcomes your donations and thanks you for any contributions that you have made. All funds donated help make it possible for us to invite the knowledgeable scholars who teach us so much.

~ Linda Tarash
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To: Michael & Terri Watson  
From: The Sisterhood Board  
*Mazel Tov on the Bat Mitzvah of your daughter, Erica Watson*

To: Michelle & Jonathan Edwards  
From: The Sisterhood Board  
*Mazel Tov on the birth of your son, Declan Edwards*

To: Barbara & Steve Clarke  
From: The Sisterhood Board  
Shirley & Marty Birenbaum  
*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Declan Edwards*

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*The Hilltoppers*  
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*Hours are subject to change. Please check the Gift Garden door for updates*

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**Learn Basic Hebrew**

Learn to read Hebrew in 10 weeks! Starting with the Alef-Bet. No previous Hebrew knowledge required.

Rabbi Beth Janus will be teaching a 10 session Basic Hebrew Class.

The class will be held on Monday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Temple Sholom from January 6 to March 24.

Basic Hebrew Cost: $136 for members of Temple Sholom / $218 for non-synagogue members. Students will be asked to purchase one or two books for the class.

*This class will serve as a launching pad for those interested in studying for an adult bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Sholom.*

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In memory of Ethel Stein
   Mitchell & Trudy Itzko
In memory of Elliot Levin
   Kenneth & Christine Levin

Cantor Kaplan Chair for Sacred Music
In memory of Henry Freed
   Jeff & Cantor Patty Kaplan
In memory of Jean Gubkin Brown
   Kevin & Laurie Browngoehl
Yvonne Brockman
In memory of Arthur Abrahams
In memory of David Meyers
In memory of Kurt Stern
   Eric & Emily Moody

Financial Review
In memory of Harold Schwartz
   Edwin & Annilee Seitchick
In honor of Mitch Wolfson and all he has
done for Temple Sholom
   Michael & Julie Samuels

General Fund
In memory of Marietta Emont
   Milton Emont
In honor of the 55th anniversary of Edwin
   & Annilee Seitchick
   Elaine Smith
In honor of Eli Joseph Webb
   Arthur & Jacqueline Matusow

Hilltopper’s Fund
In memory of Edith Friedman
In memory of Ida Arnsstein
   Serene Friedman
In memory of Sonia Chinitz
   Florence Bortnicker
In memory of Fannie Solomon
   Louise Schmidt

Hospice and Healing Fund
In memory of Leonard Jacobs
In memory of Frances Solomon
In memory of Norman Rubin
   Barry & Carol Jacobs

Howard Weiner Library Fund
In memory of Grace Rapoport
   Benson & Lynne Klempner
In memory of Rose Rosenberg
   Howard & Ruth Rosenberg

Judith Bernick Music Fund
In memory of Joseph Reswick
   Janet Long
In memory of Sadie Horwitz
   Ellen Shapiro

Marlene B. Kleinman Campership Fund
In memory of Sarah Pulda
   Steven & Ruth Gail Cohen

Preschool Fund
In memory of Morton Frankel
   Matthew & Shelby Frankel

Preschool Music Fund
In memory of Dora Easter
   Howard & Ilene Brodua

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In appreciation of Rabbi Peter Rigler on the
occasion of our marriage
   Scott & Julie Kurzroek
In appreciation of Rabbi Peter Rigler
   Eleanor Weinberg
   Brian & Robin Shiffrin
In appreciation of Rabbi Peter Rigler for
his support in helping me continue my post
   Bat Mitzvah studies
   Cindy Fastman
In honor of the marriage of Judy Mendel to
   Rob Van Alstyne
   Kenneth & Susan Mendel
In memory of Lottie Besterman
   Allen & Artheth Pinsky
In memory of John Fisher
   Frederick Kelner & Ellen Covner
In memory of Sylvia Gesoff
   Michael & Lisa Pottiger
In memory of Rose Itzko
   Mitchell & Trudy Itzko
In memory of Goldie Goldberg Fastman
   Beverly & Dan Joie
In memory of Stanley Brockman
   Yvonne Brockman
In memory of Frieda Brooks
   Robert Brooks
In memory of Jean Fine
   H. Jeffrey & Judy Newman
In memory of Richard Goldstein
   Natalie Silverman
In memory of Albert K. Besterman
   Allen & Artheth Pinsky
In memory of Barry Vitow
   Nina Vitow
In memory of Lorraine Learner
   Richard & Lisa Learner-Wagner
In appreciation
   William & Roni Kozin

Religious School Education Fund
In memory of Joyce Dichter
   David & Beth Verman

Sanctuary Book Fund
In memory of Annie Gardner
   Marion Ellis
In memory of Sara Bleiman
   Jeffry & Harriet Bleiman
In memory of Reuben Jaffee
In memory of Marvin Bogin
   Allan & Diane Jaffe
In memory of Samuel Drizin
   Barbara Drizin

Temple Beautiful Fund
In memory of Joseph Babad
   Jerry & Barbara Goldstein
In memory of Esther Braverman
   Robert & Marcie Berke
In memory of Bessie Schneider
   Mitchell & Lori Arden
In memory of Norman Rubin
In memory of Sally Kellman
   Carol Rubin

Tzedakah Fund
In memory of Joseph Babad
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In memory of Esther Braverman
   Robert & Marcie Berke
In memory of Bessie Schneider
   Mitchell & Lori Arden
In memory of Norman Rubin
In memory of Sally Kellman
   Carol Rubin

Recent Deaths
Phillip Goldstein,
cousin of Lisa Learner-Wagner
Lottie A. Morley
Arthur Barnett,
friend of Rhoda Kapner

Please Support Temple Sholom by donating to our various Funds.
See page 26 for list of funds and page 24 for the Contribution form
Volunteer to Change a Life: Become a Literacy Tutor

If you have time, talent, and energy, you can make a difference by becoming a volunteer literacy tutor to a Delaware County adult. The Delaware County Literacy Council (DCLC) is offering 10 hours of free tutor training on January 14, 16, 21 and 23 from 6:30-9:00 pm at DCLC, 2217 Providence Avenue, Chester, PA 19013. March training dates are also available. Pre-registration and attendance at all training sessions are required. To learn more about this and our other tutoring programs, including math and English as a Second Language, visit [http://www.delcoliteracy.org/](http://www.delcoliteracy.org/) or call Melina at 610-876-4811.

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- Old laser and ink jet cartridges
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- Small electronics like:
  - Digital cameras
  - ipods
  - ipads
  - MP3 players
  - GPS
  - Laptops

Bring items to the Temple Office

Temple Funds

- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
  Contributions to this fund will be used at the discretion of our Cantor.
- 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.
- Inclusive and Special Needs Fund
  To purchase services, supplies, and equipment to assist congregants, students, and guests in need of accommodations that enable them to participate fully in all aspects of congregation life.
- Jubilee Endowment Fund
  To secure the future of Temple Sholom in Broomall.
- Judith Bernick Music Fund
  An endowment fund in which the interest may be used for the music program.
- Marlene B. Kleinman Campership Fund
  Interest is used to send students to a URJ camp each year.
- Mayer Selzman Jewish Leadership Fund
  To provide grants for graduate study toward becoming a Jewish professional.
- Preschool Fund
  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.
- Technology Fund
  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.
- Tzedakah (Food) Fund
  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.
- Youth Scholarship Fund
  To send Temple Sholom Youth Group members to National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) sponsored events. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need.

Contributions also may be made directly to the Temple Sholom Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Hilltoppers or Women's Spirituality.
Yahrzeiten in January ... z"l

January 1
Irving J. Dorfman
grandfather of Drew Dorfman
Bernard Rovin
uncle of David Berkowitz
Morris Zaretsky
grandfather of Susan Friedman

January 2
Arthur Blatt
brother-in-law of Sara Shapiro
Philip Drucker
grandfather of Adina Stonberg
Herbert Federman
Dr. Alexander Leavitt
father of David Leavitt
Saul Levin
father of Barry Levin
Sarah Pulda
mother of Ruth Gail Cohen
Linda Roeder
mother of Jacqueline Kleshner
Paul Steinbach
uncle of Brook Levin
Allan Weiss
friend of Martin & Shirley Birenbaum

January 3
Flora Dorfman
grandmother of Drew Dorfman
Lorraine Leamer
mother of Lisa Leamer-Wagner
Rose Rosenberg
mother of Howard Rosenberg
Norman Rubin
husband of Carol Rubin
uncle of Carol Jacobs

January 4
Marian W. Cantor
mother of Eric Cantor
Sadie Horwitz
mother of Ellen Shapiro
Scolle Rosen
father of Leonard Kedson
Theresa Schiaffino
aunt of Dan Joie

January 5
Elma Bax
mother of Betty Hirsch
David Foster
brother-in-law of Renee Mack
Berta Rios
mother of J. Alberto Rios

January 6
Valery Bochkov
uncle of Ellen Bedenko
Richard Goldstein
brother of Natalie Silverman
Stan Hurwitz
friend of Sherry Halpern
Jack O. Samans
father-in-law of Elaine Samans
grandfather of Deborah Samans
Marjorie Solow
mother of Rochelle Solow
Esther Young
step-mother of Sara Shapiro

January 7
Ruth Cohn
mother of David Cohn
Sally Kellman
mother of Carol Rubin

January 8
Isadora Kramer
uncle of Mark Kramer
Feyga Litkina
grandmother of Gene Isayev
Charles M. Marg
father of Nanci Marg Capoferrri
Bea Miller
mother of Carl Miller
Henry C. Phillips
father of Randy Phillips
Harold Schwartz
uncle of Anneliese Seitchick
William Shkolnick
father of Pam Haas
Julian Trachtenberg

January 9
Betty Bronstein
mother-in-law of Nina Bronstein
Marietta Ermont
wife of Milton Ermont
Morris Greenberg
father of Barbara Shuster
Herman Kresch
father of Edward Kresch
Dora Morgenstern
grandmother of Myra Rios
Bertoldo Nathaus
grandson of Vera Neumann-Sachs
Thomas Stone
father of Mary Weiner
grandfather of Mollie Plotkin

January 10
Harry Blaufeld
father of Andrea Stern
Joseph Edward Brosco
father of Joseph Brosco
Mitzi Golub
grandmother of Melissa Shusterman
Frances Kaspian
mother of Barbara Goldstein
Gladya Grund Semans
grandmother of Maureen Davey

January 11
Bernard Prusack
father of Rosanne Perry
Barry Vitow
husband of Nina Vitow

January 12
Martin Cohen
Dorothea Dunn
grandmother of Samantha Getz
Betsy Friedman
aunt of Barbara Clarke
Isidore Goss
father of Cynthia Fastman
Philip Veloric

January 13
Mary Blackman
aunt of Loraine Bialie
Herbert Goldman
father of Charles Goldman
Mabel Levin
grandmother of Emily Mendell
Abraham Solow
father of Rochelle Solow

January 14
Leslie S. Coplan
niece of Betty Graboyes
Maxwell Frank
father of Barbara Drizin
Jordan Hersch
father of Eileen Wolfson
Jordan Hersch
grandfather of Jessica Channont
grandfather of Rachel Thomas
Wallace Irwin
father of Timothy Irwin
Barbara I. Scolnick
granddaughter of Daniel Scolnick
Samuel Trachtenberg
grandfather of Myra Rios

January 15
Eleanor Irene
aunt of Daniel Endy
Fannie Sheinsheshevsky
aunt of Adele Peredy

January 16
Morton Schwartz

January 17
David H. Lynn
father of Thomas Lynn
June Mendelson
mother of Kenneth Mendelson
Emanuel Robbins
brother of Saul Robbins

January 18
Pearl Brouda
mother of Howard Brouda
Mary Fascio
friend of Stacey Liberatore

January 19
Pearl Brouda
mother of Howard Brouda
Mary Fascio
friend of Stacey Liberatore
Dora Harry
grandmother of Irene Berger
Esther Roth
mother of Wendy Frankel
Irving Shanefield
father of Andrew Shanefield

January 20
Bea Goldstein
cousin of Ken Lester
Fannie Grant
grandmother of David & Barbara Smith
Judy Kesselman
mother of Robert Kesselman
William Munn
fiin-in-law of Norma Munn
Marc Solow
brother of Rochelle Solow

January 21
Jim Berger
brother of Steven Berger
uncle of Cindy Nissen
Abe Cooper
father-in-law of Jerome Axelrod
Abe Faske
Miriam Finkelstein
mother of Samuel Finkelstein
Bernard Frank
brother-in-law of Shirley Plotkin
Rose Indig

Mildred Kaufman
mother of Richard Kaufman
Loretta Smilk Spitz
mother of David Smilk

January 22
Max C. Gould
R. John Gould
Max W. Pottiger
father of Michael Pottiger
Louis I. Zabell
father of Arthur Zabell

January 23
Alice Berkowitz
Litia Frank
Emanuel Hymowitz
father of Sandra Dell
Herbert Kaspin
uncle of Barbara Goldstein
Ruby Ruch
aunt of Robert Isaacson
Florence Zbar
mother of Deane Lappin

January 24
Theodore E. Arrow
brother of Pearl Klausner
Eva Elman
grandmother of Linda Hersham
Ruth Litt
mother of Harold Litt

January 26
Calvin Brusman
father of Margie Holber
Rita Haas
sister-in-law of Dan Haas
Bertha Zabell

January 27
Ann Kedson
mother of Leonard Kedson
Albert Spritzler
uncle of Eileen Buckwalter

January 28
Harvey Miller
brother of Carolyn Klein

January 29
Joan Brosco
mother of Joseph Brosco
Henry Freed
father of Patrice Kaplan
Betty Meson
mother of Helen Rosan
Joseph Sacks
father of Adele Persky

January 30
Martin Gottlieb
Norman Kasendorf
grandfather of Eric Rubin
Jack Pine

January 31
Sylvia Solomon
sister-in-law of Carol Rubin
mother of Carol Jacobs

Iida Kaplan Bluestone
mother of Nancy Handwerger
Anna Granite
aunt of Trudy Itzko
Annamaria Scarpa
mother of James Scarpa
Louis Siegall
grandfather of Barbara Berlin
Herberta Wolf
wife of Milton Wolf
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Club Menschy

January

Middot Lesson

Gratitude

See page 16 for details on this month’s Preschool middot lesson. Club Menschy is for kids age 0 - 6. For more exciting details, contact Dina at 484-361-5083 or dinamph@gmail.com