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Guide to Temple Sholom

Winter/Spring 2021



*Temple
Sholom
in Broomall*



Dear Temple Sholom family,

Ten months ago, our world changed as the COVID-19 pandemic hit our country and world. Things we could never have imagined changing have been altered forever. We found ourselves as staff and lay leadership wondering how to keep our Temple Sholom community connected and vibrant during a time of physical distancing. We quickly looked to the wellspring of our own tradition and faith.

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We realized as we reflected on Jewish history and our journey that we have known hard times before. In this challenging moment, we were asked to join the generations of those who came before us to hold tightly to our Jewish legacy and let it guide us. We adapted within days to a community that took the internet and Zoom by storm. We had the capability already to share services online, so we pivoted. We began to offer classes from some of the most influential liberal Jewish scholars, authors, musicians, civil rights leaders, and Mitzvah heroes. We saw an opportunity to share the foundations of faith that our tradition has as a resource during times of challenge.

Our Preschool program, through grit and determination, has stayed open, offering a safe and warm shelter to our youngest kids and families. The Rimon school program is as vibrant as ever with hybrid learning and unique offerings, and it has found a way to keep the learning and connection at the forefront. We have supported many local organizations and families with food assistance and financial support, living out our Jewish values.

We know these months have been exhausting, difficult, and sad, but through it all we hope we have offered you a haven from the storm. After the High Holy Days we took a breath, exhausted from all we had accomplished as a community, and began focusing on the next steps. On these pages, you will find five more months of our Temple Sholom community thriving and celebrating the tree of life.

I am personally grateful to the staff I get to work with, to the lay leaders who have helped us and partnered with us to dream and keep our community safe. What makes a community special is not how it lives every day, but how it rises to the challenges together. We have achieved much and can add our branch to the tree of Jewish life proudly. We hope these connections have helped you feel rooted in a world of turbulence.

Finally, I want to thank those in our community who have provided tremendous financial resources to do the programming and work that we have been able to do. Your trust and support of our mission has made all we do possible. We hope you will take advantage of all we have to offer!

I look forward to the day when we can march and dance with our Torah scrolls as we enter the building as a community again. Until that day, I take great pride in all that we do together.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Peter Rigler



Dear Friends,

It is hardly necessary to say that COVID-19 has brought out the best and the worst in us all. Collectively and individually, we have brought light and joy to those in need, and we have wrestled with our own dark thoughts and challenging days. We have found connection and community even from a distance, and we have felt lonely and lost in our own homes.

I am so proud of everything that our community has accomplished in these difficult times. We have found great meaning in helping those in our community who are in need, raising funds and collecting food and volunteering. We have celebrated joyous simchas and comforted one another amidst loss, and strengthened the bonds that tie us together.

We have further to go down this road before we find ourselves in-person, in our building, sharing handshakes and hugs, and friendly words during the Shabbat *oneg*. We're continuing to make investments in our technology so that we can continue to worship, sing, and pray together and reach everyone in our community, no matter where they are or what their circumstance.

And we will all strive to lift each other up as we move forward, one day at a time.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik — be strong, be strong, and we shall all be strengthened.

B'shirah (in song),
Cantor Marx



Staff & Board

We hope you take advantage of all that our community has to offer!

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Dear Friends,

By now you've heard it many times: "Our building may be closed, but our congregation is open." Our tradition teaches us that a catastrophe may be the thing that opens new opportunities. COVID-19 is only the latest example.

Last March, as the world shut down, I had no idea that our wonderful Temple would play such an important role in my quarantined life. Our clergy, staff, and lay leadership immediately worked to reinvent the ways in which we could safely continue to learn, meet, and pray as a community.

I have been happy to attend both Shabbat and High Holiday services from the comfort of my home on Facebook and LiveStream, and I have been ecstatic over the other programming that began to emerge as the pandemic went on. Each week I have looked forward to discovering what wonderful Zoom program I would attend. Some weeks it was educational, some it was musical, some it was an oneg after services, and some weeks – I've logged on for all of those.

As pandemic weeks have turned into months, we have been able to meet outside to enjoy sitting in the sukkah and to hold parking lot services and holiday candle lightings. We have experienced drive-through High Holiday prayer book and Hanukkah candle pickups and have perhaps borrowed a book from our outdoor library. Our children have been able to attend our pre-school and choose between hybrid and virtual Rimón.

While the pandemic continues, please know that our Temple clergy, staff and board have focused on keeping our Temple the wonderful, caring place it has always been. Behind the scenes, we have many groups and committees that have been meeting (by Zoom, of course) to continue the important work that needs to be done. For example, close to my heart, since I also co-chair the Security Committee, we are working on upgrades to our security systems thanks to a grant we received last year. Our Covid Task Force also meets regularly to make sure that we keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to serve on any of our many vital committees.

The board knows that our Temple is all of us. We are grateful to each of you for remaining members of our congregation this year. Your generosity and willingness to stick with Temple Sholom during this time is what has made our community stronger in this stressful time. I also want to thank our clergy and staff. The fruits of their efforts are found on every page of this booklet. I look forward to seeing your face on Zoom in our classes, programs and services soon, and in person, as soon as possible.

Margaret Husick
President



Friends,

As I write this to you, it has almost been 40 weeks since the pandemic has altered our lives. Before the pandemic, we were free to travel across town, across the nation, even across the world, and certainly to and from Temple Sholom in Broomall. Since the pandemic, we are very careful when planning excursions, and have remained more homebound than most of us would like. For the health and safety of all, we have changed the way we interact with one another. We still can see each other quite a bit in our Temple setting, however, these interactions are now largely virtual and when in person, physically distant.

We have learned how to navigate and be grateful for Zoom, Facebook Live and Livestream. This has not been easy. There have been glitches. It has been easier for some of us than others to master and make sense of this new virtual world. At Temple Sholom, we have created many Drive-by/Pick up as well as outdoor opportunities. We have developed Parking Lot programs and services and utilize SignUpGenius in order to safely accommodate our participation. We have created guidelines and protocols for entering our building.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your patience and your continued support of the Temple. Thank you for working with us to pivot and re-imagine our community during this very different and challenging time. We have done this important work for and with all of you. There have been a tremendous amount of volunteers who have worked together to help create and implement our new way of Temple life.

It is not surprising that we have had some resignations related to the pandemic this year. We have spoken to all of our members and offer our spiritual, emotional and financial support. If there is anything we can help you with, please reach out and let us know. Despite the pandemic, you may be pleased to learn that we have had a sizable number of new members this year. Please continue to spread the word about our Temple community, and invite others to join with us. At this juncture in the year, we pro-rate our membership to accommodate those who would like to join at this time.

In Judaism, 40 is seen as a number of significance. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights, and we wandered in the desert for 40 years. This number has come to represent the concept of an important change in life and also the idea of a new beginning. By the time you read this, we will be beyond our 40 week mark, but it stays in my mind as a milestone. We continue to go through a challenging time, yet we continue to look ahead, work hard and both maintain and change our Temple community in very special and important ways.

B'shalom,
Abbey



Dear Temple Sholom Family,

What a year 2020 has been! Oh, how I miss seeing you all in person in our beautiful building. Thank goodness for Zoom and technology as this has been a wonderful way to connect with all of you

virtually. It has been so special to connect with all of you whether on one of our incredible programs, text/phone calls, emails, or by chance, outdoors in a socially distanced way.

The Temple Sholom lay leadership, staff, auxiliary representatives, and volunteers have worked diligently to provide our community with programming, connections, spirituality, and joy throughout this past (as I'm writing this) nine months. We will continue to do so during the Winter and Spring.

It is my hope that you take advantage of all of the incredible opportunities that Temple Sholom has over the next few months. From authors to scholars to musicians to comedians and beyond, there is something for everyone, including our younger students. There is family programming as well as events just for adults or just for our children.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions regarding all that we are offering. If any of your friends or family members would also like to participate, we would be thrilled to have them. Send them my way!

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and safe 2021!

B'Shalom,
Marissa



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Our guide to Temple Shalom programs, classes, and community. Please look through our weekly emails to see how to access our programs. Our services can be found at our web page temple-shalom.org/webcast or through our Facebook page facebook.com/TempleSholomInBroomall Contact our office, **610-356-5165**, if you need assistance with technology or if you need help accessing the programs.

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Rimon & Preschool Highlights



Rimon

Rimon is excited to enter 2021 and look towards continued learner and family engagement! Following guidelines from our school districts and health department, Rimon will continue with its hybrid model. We are so grateful to our amazing teachers for all they are doing to create such an exciting program during these interesting times. We are also grateful to each of you for your support and excitement this year. We are all part of an amazing and supportive Rimon family! For all of the class dates and information check out our FB page, our web page, and also watch for the weekly updates!

“Be a Changemaker in Your Home and When You Are On Your Way” will continue to guide our learning. With all of the upcoming winter and spring holidays there will be many opportunities for families and learners to engage with ways to be a “changemaker”. Here are just a few:

January

- Tu B'Shevat: The New Year for Trees! Families should watch their mailboxes in mid-late January for a special Tu B'Shevat Family activity.

February

- Purim: “Brave Queen Esther” Purimspiel performed by our own Rimon students. We are super excited to produce this “spiel” written by our own Cantor Marx.
- Shalach Manot (gifts of food and goodies for Purim) for all!

March

- Passover: Plethora of Passover activities for the whole family.
- Yom Ha'atzmaut: Celebrate Israel's Birthday!

May

- End of Year Celebration Let's Celebrate an Amazing Year of Learning and Fun!

Additional Highlights

- K-3 virtual Family Shabbat
- Grades 4-6 Shabbat Services
- Geshirim (6th Gr.) February 12
- Gimel (5th Gr.) March 12
- Bet (4th Gr.) April 9



Preschool

Temple Shalom Preschool has been going strong. We have children from 3 months through 6 years old, from our warm and caring Infant Center to our Kindergarten students. Offering part time through full time hours, we have a schedule that meets all your needs.

Certified and loving teachers plan programs that suit the needs and interests of all students. Our goal is to instill in each student a strong identity and love of Judaism. This is done through music, stories, special foods and holiday celebrations. We have Friday morning Shabbat services and monthly Tot Shabbat services.

For more information contact Lori-An Penschansky, Director of Early Education at **610-886-2065**, preschool@temple-shalom.org.

Temple Sholom Services

Shabbat Services

Shabbat Services are held live on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the second Friday of each month when Family Shabbat Services are held at 7 p.m. Services are available to be viewed on our website and Facebook Live (unless otherwise noted). Keep an eye out for Zoom Onegs following some services (check Temple emails for dates).

Bar and Bat Mitzvah

We are delighted that we are able to celebrate such beautiful simchas with our Temple Sholom family. Mazel Tov to all of our B'nei Mitzvah Students and their families! Bar and Bat Mitzvah services take place on Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM and are available on Livestream unless otherwise noted. Check Temple emails as each date approaches.

January 9	Bar Mitzvah of Max Korenberg
January 23	Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Wolf
January 30	Bar Mitzvah of Benny Schwam
February 6	Bar Mitzvah of Noah Bickley
February 27	Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Kraut
March 5	Bat Mitzvah of Maya Rosenberg
March 6	Bar Mitzvah of Charles Robinson
March 13	Bat Mitzvah of Faye Barnes
March 20	Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Isle
April 17	Bar Mitzvah of Evan Lacianca
April 24	Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Rubin
May 1	Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Polsky
May 8	Bat Mitzvah of Mia Saks
May 15	Bat Mitzvah of Adina Sperling
May 22	Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Posternack
June 5	Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Farhy
June 12	Bat Mitzvah of Karlie Berkovich
June 19	Bar Mitzvah of Alden Golub

Yizkor/Memorial Services

For those of us who have experienced the loss of a loved one, we understand how important and powerful rituals are. The Jewish rituals have incredible wisdom and advice for us about how to walk our path of mourning. We hold four Yizkor memorial services throughout the year: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot. The first two were in the fall and the second two will be in the Spring on Zoom.

Passover Yizkor	Saturday, April 3	9:30 a.m.
Shavuot Yizkor	Monday, May 17	9:30 a.m.
Yom HaShoah Memorial Service	Wednesday, April 7	6:30 p.m.

Memorial plaques are a special way to honor a loved one. Memorial Plaques are hung in the Sanctuary and highlighted during the week of your loved ones yearzeit. They are available for \$550. Contact the Temple office, [610-356-5165](tel:610-356-5165), to purchase one today.



Temple Sholom Classes

Adult Confirmation

February 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

“On the Page and on Our Minds: A Study and Exploration of God.” Explore how God is represented in various Jewish texts and prayers, while we also wrestle with our own conceptions of the Divine and how it impacts our lives. Contact Cantor Marx with questions and to sign up at cantor@temple-sholom.org.

Our Jewish Journey (3 part series)

March 23 with Julian Voloj

April 13 with Yeganyahu Avishai Mekonen

May 18 with Shekhiyah Larks

7:00 p.m.

While we often think about the Ashkenazi/Eastern European experience when we talk about our history of the incredible diaspora, the journey of the Jewish people around the globe is an essential part of who we are. To understand how these journeys have influenced who we are, we are partnering with Be'chol Lashon, Hebrew for “in every language,” an organization that strengthens Jewish identity by raising awareness about the ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity of Jewish people and experiences around the world. Join Rabbi Rigler and three special speakers who will share their stories.

Tanakh

Most Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

This weekly course, offered by Rabbi Peter Rigler, is an exploration of the Tanakh (The Torah, Prophets and Writings). Each session explores the traditional texts and raises modern questions. It is a fun participatory session open to adults of all levels and comfort with the text. You will find the group to be warm and welcoming! Please just check the calendar for dates we are not meeting.

Torah Study

Most Shabbat mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Mostly lay-led, we invite members of the community to Zoom in and participate to a Torah Study, as well as to sign up to lead a session if you are able. There are still several dates open. Let us know if you are interested in leading or joining a class.

URJ's Introduction to Judaism

The URJ is currently enrolling students for their cohort of Introduction to Judaism that begins in mid-January. This 21-session virtual course is designed for interfaith couples, adults raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, and Jews who want a meaningful adult learning experience. The course is suitable for individuals and couples from Jewish and other faith traditions and cultural backgrounds, and those who have had no religious upbringing. Visit reformjudaism.org for more information and to register.

Temple Sholom Groups

Brotherhood

Our Brotherhood continues to be a wonderful social avenue for the men of our congregation. We are looking forward to having exciting programs in the Spring.

Dave Mendell: brotherhood@temple-sholom.org

Culture Club

If you grew up with the band, you belong in the club! Culture Club always has fun and exciting events with Temple Sholom friends. This group is for congregants in their 40s and 50s (or empty nesters/soon to be) who want to socialize and have fun. From wine tastings to socially distanced hikes to karaoke nights, there is always something fun to do! Be on the lookout for our winter and spring programs!

Leza Raffel: leza@comsolutionsgroup.com

Grace Gherovici: lagacorreo@hotmail.com

Penny Toren: pennytoren@gmail.com

Conversations with Men

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Learn about and discuss a variety of issues related to what it means to be a Jewish man at this Temple-member-led group.

Daniel Endy: daniel.endy@gmail.com

January 10	Adam, Cain & Abel - first man, first teacher, first sons - In the beginning...
January 31	The Patriarchs - Abraham (& Isaac & Jacob) - The Father of Judaism and Monotheism
February 28	Moses and Aaron - The First Leaders, Judges, and Priests
March 21	The Kings - Saul, David, and Solomon and Their Influence on Us Today
April 18	The Influence of the Messianic Concept - Yeshua/Jesus - Jewish Rebel with a Cause
May 16	The Prophets and More - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Key Characters of Noah, Job, Jonah, and Daniel



Hilltoppers

Hilltoppers has had quite an exciting Fall and we are eager to continue our wonderful programming in the Spring. Our Board meets regularly the first Thursday of each month to further the success of Hilltoppers. Our Book Club continues to meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM on Zoom. Our programs are held the third Thursday of the month over Zoom. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join our Book Club and any of our programs. hilltoppers@temple-sholom.org.

Thursday, January 21

“The Plagues are Today!” with congregant Elliot Newman

Thursday, February 18

“Jewish Humor in Films” with Irv Slifkin - American actor, film writer, critic, producer and editor

Thursday, March 18

“Three Strategies to Turn Negative and Depressive Thoughts into a Positive Today” by Michael Fogel

Hilltoppers Book Club

January 14	The Button Man by Andrew Gross
February 11	Someone Knows My Name by Lawrence Hill
March 11	Oreo by Fran Ross
April 8	Ways to Disappear by Idra Novey
May 13	The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

ToaSTY

Temple Sholom’s Youth Group for 8th-12th graders has adjusted to our new virtual world! We have had scavenger hunts, trivia nights, outdoor social distanced picnics, and lunch hours! Be on the lookout for our winter and spring programs. They are great ways to see your Temple Sholom friends!

Marissa Kimmel: toasty@temple-sholom.org

Movement Mondays with Membership Committee

Mondays from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

The Membership Committee remains committed to reaching out for new members in fun and creative ways. The Committee has figured out a way to joyfully start each week with Movement Mondays. Get your body warmed up and stretched out with the help of Certified Fitness Trainer Terri Watson for three weeks of every month, and then once a month a guest leader will help you work out. The Zoom link will be sent out each week—or save it and use the same link for every workout session!

Donna Hendel: donnahendel@gmail.com

Laurie Browngoehl: laurieb403@gmail.com

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is looking forward to continuing being active during the Spring. Just as we partnered with Rimon for Hanukkah, we look forward to working together again for Purim. Additionally, we repeat our “Just Social” Zoom get-togethers, which have proven popular. Here’s a teaser: we are in the planning process for a virtual joint program with Congregation Temple Beth’El, the African-American synagogue in Philadelphia.

sisterhood@temple-sholom.org

Sisterhood Book Club

January 28	Hidden Valley Road
March 25	What The Wind Knows
May 6	The Farm

Women’s Spirituality

Jewish women’s studies sessions open to all Temple women and featuring a variety of speakers. This group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Our spring dates will be:

January 28 Anna Marx

February 24 Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

April 28, May 13, and June 23 with more speakers to be announced

Amy Berkowitz: amyberkrn@aol.com

Linda Tarash: linda.tarash@gmail.com



January Program Highlights



Neil Rigler - Reading, Writing and Thinking Poetry

January 5, 19, 26 and 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a series of three Tuesday night workshops with Neil Rigler. Each night you'll read a variety of poems together. Instead of a traditional conversation about them, you'll use them as starting points for your own writing. This is similar to the work Neil did with our congregation around the high holidays, expanded to include a variety of themes and techniques. Never written poetry before? No problem! All you need is a willingness to explore. We'll join together for a public celebratory reading and Havdalah service at the end of the workshop.



Concert from the Cantor's Couch featuring Rory Michelle Sullivan

January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Join Cantor Marx and Jewish educator, songwriter, and performer Rory Michelle Sullivan for another edition of the "Concert from the Cantor's Couch" series that began in the spring. You'll hear original songs and pop favorites in a fun and casual performance!

Theater and Race Program: "Off the Record" with Sharon Eberson

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Eberson moved from New York to Pittsburgh and was the first female sports writer for a Pittsburgh newspaper (the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette). After being a reporter, editor, and designer in sports, she became the paper's Sunday Magazine editor and the Arts & Entertainment and Online Features editor. She won the 2020 regional Golden Quill Award for her interactive presentation "I am the blues" about August Wilson and his relationship with the blues. She also won second place in the statewide 2019 Keystone Awards in the new category "Diversity".



Ruth Behar via Zoom (JBC Author) Letters from Cuba

Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Born in Havana to a mixed Ashkenazi-Sephardic family, this book tells the story of Behar's grandmother escaping to Cuba from Poland. This title is written for students and will be shared with our middle school book club. Feel free to join us to hear Ruth Behar's incredible story!



February Program Highlights



Reb Simcha Raphael, Ph.D.

Does Judaism believe in the afterlife?

Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Reb Simcha Raphael, Ph.D. is Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training. He will be joined by Daniel Endy - our beloved member, who is part of the board of directors of the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS).

Does Judaism believe in the afterlife? Unequivocally, the answer is yes! Unfortunately, in contemporary Jewish life we have lost touch with traditional Jewish wisdom on the afterlife. In this presentation, we shall explore Judaism's teachings on life after death, particularly in Kabbalah – Jewish mysticism. We shall also discover similarities between Jewish afterlife teachings and contemporary near-death experiences.



“Words & Music by Jamie Marx”

Concert and Fundraiser

Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m.

A concert of original works by Cantor Marx, this performance will showcase both his original Jewish art song and his hilarious Purim spiel parodies! He'll be joined by Cantor Faryn Kates Rudnick of Main Line Reform Temple, and will feature video performances from cantors around the country.



Rabbi Bonnie Koppell

Rabbi Bonnie Koppell - First woman to serve as a Jewish chaplain in the US Armed Forces

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Koppell will share her experiences, including celebrating Passover with our troops in Iraq and Hanukkah in Kuwait. It will be an engaging presentation and deeply appreciated by our members.



Rabbi Laura Geller

Rabbi Laura Geller (JBC Author)

Getting Good at Getting Older

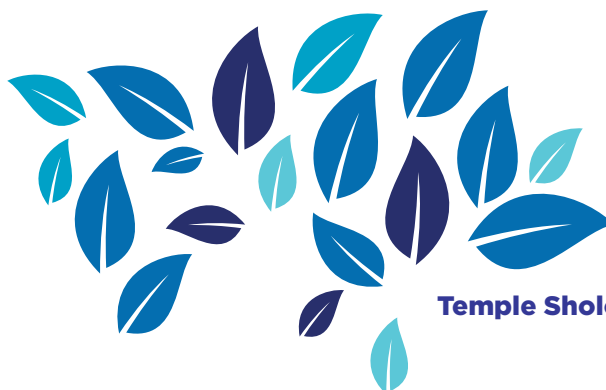
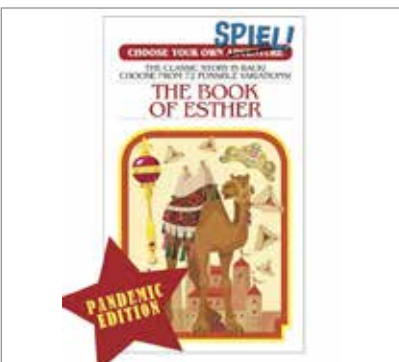
Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

One of Newsweek's 50 Most Influential Rabbis, Geller gives insight to the “young older” on how to discover the tools and resources to navigate through maturity and old age.

EREV PURIM—Choose Your Own Adventure Spiel!

Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate Purim on Zoom with a wacky and interactive Purim spiel written by Cantor Marx! Based on the classic children's book series, the audience will determine the way each scene ends. Bring your groggers and a silly costume!



March Program Highlights



“The Spirituality of Shabbat in Rabbinic Thought” with Rabbi Yosef Goldman (A 3-Part Series)

March 10, 24, 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Refresh your experience of Shabbat through an exploration of the meaning of Shabbat. Guided by the texts of our Shabbat liturgy, Talmud, and Chassidic thought, we will focus on finding deeper meaning in the place during our sacred Sabbath.



Concert from the Cantor’s Couch featuring Sue Horowitz Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The casual concert series continues with the incredible performer Sue Horowitz joining Cantor Marx for a night of beloved pop hits and original Jewish and secular tunes.



Be’chol Lashon Part 1 with Julian Voloj Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Julian Voloj began his career as the executive director of the European Union of Jewish Students in Brussels. In New York, he worked at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, the Legacy Heritage Fund, Joint Distribution Committee, and the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. Born in Germany to Colombian parents, Julian is also an award winning writer and photographer who explores Jewish identity and diversity in his work. His publications include *The Joe Shuster Story: The Artist Behind Superman* (2018) and *Ghetto Brother: Warrior to Peacemaker* (2015). He has also written many blogs on Jewish&, including “More than Superman: Jewish and Latinx Comics.”



Passover Study with Cantor Marx on ZOOM 7:30 PM Sunday, March 28

Grab a glass of wine and join Cantor Marx for some enriching study and discussion as we celebrate our people’s festival of freedom!

April Program Highlights



Tiffany Shlain (JBC Author) - 24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week

Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Newsweek named her one of the “Women Shaping the 21st Century.” Shlain is an Emmy award winning writer and founder of the Webby Awards. This book tells of the power that unplugging one day a week can have.



Joel Chasnoff Two-Part Series

Saturday, April 10 & Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Joel Chasnoff is a stand-up comedian and veteran of the Israeli Army. He is the author of the comedic memoir “The 188th Crybaby Brigade” about his year as a tank gunner in South Lebanon and the Golan Heights. Originally from Chicago, he attended Solomon Schechter Day School and Camp Ramah. In 2015, he, his wife, and their four children set off on a year long backpacking trip around the world. He now resides in Ra’anana, Israel. On April 10, we will get to enjoy his comedy show, and on April 14 (Yom Ha’atzmaut), we will have his program on Lone Soldiers and his service in the Israeli Army.

April Program Highlights



Be'chol Lashon Part 2 with Yeganyahu Avishai Mekonen

Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Yeganyahu Avishai Mekonen emigrated from Ethiopia to Israel in 1984 as part of Operation Moses, and has worked as a photographer and filmmaker on projects investigating issues of race and identity.

400 Miles to Freedom, a documentary film executive-produced by Be'chol Lashon, is about Avishai's dangerous journey from Ethiopia to Israel to the United States. In 1984, the Beta Israel—a secluded 2,500-year-old community of observant Jews in the northern Ethiopian mountains—began a secret and dangerous journey of escape. Avishai Mekonen, then 10 years old, was among them. In the film 400 Miles to Freedom, he breaks his 20-year silence about the kidnapping he endured as a child in Sudan during his community's exodus out of Africa.



Lynnda Targan Funny, You Don't Look Like a Rabbi: A Memoir of Unorthodox Transformation (JBC Author)

Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Lynnda Targan was an accomplished public relations professional and happily married mother of two. At age fifty, she felt a true calling to return to her grandparents' roots of Orthodox Judaism. This memoir tells the story of her transformation from working mom to Jewish scholar and eventual Rabbi. Rabbi Targan will share her memoir with us and show that it is never too late to follow your dreams.



"Choosing to be Chosen" – A Lunch and Learn Discussion with musician Joe Buchanan

Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

A seeker all his life, Joe found out that his wife was Jewish after 13 years of marriage and it changed everything. In this workshop/lecture, Joe tells the wild story of his conversion to Judaism and how the discovery of his wife's Jewish identity led their family on a journey of powerful change. He'll also discuss how the conversion process inspired his music and some of the reasons that a large number of people are being drawn to Judaism. This workshop is a deep-dive into the struggles, joys, drive, and changes that come with joining the Tribe. Also includes plenty of Q&A and a few songs as well.



Yom HaShoah Memorial Service and Program

Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.



May Program Highlights



Joe Buchanan

Joe Buchanan Concert on Zoom

Saturday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a concert from Texas native Joe Buchanan, an incredible musician who writes Jewish Americana music. Joe's music highlights the values, Torah, and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories steeped in the struggle and triumph of the human spirit, all while praising God for the goodness in life.



Yousef Bashir

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The Words of My Father: Love and Pain in Palestine

Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Bashir, a Palestinian American from Gaza, is a strong advocate for Israeli-Palestinian Peace. This book tells of the relationship between him and his father during his adolescence in Gaza at the time of the Second Intifada.



William Groner

Tom Teicholz

William Groner & Tom Teicholz (JBC Authors) - 9/12: The Epic Battle of the Ground Zero Responders

Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

September 11, 2021 will be the 20th anniversary of 9/11. This book, though, tells the story of what started on September 12, 2001. William Groner was the attorney for over 10,000 Ground Zero first responders in their near decade lawsuit to get redress for the illnesses and deaths incurred during the nine months of clean up while they were denied medical care. Tom Teicholz is an award winning journalist and best selling author who teamed up with Groner to tell this true story. Woven with Jewish ethics, the value of tikkun olam, and justice, 9/12 shows the true power of coming together for a just cause.



Shekhiyah Larks

Be'chol Lashon Part 3 with Shekhiyah Larks

Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Shekhiyah Larks is the social media coordinator and a diversity trainer at Be'chol Lashon. She holds a BA in politics from the University of San Francisco. She is a young African American native of Oakland and is very involved in multiple facets of Jewish life. A prolific and provocative writer, her Jewish& publications include Birthright While Black, When the Mikvah Water Touches Your Black Hair, and Black Jews Are Grieving, and We Need You to Help Us Mourn.



Chava Mirel

Chava Mirel Concert on Zoom

7 PM Saturday, May 22

Come hear the incredible Chava Mirel, an internationally touring singer, guitarist, composer, recording artist, spiritual leader and activist. Her soulful voice and personal warmth are not to be missed!



Opportunities to Support Temple Sholom

Temple Sholom in Broomall is honored to be a part of your life in so many ways: Prayer, Life Cycle Events, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Child and Adult Education, Social Justice, and Social Programming. Consider donating to one of our Temple Sholom funds today to secure continued excellence of all that we do. Visit our website to donate online or mail a donation directly to Temple Sholom. Contributions also may be made directly to the Temple Sholom Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Hilltoppers, or Women's Spirituality. If you would like to speak to one of our staff regarding a gift please contact us. We also ask that you consider a legacy gift to our community. We thank you for your donations and continued support of Temple Sholom in Broomall.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

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

Capital Improvements Fund

This fund supports major improvements to our facility above and beyond routine maintenance.

Danowitz Junior Youth Fund

To support the ongoing informal education efforts of our younger students.

Excellence in Early Childhood Education Fund

To support the programs of the Etta Natalie Rosenblatt Preschool.

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.

Inclusion 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.

Marlene B. Kleinman Campership Fund

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

Mayer Selekman Jewish Leadership Fund

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

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 Patrice 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.

Scholar-In-Residence Fund

To help bring scholars to present and engage with the Temple Community, since 1983.

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.

Other Opportunities

Sanctuary Chair Plaques	\$180
Memorial Plaques	\$550
Tree of Life Plaques	\$1,000



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