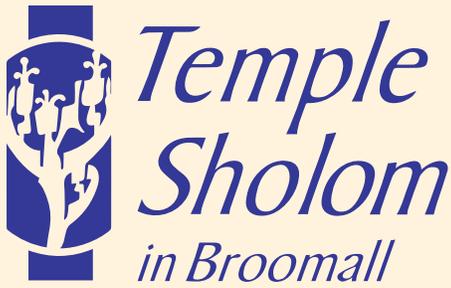




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**GUIDE TO
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Fall/Winter 2022/5783



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Dear Friends,

For many of us, summer is a time when we get to take a pause for some rest and recharging. Sometimes that comes from a trip to somewhere new, pushing us outside our comfort zone and expanding our understanding of the world.

Sometimes it's a visit to a familiar haunt or a place that feels like a second home. A feeling of rejuvenation may come from just taking advantage of warm weather and long days, enjoying a concert in the park, or an evening to enjoy the company of friends and loved ones.

But even those brief breaks from routine are only part of how we make it through the rest of the year. First, we need connection — to our inner selves, to God, and to the community around us. Second, we need to pause and reflect on the journey of our lives and make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure our own continued physical, spiritual, and emotional health.

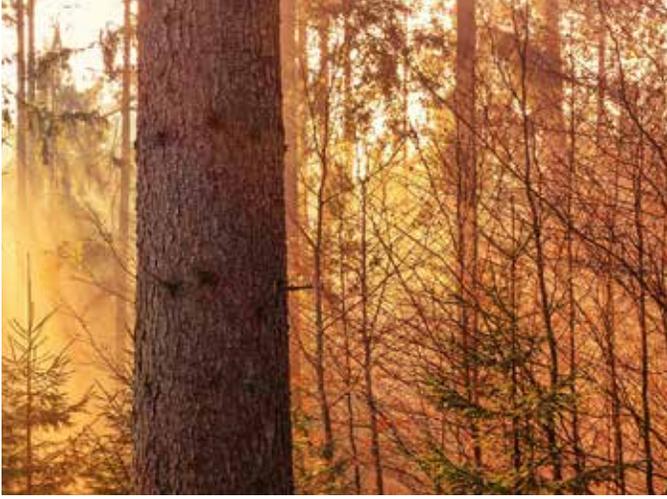
The High Holy Days offer us all of that and more. The call of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is our spiritual alarm clock, ringing out to remind us to be our best selves. Yom Kippur calls us to reconcile with those people whom we've hurt or who've hurt us, helping our spiritual and emotional wounds heal. During Sukkot, we bask in the comfort and connection with friends and family in our own backyards. Simchat Torah, our celebration of the Torah, is a joy-filled dance party enlivened by a klezmer quartet.

During the fall and throughout the year, Temple Sholom offers many different ways to connect with the community, through spiritual and religious pursuits, fun communal activities, and opportunities for learning and study. Those connections give us strength and support in good times and difficult times, helping us find joy in simple moments and comfort when we are grieving. We invite you to join us for any of our programs and to find some peace and enrichment.

We look forward to seeing you all over the High Holy Days and throughout the year. Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik — may we all go from strength to strength.

Rabbi Peter Rigler

Cantor Jamie Marx



Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new year at Temple Sholom! After a long year and a half, we are starting to reopen our building. As we come back together, welcome to a new year at Temple Sholom! While we continue to monitor the effects of COVID and to adjust our policies

in order to keep our community safe, our building has fully reopened, and we have a host of programs planned for the coming year. We will continue to offer programs in a mix of virtual and in-person formats, as we have for the past few years, which enables us to attend programs in person at the Temple or from wherever else we may be.

The new year brings new opportunities to become part of our many auxiliary groups - Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Culture Club, Youth Group, and Hilltoppers - to attend an educational or cultural program, or to participate in our weekly classes and Tanakh/Torah studies. And, of course, the new year also brings the opportunity to volunteer for our community, whether on one of our committees or with a one-time project. There is truly something for everyone at Temple Sholom.

I and the other members of the lay leadership look forward to meeting you at Temple Sholom!

B'Shalom,
Michael Galvin
President



Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days are truly my favorite time of year. The noise and energy of a buzzing sanctuary where members of the community see each other and connect always invigorates me and reminds me why I chose to be a part of a Synagogue. The smell of my

world-famous brisket and carrot souffle wafting through my kitchen (my own special recipes all available upon request) combined with the sounds of laughter and storytelling ringing through my home serve as my own personal internal Shofar blast. It awakens my spirit and signals me to stop, look around, and reflect on my journey. It stirs me to act, and to focus on my faith.

Saadiah Gaon was an early Talmudic scholar who wrote ten different interpretations of the sounds of the Shofar. One of my favorites said that "The shofar foreshadows the jubilant proclamation of freedom, when Israel's exiled and homeless are to return to the Holy Land"

As we move into the High Holy Days together, I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on new beginnings. I joined this community only a few short months ago and you have welcomed me with open arms. Now, as we prepare to welcome in the new year together, I hope that you too can find your inner Shofar blast among the multitude of programs planned for the coming year. What will stir your conscience? What will remind you to be a person of Torah, to pursue its study, and to practice its commandments? What will help you meet others within our amazingly diverse community with similar interests and passions? And how can you contribute to the Temple to further enrich the lives of our congregational family?

We have wonderful plans for our community. As the Shofar blasts this year, we hope that it foreshadows the jubilant proclamation of freedom, when we return to being within the walls of our beautiful Temple. It is my sincere hope that seeing each other's faces, (or just the eyes if we're masking) will remind us why we are a part of this community.

B'Shalom,
Jeffrey Green
Executive Director



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Our guide to Temple Sholom 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-sholom.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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Dear Temple Sholom Family,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer! As I am writing this, it is 98 degrees outside and unbearably humid. This weather makes me more and more excited for the fall with every passing second.

The Temple Sholom staff, lay leadership, and volunteers has been working tirelessly getting ready to welcome you back to your home away from home. The High Holy Days will be filled with a sense of joy and renewal. The fall will be packed with incredible programming, learning, spirituality, and fun.

It is my hope that you take advantage of all of the incredible opportunities that Temple Sholom has this year. We have many multi-access ways for you to get involved here. Always check your emails, our Facebook page, our website, and when in the building, flyer rack, for the latest and greatest of what is happening at your home away from home.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions regarding programs, membership, or just to say hello. If any of your friends or family members would also like to participate in any of our programming, we would be thrilled to have them. I look forward to seeing you in person soon!

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and safe 5783!

B'Shalom,
Marissa Kimmel
Member & Youth Engagement Coordinator



Rimon Highlights – Fall 2022

Welcome Back! The entire Rimon Team is excited to welcome new families and returning families for a new year of learning and discovery. We hope that the programs we offer engage our learners (children and adults) to embrace the words of Rimon’s tagline, “Inspiring the Mind. Nurturing the Heart. Changing the World.”

“The Jewish Time Machine and Mitzvot” will drive our learning this year. Taking a deep dive into the holiday cycle we will explore the history, customs, foods, and mitzvot that bring the holidays to life for us in our lives today. Below you will find important dates and opportunities for the first half of the 2022-2023/5783 year:

- September 11** Opening Day of Sunday Rimon
- September 12** Opening Day of Monday Hebrew (4th - 6th grades), Rimon Noar (7th and 8th grades) and JLF-Jewish Leadership Fellowship (9th – 12th grades)
- September 13** Opening Day of Tuesday Hebrew (4th – 6th grades)
- October 16** Kindergarten Consecration and Simchat Torah Service
- November 11** Chaverim (2nd and 3rd grades) help to lead Shabbat Services
- December 9** Bonim (Kindergarten and 1st grade) help to lead Shabbat Services
- December 16** Celebrate the gift of learning and more at 12th Grade Confirmation Shabbat

For all the class dates and information, check out the Rimon Facebook page, Temple Sholom website, and watch for the weekly updates emailed to you on Wednesdays!

Lori Green
Rimon Education Director
educator@temple-sholom.org



Preschool Highlights – Fall 2022

Temple Sholom 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 in a hands-on environment. We believe children learn best through play and experiencing the world. 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. Contact us at any time for more information.

Lori-An Penchansky
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610-886-2065
preschool@temple-sholom.org



Shabbat Services

Shabbat Services are held live on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM except for the second Friday of each month when Tot Shabbat is held at 5:30 PM and Family Shabbat Services are held at 7 PM. Services will be in person and are available to be viewed on our website and Facebook Live.

B'nei 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'nai Mitzvah Students and their families! B'nei Mitzvah services take place on Saturday mornings starting at 10:30am and are available on Livestream unless otherwise noted. Check Temple emails as each date approaches. Below is the list of our B'nei Mitzvah Students celebrating between September and December.

September 10	Bat Mitzvah of Emma Frazer
September 17	Bar Mitzvah of Wesley Montag
September 24	Bat Mitzvah of Tess Berger
October 15	Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Schmoyer
October 22	Bat Mitzvah of Leah Foster
October 29	Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Pickett
November 5	Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Hoffman
November 19	Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Barnabei
December 3	Bar Mitzvah of Matteo Sannes
December 10	Bar Mitzvah of Spencer Dunn

Torah Study

Sessions meet most Shabbat mornings at 10:30am on Zoom

Temple Sholom hosts a Torah Study session for an hour (or occasionally, a little longer) on most Shabbat mornings at 10:30 AM. Mostly lay-led, we invite members of the community to Zoom in and participate, as well as to sign up to lead a session if you are interested. Let us know if you are interested in leading or joining a class.

Contact Lawrence Husick
lawrence@lawhusick.com

Temple Sholom Classes & Programs



Jewish Book Council

We are excited to again be partnering with Jewish Book Council to bring incredible Jewish authors to Temple Sholom. Zoom links will be sent

out in advance of the program. All books are available in the Temple Library. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Marissa, community@temple-sholom.org. There will be more authors in the Spring so be on the lookout!



Thursday, September 15

12:30pm

Adeena Sussman in Conversation with Michael W. Twitty (National Program)
Kosbersoul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew



Wednesday, November 2

7:30pm

Gina Roitman: *Don't Ask*

A Shabbat Celebration of Rabbi Stacy Rigler Friday, November 4, 7:30pm

Join us for a special Shabbat Service to honor Rabbi Stacy Rigler as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Association of Reform Jewish Educators. Rabbi Carole Balin, Ph.D will be joining us to honor Rabbi Rigler. She is Professor Emerita of History at HUC-JIR, where she was the first woman at the New York campus to receive tenure. She is the current chair of the board of the Jewish Women's Archive. She has been published in The New York Times, NPR's "All Things Considered", The Forward, Huffington Post, and Kveller, to name a few, talking about gender and the Jewish experience. Sisterhood will be sponsoring a special Oneg following this service.

Tanakh

Classes meet most Wednesdays at 10:30am in person or with a multi-access option.

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.

Shared History Project

Save the dates December 5-22 for an exciting adventure into German Jewish History from the 1700's to the present.

We are proud to be hosting an electronic exhibit from the Leo Baeck Institute, a New York based library and archive. Through 58 objects, this exhibition reveals how interwoven the lives of Jews and non-Jews have been over time. There are various events being planned that will bring us together to learn and celebrate.

If you want to interact with the exhibit electronically, you can bring your laptop or use one of our chrome books. You can also just enjoy the exhibit and read the panels! We will have music, food, and intellectual presentations. Congregants are welcome to come view the exhibit whenever the building is open. The exhibit will be open to the greater community only on certain days and times.

Sponsored by Temple Sholom, Temple Sholom Sisterhood, & Barbara Chesler. For more information, visit <https://www.lbi.org/projects/shared-history/>

December 7	Ken Ulansey Klezmer Performance
December 8	From 4-8 pm, open to the outside community.
December 9	German inspired Oneg following Shabbat Services
December 12	Youth Group sponsored Waffles & Ice Cream at Rimom Noar
December 15	From 1-5 pm, open to the outside community.
December 17	Culture Club & Brotherhood sponsor German Beer & Pretzel Night
December 18	Avi Wisnia performance & Sisterhood sponsored Latkes & Family Scavenger Hunt
December 19	Rabbi Lance Sussman Program



Joe Buchanan Concert Weekend December 3 7:00pm

A Texas native, Joe Buchanan makes Jewish Americana music. Grounded in the

idea that there is always room at the table, 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.



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 Fall.

Starting in September, you can prepurchase raffle tickets for 4 Eagles New Years' Game Tickets!

- September 13** Planning Meeting
- October 9** Sukkah Set Up
- December 11** 1 pm – Eagles Tailgate and Eagles Live Podcast Hosting @ Temple Sholom

Contact Robert Fein at brotherhood@temple-sholom.org

Culture Club

If you grew up with the band, you belong in the Club! What on earth is Culture Club? We are a social hub of Temple Sholom members (mostly empty nesters to super 60-somethings) who have the energy and curiosity to meander on walking tours, dine at new restaurants and explore local attractions. We add a smattering of music, theater, film and wine, enhanced with some Jewish flavor (when available), and the final product is a recipe for fun and new friendships. Leave your Boy George costume behind; this Culture Club is a whole new experience!

Sunday, September 11 – Hike. Chat. Brunch.

11:00am
Put on your favorite walking/hiking shoes and join us for an 11am autumn stroll/hike at Valley Forge Park. All fitness levels are welcome to walk, talk, and brunch with us at a local restaurant following the hike.

September 18 - Philly Skyscraper Walking Tour 2:00-4:00pm

Join Culture Club and the Philadelphia Preservation Alliance as we explore Philly's Modern & Post-Modern architecture. By foot we will visit one of the country's most acclaimed examples of 20th century, post World War II urban renewal - a lasting legacy of Edmund Bacon and the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. **\$15 per person. Space is limited.** **RSVP to Leza at 215-808-3513.**

Saturday, October 22– Sipping in the Sukkah with optional Yoga, 3:30 yoga, 4:30 wine tasting

Let's unravel the mystery of wine-tasting with some fun tips, wines and treats to pair it with. Bring something salty, sweet or spicy to share and our Culture Club wine aficionado will uncork some delicious offerings. An optional yoga flow session will prepare our bodies, minds, and senses for wine tasting. Please bring your mat if you wish to participate. What a fun way to enjoy the sukkah!

Want to get on the Culture Club email list for future events? Email us your request at leza@comsolutionsgroup.com Subject Line: ADD ME TO CULTURE CLUB

Hilltoppers

Hilltoppers is a Temple Sholom auxiliary targeted for active, older adults ages 55+. We are excited to see everyone for all of our wonderful programming we have coming up this year. 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 are welcome to join our Book Club and any of our programs.

Contact hilltoppers@temple-sholom.org

Hilltoppers Book Club

October 13, 1:30pm All The Lonely People
by Mike Gayle
November 10, 1:30pm The Good Daughters
by Joyce Maynard

Sisterhood

Sisterhood continued to meet during the summer and now looks forward to an active autumn. We just finished what could easily become an annual event, BOOK EXCHANGE... AND MORE.

Upcoming Fall events include:

September 11 Outdoor Movie Time
October 23 Welcome Event featuring Kavita Goyal,
Continuing Education
October 9 Guided tour through Stoneleigh:
A Natural Garden
November 4 Sisterhood sponsors special Oneg Shabbat
celebrating Rabbi Stacy Rigler and honoring
50 years of women in the Rabbinate
November 20 Sisterhood Game Night

December 5 through December 21: The Shared History Project - Sisterhood board members have participated in, and are sponsoring, several aspects of this traveling exhibit.

As has become our custom, Sisterhood expects to be involved in the Rimon Hanukkah celebration. We are also working on a joint program with Brotherhood that promises to be fun and delicious. Did somebody say "ice cream sundae bar?" In addition, we are planning some joint events with the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid in Broomall.

Fall Sisterhood Book Club Zooms

September 8th "Crazy To leave You," by Marilyn Simon
Rothstein
November 10th The Weight of Ink," by Rachel Kadish.

Most importantly, Sisterhood wants the women of Temple Sholom to...REMEMBER, THIS IS SISTERHOOD; WITHOUT YOU, WE ARE ONE WOMAN SHORT!

Contact sisterhood@temple-sholom.org

Sisterhood Book Club

September 28, 7:30pm The Chutzpah Advantage: Go
Bigger. Be Bolder. Do Better.
November 29, 7:30pm Detours

More dates to follow in the Winter/Spring

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!

Contact Marissa Kimmel at toasty@temple-sholom.org

Women's Spirituality

**Wednesdays, October 26,
November 30, and December 28
7:30pm**

Jewish women's studies sessions are open to all Temple women and feature a variety of speakers. This group meets in the Temple Sholom Library.

Contact Amy Berkowitz at amyberkrn@aol.com
Linda Tarash at linda.tarash@gmail.com

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5783

Services are at Temple Sholom. Livestream & Facebook Live is available for most services/programs. While you are welcome to be part of any opportunity, here are our general recommendations: Tot: Toddler-K and their parents; Family: Rimons students (grades K-6) and their parents; Adult: 7th grade - adults

S'lichot

Saturday, September 17

6:30pm Taste of the High Holy Days - Wine & Cheese Reception
8:00pm S'lichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 25

8:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah - Adult Service

Monday, September 26

9:00am Tot Service
10:30am Adult Service (doors open at 10:00 AM) with sermon given by Rabbi Stacy Rigler on 50 Years of Women in the Rabbinat
2:00pm Family Service
4:15pm Tashlich - Merry Place Park, Havertown (weather permitting)

Friday, September 30

7:30pm Shabbat Shuvah: Sabbath of Return & New Member Shabbat

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 4

6:00-6:45pm Kol Nidre Family Experience: Led by Rabbi Rigler
8:00pm Kol Nidre - Adult Service (Doors open at 7:15 PM) featuring cello soloist Priscilla Lee

Wednesday, October 5

9:00am Tot Service
10:30am Adult Service (doors open at 10:00 AM)
1:30pm Family Service
3:00-4:00pm Jewish Journeys Program with Kavita Goyal-Levy, Emily Mendell, and Drew Shanefield
4:00-5:00pm Music & Meditation featuring the Wister Quartet
5:00pm Yizkor and Concluding Service (Break-the-fast after services)

Sukkot

Sunday, October 9

5:30pm Sukkot Brown Bag Dinner in the Sukkah (weather permitting)
6:00pm Sukkot Service in the Sukkah (weather permitting)

Friday, October 14

5:30pm Tot Shabbat
6:00pm Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah (weather permitting)
7:00pm Shabbat Services followed by an Oneg in the Sukkah (weather permitting)

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 16

5:00pm Dinner in the Sukkah (weather permitting)
6:00pm Simchat Torah Service & Kindergarten Consecration

The Temple Sholom ToaSTY High Holy Day Food Drive

On Yom Kippur

October 5, 2022

9:00am-3:00pm

We will have cars in our parking lot to collect all of the donations. We ask that you please bring your unopened goods in cans, plastic jars/containers, or boxes (no glass) to Temple and put your items in the cars. All donations are being brought to St. Marks Emergency Food Pantry in Broomall.

The following items are especially needed:

- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Condiments (oil, vinegar, mayo, ketchup, mustard)
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Instant Pancake Mix
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper

Contact Josh Young

joshuacyoung@icloud.com

Marissa Kimmel

toasty@temple-sholom.org

Sukkah Kits

Four sukkah kits available to borrow for Sukkot. Very simple to construct! First come, first served! The only requirement: You must socially distance host other congregants at least once during Sukkot (Zoom/FaceTime works), take a photo, and send it to Marissa, community@temple-sholom.org. Contact Marissa to reserve your sukkah today!

If you would like to order a lulav and etrog, please contact Jeff Green, director@temple-sholom.org. Orders are due the day after Yom Kippur (Thursday, October 6).



Exploring Our High Holy Day Prayer Book

What follows is a brief guide to help you travel through the High Holy Days with Mishkan HaNefesh as a road map and guide for your journey. The machzor is the name for our Prayer book for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The editors have written that the machzor is [only] a tool for exciting and transformative worship: "... What matters is not 'mastering' the book, but rather allowing the book to help us experience transformative, sacred moments." You shouldn't feel constrained to the readings on the page that we picked. Let your eyes and heart wander. You can also sit with the book and explore at any point during this period of repentance.

Explanations for Using Mishkan HaNefesh:

- Each service in Mishkan HaNefesh begins with a thematic phrase that seeks to highlight the essence of the service. The goal is not to reduce a service to one line but to help the person praying to grasp a major motif.
- The pages are purposely laid out: on the right side is the more traditional rendering of the prayer, and on the left side, a more creative approach.
- White pages have three basic elements: a traditional Hebrew prayer, a faithful translation, and a transliteration.
- Gray-tinted pages offer alternative translations, poems, countertexts, and creative readings.
- Pages with a blue background, set off with a black border, are meant to be read or studied silently.
- There are sidebars on the margins to help the worshipper follow the structure of the service.
- Italics indicate scriptural verses, not responsive readings (as previous Reform siddurim indicated). This gives the congregation more choices with how particular prayers or readings might be said.

Rosh Hashanah Evening

Avinu Malkeinu is the phrase for Rosh Hashanah evening. It encapsulates the essential message of Days of Awe: We're gathered to ask that God's judgmental side (Malkeinu) be diminished as God's compassionate side (Avinu) be

heightened. Ideally, we would mirror this transformation in our own attitudes toward others and ourselves.

Rosh Hashanah Morning

The overall motif is the sounding of the shofar, calling us to wake up and pay attention!

Yom Kippur Evening Service (Kol Nidre)

"I forgive, as you have asked." The motif of the evening service, beyond its obvious connection with Kol Nidre, is a verse from the Book of Numbers in which God accepts the forgiveness of the Israelites. The idea is that forgiveness from God is a given; it is not a question of whether God will be compassionate, but whether or not we will be compassionate with ourselves and with each other, even as we submit our entire selves for review. The point of Yom Kippur is not to convince a judgmental Deity to pardon us, so much as it is our acceptance of a loving and compassionate God, already offering forgiveness.

Yom Kippur Morning

You stand this day, all of you, in the presence of Adonai, your God. The motifs are renewal of the covenant, and standing in judgment. We're reminded that repentance is not too far from us.

Yizkor

There are different ways to reflect on loss and memory, grief, and healing. Grief does not come in such an orderly fashion. We hold various relationships dear, making us vulnerable to loss and grief.

Neilah

You hold out your hand. The central motif is the image of God's outstretched hand, yearning to meet us in our journey toward repentance. It is a message of hope, of the time running out for repentance, but also, it is a time for relief that God anxiously desires our return.



A Guide to the Perplexed for the Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur routinely get top billing during the High Holy Days, but it is truly a season that starts in the Jewish month of Elul. During Elul (the month before Rosh Hashanah), we begin our season of reflection. During Elul, and especially in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah where we participate in the service of S'lichot, we begin to take stock of our lives and understand where we have been in the past 12 months. While Elul is a time for individual work, Rosh Hashanah reminds us that we must also take stock as a community and commit ourselves to acts of tzedakah (justice) and tikkun olam (repairing the world). When Yom Kippur comes around 10 days later, each of us is obligated to have asked for forgiveness from those we have harmed so that we may do the real work of teshuva (repentance) – figuring out how we are going to engage in deep change, both within ourselves and within our community.

Immediately after Yom Kippur, we are commanded to start building our sukkot, the little huts that we will dwell in for the coming week. Sukkot is the only holiday in the Torah where we are commanded to be joyful. We have torn ourselves down over Yom Kippur, confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness, and now we have the opportunity to celebrate our renewed relationship with God and with one another over Sukkot. Immediately on the heels of Sukkot comes Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, where our joy overflows as we

dance with the Torah. We end and begin the reading of the Torah and recommit ourselves to living lives of purpose and meaning in the coming year.

It is a long journey of holidays that have us exploring ourselves, our relationships, and our world. The entire High Holy Day season, from Elul through Simchat Torah, teaches us that we have the responsibility and the ability to close the gap between the world as it stands and the world as it ought to be.

S'lichot **September 17**

Evening liturgy that usually includes prayers, piyyutim (poems), and some of the musical liturgy of the Days of Awe. S'lichot services are a first opportunity to immerse ourselves in the melodies of the season. Returning to those melodies feels like it awakens a dormant piece of our souls.

Rosh Hashanah **September 25-26**

Rosh Hashanah is the holiday marking the start of the Jewish New Year. In Hebrew, it translates to “head of the year”. The Rosh Hashanah holiday is marked by a period of celebration and reflection. During this holiday, family members and neighbors wish each other “Shana Tova” which translates to “have a good year.”

Apples and honey are traditionally eaten — to symbolize a sweet year ahead — and a ram’s horn, or shofar, is sounded during religious services to remind people to look inward and repent for the sins of the past.

This day is one of renewal and an opportunity for us to refocus our priorities and goals. Hearing the shofar blown and engaging in prayer with our community helps us acknowledge the good in our lives as well as those things which we would like to change. It strengthens our resolve to do better in the coming year.

Tashlich

Observed anytime between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Tashlich means casting off. The tradition is to toss bread into a moving body of water, symbolically casting away our sins from the past year. This moment is really about reflecting on past mistakes so we can move into the new year with a clean slate. Please stop by to pick up a Tashlich information sheet so you may observe this practice on your own.

Shabbat Shuvah September 30

This is the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This service is often more meditative and provides a chance to mentally prepare for the upcoming fast.

Yom Kippur October 4-5

Yom Kippur is a holiday that occurs ten days after Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur in Hebrew means “day of atonement”. Yom Kippur rituals include fasting, repenting, and asking for forgiveness.

Those who are able to choose to fast on Yom Kippur to meet the requirement “to practice self-denial,” as mentioned in the Torah.

Yom Kippur gives us the opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have been given. Fasting reminds us of the plight of those who lack access to food and nutrition so that we will grow sensitive to those needs and deepen our commitment to social justice and tzedakah or acts of charity. The High Holy Days give us a fresh start to what will hopefully be a sweet and healthy new year ahead.

Sukkot October 9-16

Sukkot in Hebrew means “booths.” This holiday both celebrates the end of the harvest season and the period of time during which the ancient Israelites lived in temporary booths as they traveled from Egypt to Israel.

During this holiday, please feel free to come visit our Sukkah in our parking lot. Please just follow the safety of remaining socially distant.

Simchat Torah & Sh’mini Atzeret October 16-17

Simchat Torah in Hebrew means “the joy of Torah” and Sh’mini Atzeret is a celebration that occurs on the “eighth day” (sh’mini means eight, atzeret means celebration) the day following the seven-day holiday of Sukkot. Reform Jews celebrate and recognize these holidays simultaneously by reading the last passage and first passage of the Torah.

Yizkor

Four times a year we share prayers of memory for those who have died. These days include Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot. It is a brief service.





Creating Sacred Space in Your Home

We live in a moment where our kitchens have become our office and our living room a second classroom. Where then, is our synagogue? The Rabbis asked this same question right after the destruction of the Temple. Without a localized place of worship, how could we pray together? We are the inheritors of their answer: Our home would become our “mikdash m’at,” a miniature sanctuary, a holy place. Our current challenge is to create a sacred space at home while we are in front of our computers. What can help us create both that spiritual mindset and that spiritual refuge?

This year, we have multi-access options for attending High Holidays. You have the option of attending in person or virtually. If you choose to attend virtually, we have a unique opportunity to create a sacred space in our home — a mikdash m’at — for the High Holidays and beyond. These suggestions are meant to help you enhance the High Holiday experience at home, while creating a communal atmosphere for us all.

1. **Where?** Choose your prayer space carefully in advance by spending a few moments of individual contemplation/family discussion. Don’t wait for the last minute! Which chair will you sit on? Put a cushion or festive pillow on it, or drape it with a tallit, a special piece of fabric, or scarf.

2. **What?** Find meaningful objects to grace your space. On Rosh Hashanah, include holiday objects like candlesticks and kiddush cups, apples and honey. On Yom Kippur, you can place cherished mementoes, family heirlooms, and photos of loved ones to surround you. If you own a shofar, put it where it’s visible.

3. Try to limit or disconnect auditory distractions. You can turn off your email and text message ping sounds, and / or close your email program and other apps so you can be fully present during the service.

4. Wear clothing that makes you feel as if you are entering a spiritual space. A kippah and tallit are welcome if they help you to express a connection to this special worship.

5. Be sure you have your machzor with you, just like on past High Holidays when we gathered. As you feel its cover and edges and flip its pages, remember the times you’ve used it before—who you sat near, what moved you in the service, the first time you used it, etc.

We all appreciate the time and effort it takes to make your mikdash m’at a reality. Think of it as a “work in progress!”

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, B'nei 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. 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 donation 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

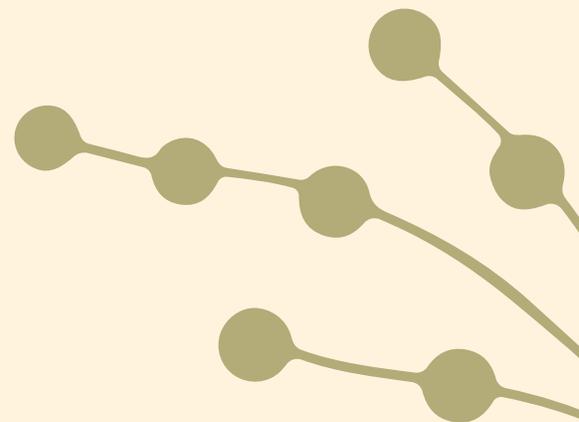
To feed the hungry in our community. Contributions are distributed at the close of each fiscal year to outside charities at the discretion of a special Tzedakah committee.

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.

Sanctuary Chair Plaques:	\$180
Memorial Plaques:	\$550
Tree of Life Plaques:	\$1000

Contributions also may be made directly to the Temple Sholom Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Hilltoppers, or Women's Spirituality.





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