



*Temple  
Sholom*  
*in Broomall*

**GUIDE TO  
TEMPLE SHOLOM**  
**Winter/Spring 2023**





# Temple Sholom

in Broomall

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Dear Friends,

We hope you will take the time to look at our programs, activities, and opportunities to connect. We are so blessed to have many meaningful ways to get to know others, to grow spiritually, and to help build a better world. Judaism defines itself as the people of Israel, "Am Yisrael" rather than the Religion of Israel, "Dat Yisrael." Peoplehood, connection, and community is the root of who we are and what we care most deeply about. This is true if you are Jewish or a fellow traveler with our community; we welcome everyone equally in this sacred home. Peoplehood is translated into an emphasis on the community as the primary organizing structure of Jewish life. Wherever we have lived, we have built synagogues, established communal organizations, and created systems of communal governance before almost anything else. We see that here on a daily basis. The strong Sisterhood, Hilltoppers, Brotherhood, Culture Club, social action opportunities, and more, are powerful ways to build connection and meaning.

I want to encourage you to find ways to connect to your people here at Temple Sholom. We know more than ever the value of being present with one another, whether that be in person or online. So find your connection! We look forward to continuing to grow our sacred community together.

Best,  
Rabbi Rigler



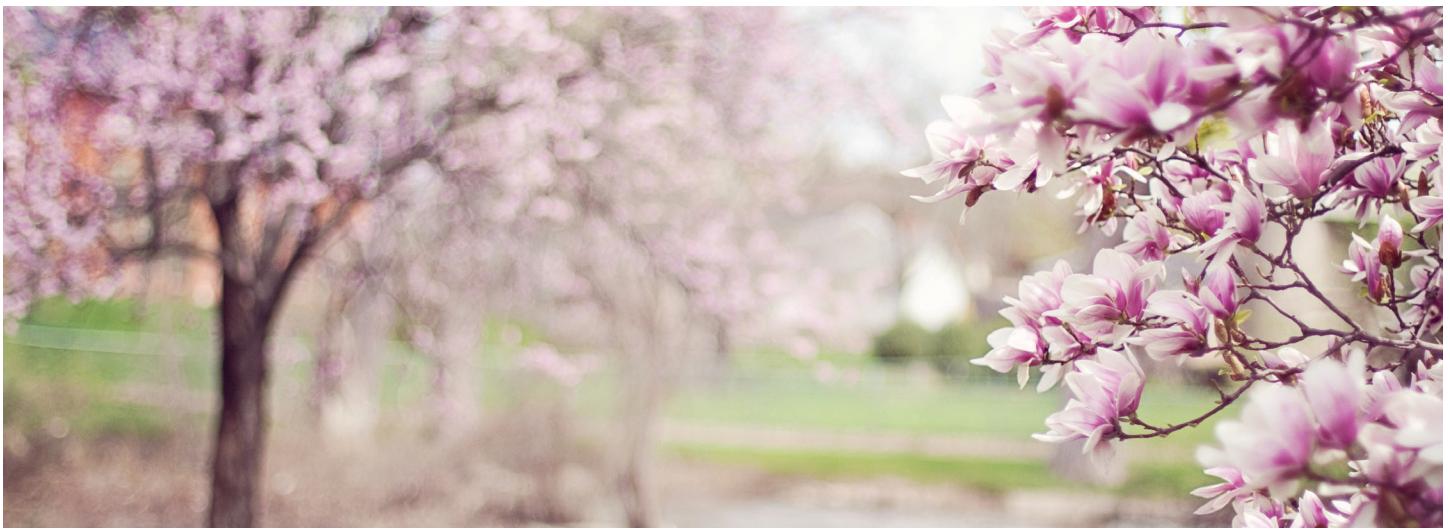
Dear Friends,

It has been so nice this past fall as we moved ever closer to a sense of normalcy, gathering together for High Holy Day and Shabbat worship in larger numbers than we had in the last few years, and watching the immunization numbers tick upwards and the infection rate tick downwards. While the safety of our community is always of the utmost priority, it is nice to be able to plan for some of our favorite annual events the way we did pre-pandemic.

For instance, I know I'm not the only one looking forward to a full-length Purim spiel! This year's spiel is called **Reality Bites the Megillah: A '90s Purim Spiel**, and it will be a grunge-tastic evening of hilarity and song. The spiel is always such a fun way to connect with other members of the community, whether as a cast member or a costumed attendee, and is my favorite example of blending faith, fun, and text study together.

We have so many ways this Winter and Spring to connect to one another and to our own faith, and I strongly encourage you to look through this program guide with an eye toward those opportunities that catch your eye — whether serious or silly! It is those connections that help us build a strong community and create the bonds that give us strength and support in difficult times.

B'shalom (in peace!),  
Cantor Marx



Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed our many programs during the Fall! Our clergy, staff, and volunteers have planned a multitude of religious, educational, and cultural programs for our congregants in the Spring.

There will continue to be opportunities to participate in our weekly classes and Tanakh/Torah studies and to volunteer for our community, whether on one of our committees or with a one-time project. It is also never too late to join any of our many auxiliary groups - Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Culture Club, Youth Group, and Hilltoppers - which all have a full slate of programming planned for the Spring.

As a reminder, we will offer programs in a mix of virtual and in-person formats, in keeping with our recent practices. Our COVID Task Force is continuing to monitor the local COVID situation and we will adjust our practices accordingly.

I and the other members of the lay leadership look forward to meeting you at Temple Sholom! We wish a happy and healthy 2023 to all of the members of our community.

B'Shalom,  
Michael Galvin  
President



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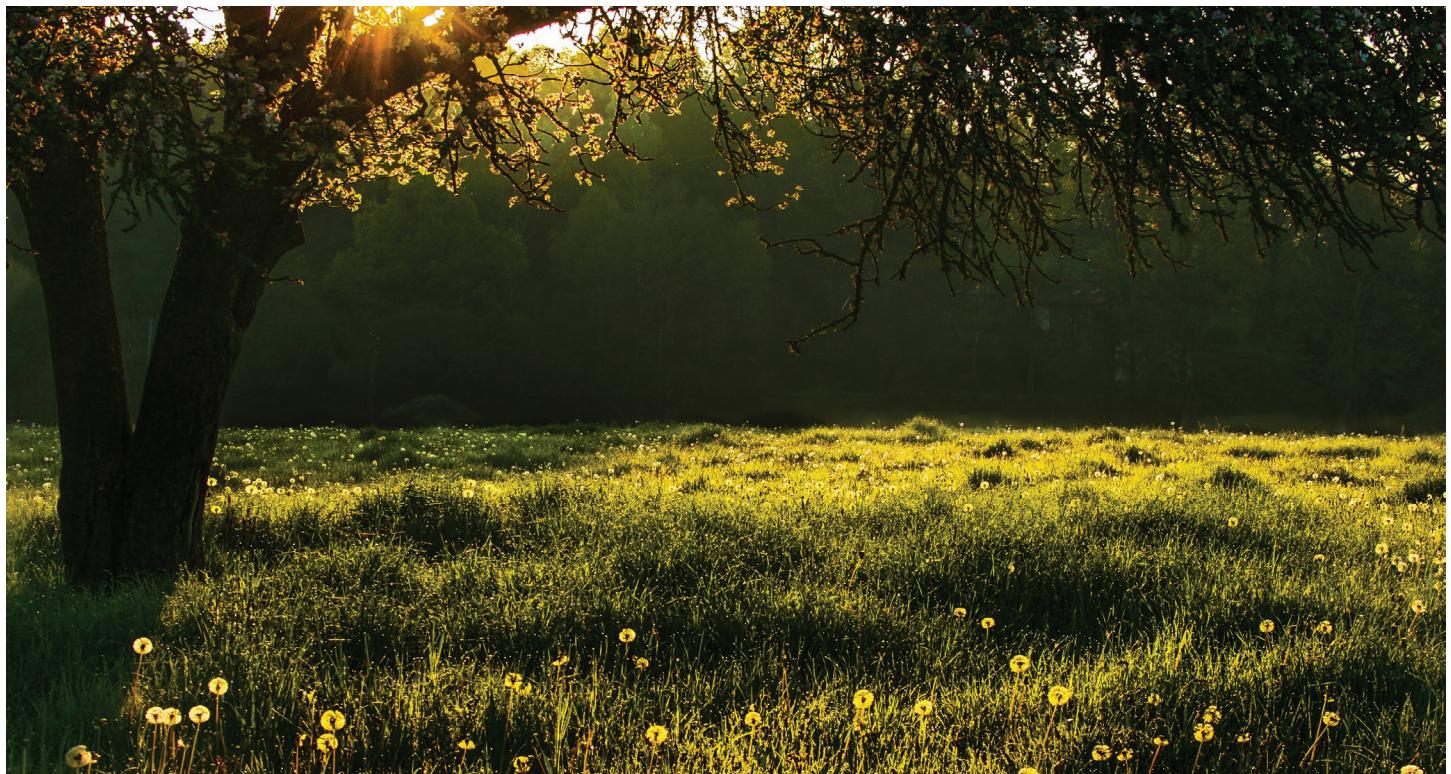
In the opening verse of Genesis; chapter 23 we learn that “the life of Sarah was one hundred years, and twenty years, and seven years.” An innocuous string of numbers separated by the word “and”. During her younger years, Sarah faced challenges and anguish. Some believe that this meant that she didn’t get to experience happiness or fulfillment until her final thirty-seven years when she was a parent. Yet the totality of Sarah’s years is believed to have been equally good.

This Parsha makes me think about how we measure our own lives. Sarah’s legacy of kindness, generosity, and love teaches us that we bring meaning to our lives not only through our own personal growth and fulfillment, but also by how we treat others and how we invest in our community.

In the coming months, I want to learn about the needs and desires of this community. What are the programmatic, structural, facilities, and spiritual elements that bring value to your Temple Sholom membership. What do you want to see in the future and how can we, as a community, reach those goals together? I invite you to stop by, schedule a visit, and share with me your vision of what Temple Sholom can be so that we can begin the work together.

Currently, the life of Temple Sholom is sixty years, and six years. While we celebrate our successes, how will we shape our future while continuing to pay tribute to our past?

B'Shalom,  
Jeff Green  
Executive Director



Dear Temple Sholom Family,

WOW! What an incredibly busy Fall we had around here and what an even busier spring this is shaping up to be. We have so many exciting programs coming up and I can't wait to see you all there. From Purim to a soferet to ToaSTY hosting "Temple Sholom's Got Talent", there is much happening!

One of the beautiful things about Temple Sholom is that there is always something for everyone: adults, children, seniors, families. We include programming for everyone throughout the year which is a wonderful thing to see. If you have ideas for programming or would like to see more of something, please come talk to me. I would love to hear what you can bring to the table.

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!

Hoping to see you all, either in person or virtually, soon!

B'Shalom,  
Marissa Kimmel  
Member and Youth Engagement Coordinator

## Winter/Spring 2023

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](http://temple-sholom.org/webcast) or through our Facebook page [facebook.com/TempleSholomInBroomall](https://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 Highlights – Winter/Spring 2023



Welcome to the Winter/Spring of 2023! We began our year in September with the theme The Jewish Time Machine and Mitzvot. During the coming months we will continue our exploration of the Jewish holidays by “traveling” to the past as well as considering the holiday mitzvot that will engage us today. Through these lenses, we will form personal connections to God and Spirituality, Israel, Jewish Values and Social Justice.

We are excited about the events and programs that are planned throughout the Winter and Spring for our families, our youngest students, and all the way up our high school seniors. There will be opportunities for families and learners to explore, discover, and celebrate together. Check below for important dates:

## January

- 7      Gesherim (6th gr.) Bowling Night (kids only!)
- 8      Welcome Back to Rimon and 2023!
- 15-17 NO Rimon Classes – MLK Observance
- 12-16 JLF (9th – 12th grades) Civil Rights Trip
- 22     It’s “Camp Day” at Sunday Rimon (K-6)
- 29     Olim (4th/5th) Family Education Day

## February

- 6      Tu B’Shevat (Birthday of the Trees!)
- 10     6th Grade Gesherim Class leads Family Shabbat Worship
- 12     Chaverim (2nd/3rd) Family Education Day
- 19 – 21 NO Rimon Classes – Presidents’ Observance
- 26     Bonim (Kind./1st) Family Education Day  
9th – 12th grades Family trip to National Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.

## March

- 5      Purim Carnival
- 10     5th Grade Gimel Class leads Family Shabbat Worship
- 11     4th Grade Naming Ceremony  
Gesherim (6th gr.) Hamantaschen Making

## April

- 2 - 9    NO Rimon Classes - Spring Break
- 14     4th Grade Bet Class leads Family Shabbat Worship
- 21-23    We are excited to welcome a soferet (Jewish scribe) to spend time with our congregation and Rimon families throughout the weekend. Special family programming will take place during and after Rimon on Sunday!  
Gesherim Torah Presentations and special “Move Up” ceremony
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## May

- 7      Rimon Family Picnic! Gesherim BBQ

For all the class dates and information check out the Rimon Facebook page, Temple Sholom website and, watch for the updates emailed to you weekly! For more information: Lori Green, Rimon Education Director at [educator@temple-sholom.org](mailto:educator@temple-sholom.org).



# Preschool Highlights – Winter/Spring 2023

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. We have certified and loving teachers who plan programs that suit the needs and interests of all students.

Temple Sholom Preschool is a warm and welcoming environment. We believe in hands-on, play-based learning and teaching to the individual child. We instill a strong love of Judaism through music, stories, food and holiday celebrations. We have Friday morning Shabbat services and monthly Tot Shabbat services on the 2nd Friday of each month at 5:30 PM followed by a delicious dinner.

We have an active PTO who are working to plan programs for fundraising and family social events. This winter we have the Glo Crazy Party on January 14th, Pizza Kit fundraisers scheduled for January and March, and morning coffee meet and greets. We are excited to once again offer our famous Trivia Night on March 18. For more information: Lori-An Penchansky, Director of Early Education at 610-886-2065, or [preschool@temple-sholom.org](mailto:preschool@temple-sholom.org).



## Shabbat Services

Shabbat Services are held live on Friday evenings at 7:30pm with the exception of the second Friday of each month when Tot Shabbat is at 5:30pm and Family Shabbat Services are at 7:00pm. Services are available to be viewed on our website, [www.temple-sholom.org/webcast](http://www.temple-sholom.org/webcast), and Facebook Live. Onegs catered by Jacquette's Bakery immediately follow services in the Multipurpose Room. If you would like to sponsor an Oneg in honor of a special milestone, please contact Jeff Green or Marissa Kimmel.

- 2/3/23 Jewish Disabilities and Inclusion Awareness Month Shabbat with Special Guest Wendy Elliott-Vandivier, artist and disability advocate
- 3/3/23 HIAS Refugee Shabbat with Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid
- 4/21/23 Special Guest Julie Seltzer, Sofert (Female Torah Scribe)
- 6/2/23 Special Guest Elana Arian
- 6/9/23 Shabbat in the Park

## 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'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 7	Bar Mitzvah of Noah Silver
January 21	B'not Mitzvah of Amelia Henry and Emmy Silverman
January 28	Bar Mitzvah of Charlie Posternak
February 4	Bat Mitzvah of Margaret Hutton
February 11	Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Korenberg
February 25	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Wzorek
March 4	B'nei Mitzvah of Asher and Benjamin Whitten
March 11	Bar Mitzvah of Eliana Zaksas
March 18	Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Shapiro
April 1	Bat Mitzvah of Sloane Smith
April 15	B'nei Mitzvah of Zachary and Julia Richardson
April 22	Bar Mitzvah of Corey Goldberg
April 29	B'not Mitzvah of Molly Dougherty and Sophia Diamond
May 6	Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rotwitt
May 13	Bat Mitzvah of Claire Frantz
May 19	B'nei Mitzvah of Garrett and Sienna Morrison
May 20	Bar Mitzvah of Ava Sweeney
June 3	Bar Mitzvah of Eli Rigler
June 10	Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Deitz
June 17	B'nei Mitzvah of Jacob Stone and Olivia Hanover



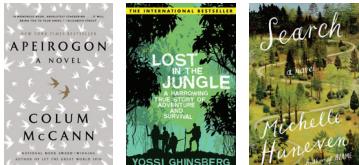
## Temple Sholom Groups

### 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. Contact Robert Fein, [brotherhood@temple-sholom.org](mailto:brotherhood@temple-sholom.org), to join.

### 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. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join our Book Club and any of our programs. Contact [hilltoppers@temple-sholom.org](mailto:hilltoppers@temple-sholom.org) with any questions.



### Hilltoppers Book Club

#### February 9

*Apierogon* by Colum McCann (facilitated by Linda Litwin)

#### March 9

*Lost in the Jungle, a Harrowing True Story of Adventure and Survival* by Yossi Ginsberg (facilitated by Barbara Barr)

#### May 11

*Search* by Michelle Huneven (facilitated by Donna Hendel)

### 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. We have many exciting things planned for the Spring so be on the lookout! Contact [sisterhood@temple-sholom.org](mailto:sisterhood@temple-sholom.org) with any questions.



### Sisterhood Book Club

#### February 2

*Why Do Jewish?* by Zack Bodner (who will be joining us on Zoom that evening to discuss his book)

#### March 16

*The Matchmaker's Gift* by Lynda Cohen Loigman (who will be joining us on Zoom that evening to discuss her book)

#### May 18

*The Convention of Wives* by Debra Green

#### July 13

*The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna Edwards

### 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 with any questions, [toasty@temple-sholom.org](mailto:toasty@temple-sholom.org).

### 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. Contact Amy Berkowitz, [amyberkrn@aol.com](mailto:amyberkrn@aol.com), or Linda Tarash, [linda.tarash@gmail.com](mailto:linda.tarash@gmail.com), for more information.

### 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! Contact Leza Raffel, [leza@comsolutionsgroup.com](mailto:leza@comsolutionsgroup.com), to find out more.



## Temple Sholom Classes & Programs

### "I've Always Been a Jew": Religion, Race, and Sammy Davis Jr. with Rebecca Davis

**February 1, 7:30pm**

Sammy Davis Jr. was arguably the greatest entertainer of the twentieth century. He was also a convert to Judaism, a civil rights activist, and a frequent source of controversy. Dr. Rebecca Davis shares the fascinating story of how and why Davis became Jewish and how he related his faith to his identity as an African American man. The talk draws from her recent book, *Public Confessions: The Religious Conversions that Changed American Politics* (University of North Carolina Press, 2021), copies of which will be available for purchase after the talk.

Rebecca Davis is a historian of religion and of women, gender, and sexuality in the United States. After receiving her PhD in history from Yale and a postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton University, she joined the history faculty at the University of Delaware, where she is currently the Miller Family Endowed Early Career Professor of History. She is the author or editor of several books, and her essays have appeared in *Slate*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

### Rabbi Sally Priesand

**February 13, 7:30pm on Zoom**

Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman in the world ordained by a rabbinical seminary, was not the first woman to dream of becoming a rabbi. Her dream was born before a new wave of feminism surged in the mid-1960s but became realized thanks to feminism's success. Early in her career, Rabbi Priesand saw stumbling blocks thrown in her way to thwart the women who dared to crush a bastion of male privilege. Eventually, Rabbi Sally, as she was often known, found a pulpit and a home at Monmouth (NJ) Reform Temple. She led that congregation for a quarter of a century until her retirement from the active pulpit. Join us as Rabbi Priesand shares her story and the story of those who came before her. An evening not to be missed!

### Yom HaShoah Memorial Name Reading

**April 17-18**

For 24 hours, we will be reading names of those who perished in the Holocaust. A SignUp Genius Link will be sent out to sign up for a 15 or 30 minute time slot to read names throughout all hours of the day and night. We will begin at 7 PM on April 17 with a Yom HaShoah Memorial Service and end at 7 PM on April 18. The reading will be streamed online to our website. All ages are encouraged to participate.



### A Weekend with Soferet (Writer of Torah Scrolls)

**Julie Seltzer**

**April 21-23**

Julie Seltzer is a scribe and Jewish educator with a background in theatre arts. She has been writing and repairing Torah scrolls since 2009, when she was Scribe-in-Residence at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco, CA. Julie recently completed

her fourth Torah scroll, and is working on a memoir that chronicles her spiritual journey. She leads educational workshops around the country, offering people of all ages a glimpse into the world of scrolls and sacred writing. Julie is originally from Philadelphia, and now resides in Hudson Valley, NY with her Israeli mutt Shusha. Her hand is featured on Sefaria's website.

*Be on the lookout for the weekend's programming for all ages as we get closer.*

## **Jewish Book Council**

Our partnership with Jewish Book Council continues this year as we welcome five exciting authors to Temple Sholom. Most authors will be on Zoom, but the author on February 22 will be in person. All books are available to borrow in our Temple Sholom Library and can be purchased on Amazon by clicking the Amazon link on our website.

### **Tuesday, January 31, 7:30pm**

*Jose and the Pirate Captain Toledano* by Joshua Edelglass and Arnon Schorr with Rabbi Rigler and the Middle School Book Club

### **Thursday, February 2, 7:30pm**

*Why Do Jewish?* by Zack Bodner in partnership with Sisterhood Book Club

### **Wednesday, February 22, 7:00pm**

*Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City* by Andrew Lawler - *in person*

### **Thursday, March 16, 7:30pm**

*The Matchmaker's Gift* by Lisa Cohen-Loigman in partnership with Sisterhood Book Club

## **Tanakh**

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.

Classes meet most Wednesdays (Jan. 4, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 22, Mar. 1, 8, Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 10, 24, 31, June 7) at 10:30am both in person and on Zoom. Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## **Torah Study**

Temple Sholom hosts a Torah Study session for one hour 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 able. There are still several dates open. Contact Lawrence Husick with questions, [lawrence@lawhusick.com](mailto:lawrence@lawhusick.com). Sessions meet most Shabbat mornings at 10:30am on Zoom.



## **Purim**

Our Purim Spiel this year is Reality Bites the Megillah: A '90s Purim Spiel! The Purim Carnival will be Sunday, March 5 in the morning during Rimon. The Spiel is Monday, March 6 at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

## **Passover**

Passover begins Friday, April 5. Are you looking for somewhere to share a seder? Do you have a home you want to open up for those looking? If so, we would love to organize and help make this come to fruition! Contact Donna Hendel, [donnahendel@gmail.com](mailto:donnahendel@gmail.com), or Marissa Kimmel, [community@temple-sholom.org](mailto:community@temple-sholom.org), if you are interested in hosting or joining a seder within our community.

# 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. 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

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

# Temple Sholom Calendar-At-A-Glance (January-May)

## January

- 7      Gesherim (6th gr.) Bowling Night (kids only!)  
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## February

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## March (cont)

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11     Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Zaksas  
11     4th Grade Naming Ceremony Gesherim (6th gr.) Hamantaschen Making  
16     Sisterhood Book Club/Jewish Book Council: The Matchmaker's Gift  
18     Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Shapiro  
18     Trivia Night

## April

- 1      Bat Mitzvah of Sloane Smith  
2 - 9    NO Rimon Classes - Spring Break  
5      Passover Begins  
14     4th Grade Bet Class leads Family Shabbat Worship  
15     B'nei Mitzvah of Zachary and Julia Richardson  
17-18    Yom HaShoah Memorial Name Reading  
22     Bar Mitzvah of Corey Goldberg  
21-23    A Weekend with Soferet (Writer of Torah Scrolls) Julie Seltzer  
29     B'not Mitzvah of Molly Dougherty and Sophia Diamond  
30     Gesherim Torah Presentations and special "Move Up" ceremony

## May

- 6      Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rotwitt  
7      Rimon Family Picnic! Gesherim BBQ  
11     Hilltoppers Book Club: Search  
13     Bat Mitzvah of Claire Frantz  
18     Sisterhood Book Club: The Convention of Wives  
19     B'nei Mitzvah of Garrett and Sienna Morrison  
20     Bat Mitzvah of Ava Sweeney

## June

- 3      Bar Mitzvah of Eli Rigler  
9      Shabbat in the Park  
10     Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Deitz  
14     Preschool Move Up Day  
17     B'nei Mitzvah of Jacob Stone and Olivia Hanover  
21     Annual Congregational Meeting  
22     American Red Cross Blood Drive



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