



A Letter from the President

From Thursday, October 27 – Sunday, October 30, I attended the 24th Annual Scheidt Seminar for Temple Presidents. URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism, presented learning sessions followed by networking sessions over the course of the 4 days. I was able to network with URJ staff and congregational leaders

from all over the United States because of the virtual format. In this month's article, I am sharing some of my take-aways from the seminar.

Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman, chair of the North American Board, began her opening remarks emphasizing our congregations being a community of belonging. Jennifer Kaufman and Amy Asin talked about the importance of being sacred partners with your clergy and congregants. Sacred partnerships, as a foundational concept in the work of congregational life, is defined as "a commitment to building and nurturing relationships that elevate the work of leadership to a level of holiness. Sacred partnerships recognize each of us as individuals and our desire to inspire sacred action in our communities." The characteristics of being in a sacred partnership include: accountability, mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening/communication, transparency, confidentiality, flexibility, reflection, empathy, and vulnerability. Questions that we were asked to consider: Who are your sacred partners and what characteristics could you use to improve a relationship that you have with someone?

Rabbi Rick Jacobs asked, "if congregations avoid difficult subjects, will they create safe spaces or voids?" He answered his rhetorical question by saying, "record dissents because dissents matter." His suggestions for discussing difficult subjects were to always recognize the opposing view, state the other person's premise before responding with your own view, and don't delegitimize another's point of view. I begin every board meeting asking the members to use active listening and to be kind. In a post in URJ's President's Lounge, Ken Perlman describes active listening as Level 2 listening. "Level 2 listening is about listening deeper than the transcript. Level 1 is the transcript, the meaning. Level two is about the person (e.g., their values, their priorities, them). Questions to consider include: do you avoid difficult subjects and do you consider others' points of view?

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We meet at 4023 Belle Terre Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Our **Friday evening** services begin at 7:30pm. Saturday at 10:30 AM. Members who cannot physically attend Friday night or scheduled Saturday services can view services via Zoom. Contact President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org to request a Zoom invitation.



The following are some questions and answers about the forthcoming holiday of Chanukah:

How is the holiday spelled in English? In Hebrew, it is always spelled the same way. But because

there is more than one possible English letter equivalent for some Hebrew letters, there are various ways it is spelled in English. The major problem is that there is no English letter or combination of English letters that has the guttural sound used in pronouncing the name of the holiday. **Chanukah** is my preferred spelling. But **Hanukah, Hanuka, Hannukah** and **Hanukkah** are also possibilities.

How significant is the holiday? It is post-biblical and was traditionally considered a minor holiday. But Judaism has evolved as a religion and it became more important with the passage of time, perhaps in response to a Christian holiday which occurs about the same time of year.

Why do we celebrate the holiday? The holiday commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple by Judah the Maccabee and his followers on the 25th day of Kislev in the year 165 B.C.E. after its desecration by the forces of King Antiochus, a Syrian king who was a proponent of Greek culture. King Antiochus ruled over a Syrian empire, including the land of Judea. He wanted all of his subjects to adhere to Greek culture and religious practices. He outlawed Jewish rituals and installed statues of Greek gods in the temple in Jerusalem. In 168 B.C.E., there was a Jewish revolt led by the Maccabees, which, after three years, was successful in routing the forces of King Antiochus.

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The temple was cleansed of Greek gods and rededicated as a Jewish temple. The word **Chanukah** means dedication.

Why is the holiday celebrated for eight days? Most scholars believe the holiday is celebrated for eight days because King Solomon dedicated the first temple on the holiday of Sukkot which, when Sh'mini Atzeret is added on, lasts for eight days and Judah the Maccabee wanted to emphasize the importance of his rededication of the temple. However, there is a legend that the festival was instituted for eight days because the pure olive oil found in the temple , though sufficient for only one day, miraculously burned for eight days, which allowed time for a new supply to be obtained.

Why is the holiday important? If the Maccabees had not been successful, Judaism might have been wiped out. Chanukah should be celebrated as a holiday of religious freedom.

How should the Chanukah menorah (Chanukiah) be lit? The lights are inserted into the menorah from right to left, but the actual lighting is from left to right, beginning with the most recently added candle.

What foods are traditionally eaten on Chanukah? Foods made with oil. Potato latkes are a holiday favorite. In Israel, a type of donut is eaten.

Chag sameach. Happy holiday.

Rabbi David Weissman

ONEG NEWS	Hi everyone, Thanks to so many of you, all dates for 2022 have been taken and we can now plan ahead! There's plenty of opportunities for starting 2023 off right with reserving a date or two! Please contact me by phone, text or email to let me know your preference and if it's for a special occasion.	
	Thanks,	
	Flo Pflaster 910-575-6243 <u>dfp324@atmc.net</u>	

Friday 12/02/22 Shabbat services - Cookie Brenner Saturday 12/03/22 Shabbat services - Rabbi David and Mary Weissman Friday 12/09/22 Shabbat services - Rabbi David and Mary Weissman Saturday 12/10/22 Shabbat services - no service Friday 12/16/22 Shabbat services - Mike Sachwald Saturday 12/17/22 Shabbat services - Rabbi David and Mary Weissman Sunday 12/18/22 Hanukkah game and nosh celebration followed by the lighting of the first candle at Market Common Friday 12/23/22 Shabbat services & lighting menorahs at Temple - Rabbi David and Mary Weissman Saturday 12/24/22 Shabbat services - no service Friday 12/30/22 Shabbat services - Mike Sachwald

What's Happening at Temple Shalom December 2022

If you would like to participate in the mitzvah of leading the English or delivering a sermon at a Friday evening service, contact President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org to volunteer. If you are unable to stand to do the service, accommodations will be made.

Activities

Our annual Chanukah party is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 2 P.M. (See the flyer in this newsletter for more information and to make a reservation for the party.)

Temple Shalom's night to light the menorah at Market Common will also be on Sunday, December 18 so that we can light the first candle together following the party. If you decide not to attend the party, you are still welcome to join us at Market Common.

Please help us advertise Temple Shalom by putting the following announcement on your Facebook page, in your community newsletter, posting on Next Door, pinning to your community bulletin board, and/or anywhere else that you can advertise for free:

Temple Shalom Myrtle Beach will celebrate the 1st night of Chanukah by lighting the public menorah at Valor Park in Market Common. We will be led in prayer and songs by Rabbi David Weissman. We are gathering as a community at 5:00 on December 18th. Please meet us at Market Common, 1120 Farrow Parkway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, to join in the festivities. If you have any questions, check out our website--<u>http://www.templeshalommyrtlebeach.org/;</u> email-- <u>President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org</u>; or contact us by phone--(843) 903-6634. Hope to see you there!

On Friday, December 23, bring your menorahs and candles to our 7:30 P.M. Shabbat service. We will be lighting candles for the sixth night of Chanukah as a group before lighting the Shabbat

candles. Zoom members – we will move the camera so you will be able to participate.

Please e-mail Jessica Forman if you know of good or sad events of someone in the temple family. Sometimes family news is easy to remember and celebrate, like birthdays and anniversaries, and sometimes the news is a one-time thing--grandchildren, graduations, or marriages. Family news isn't always happy; we deal with illnesses, accidents and other problems. So, if you know of any-one in the congregation who has a celebration or could use a helping hand, e-mail Jessica Forman at jessicafforman@gmail.com.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Michelle and Shell Foels for another fun game day.

Thank you to Rabbi David Weissman and Mike Sachwald for rewinding and reinforcing the Sefer Torah.

Thank you to Cookie Brenner for leading our Chayei Sarah Shabbat service on Friday, November 18. Thank you to Lily Ann Revitch for lighting the Shabbat candles. Thank you to the women of Temple Shalom for reading the English portions of the service: Felice Breidner, Honey Chiocco, Beth Crow, Estelle Grossman, Sheila Honer, Connie Jacobs, Irene Klein, Flo Pflaster, Linda Post, and Gerry Silverman. A special thank you to Cookie Brenner, Laurie Ward and Mickie Feiden, who helped create the service that we used, and to Roberta Atkins for her wonderful poem that we use as the final reading in our service every year.

Thank you to both congregants and guests, who attended the Chayei Sarah service. We had more people than books – always a cause for celebration! Thank you to everyone who has been attending Friday night and Saturday morning services; we have only missed having a minyan one time since the High Holidays. Please keep attending!

Thank you to Mike Sachwald, Cookie Brenner, and Gabe Brenner for helping to plan, shop and prepare for Temple Shalom's hors d'oeuvres, wine and mocktail party. Thank you to everyone who helped set-up and clean up.

Thank you to Gabe Brenner for everything that he does for the building and for meeting with the guys from HTC to have our internet up and working again. Thank you to Jay Hough for changing the filters and getting the gate to close.

Thank you to Bill and Ellen Enright for their donation of a Morris Katz painting.

Volunteer Opportunities

Think about how you want to "show up"; then please volunteer for an activity that you would be willing to do to support Temple Shalom. Upcoming activities in need of volunteers are the Chanukah celebration and a movie afternoon in January. Contact President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org to volunteer.



The Secure Community Network (SCN), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the official homeland safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community, working across 146 federations, 50 partner organizations, over 300 independent communities, and other partners in the public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors. SCN is dedicated to ensuring that Jewish organizations, communities, life, and culture can not only exist safely and securely, but flourish. Learn more at securecommunitynetwork.org.

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A number of the speakers focused on welcoming and belonging in our communities, especially when it comes to combatting racism and what it means to be more inclusive and diverse. Lisa David spoke about connecting to others with empathy. Rabbi Esther Lederman defined empathy as "seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another." Yolanda Savage-Narva, MSEd., Asst. V.P. Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion spoke about "The Power of Community: Creating Equitable Places of Belonging. On December 1, 2022, URJ's Reform Judaism's Racial Equity Diversity & Inclusion (REDI) team is presenting a learning session: Beyond Welcoming: Addressing Racism, Homophobia, Ableism, & More in our Communities (REDI 101). The purpose of this session will help participants start building stronger communities and transform the ways in which you can create meaningful Jewish experiences for people of all backgrounds. To register for this session, go to https://urj.org/calendar/beyond-welcoming-racism-homophobia-ableism-more-our-communities-redi-101-dec-0.

Wishing you a happy and healthy Hanukah.

Hope

What's Happening at Temple Shalom December 2022 (cont'd from page 5)

YIDDISH AND KLEZMER MUSIC TODAY

Each year, thousands of people participate as learners and audience members in Yiddish and klezmer music programs. Many of them are young people seeking connection to their roots. The "klezmer revival" that began in the 1980s is thriving today.

Co-organized by the Lowell Milken Center for Music of American Jewish Experience and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research are 3 free programs listed below that may be of interest: **Continuing Evolution: Yiddish Folksong Today**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 | 2:00pm ET (11:00am PT) On Zoom, <u>https://yivo.org/Klezmer2022-Evolution</u> to register Yiddish Cultural and Music Festivals

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 | 2:00pm ET (11:00am PT) On Zoom. <u>https://yivo.org/Klezmer2022-Festivals</u> to register The North American Premiere of the Opera *Bas Sheve*

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WHY I JOINED TEMPLE SHALOM

By: Michelle Foels

When Greg and I decided to move south with our youngest child, Shell, we each had a list of things that the potential locations must have. For Shell, who was 7 years old at the time, the list included: close to the beach, McDonald's, Five Guys, Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins, Olive Garden, and Burger King. The adult list was a little different: very close to a nice beach, good schools (we only looked at neighborhoods with high-rating schools), a reform synagogue, not an exclusively tourist town (activities throughout the year), palm trees, and, yes, good restaurants. We looked at 4 locations with Myrtle Beach being the furthest north. Obviously, none of the others compared to Myrtle Beach and here we are today.

Shell had been going to synagogue and Sunday school since pre-k. Sunday school was part of our weekly routine. We attended Shabbat services once a month or so. Our Maryland synagogue was the most welcoming, laid-back, and friendly synagogue I had ever attended. We were comfortable there. I was active in helping at the school when needed and volunteered to work on the school committee.

Being from a northern metropolitan area, it never occurred to me that a synagogue was anything other than what I had experienced - full-time, paid staff; schools for Jewish learning; large buildings; and lots of members of all ages. I am very glad that I was so naïve.

A few months after we moved and settled in, Shell and I attended Temple Shalom for the first time. To say that I was shocked to be the youngest person, by far, is an understatement. To see Shell as the only child was astounding to me. We were deluged with people introducing themselves and wanting to talk to us. That was so nice. Every single person that evening was open, warm, and welcoming to both of us. Everyone took time to talk to both of us and they seemed to really (really, really, REALLY) enjoy having a child there.

The service was different than what we were used to, yet it was similar enough that we had little trouble following along. The service was much shorter than we were used to and we both liked that. I was so comfortable there that we went back often. Temple Shalom is the only synagogue that I have belonged to where I enjoyed going often to the Shabbat service.

On our second visit, once again we were surrounded by people greeting us and I was comfortable and felt welcomed. I've told this story before, and I'm putting it in writing this time . . . Lily Ann (founder of Temple Shalom and President at that time) came over to Shell and literally pushed me out of the way with the back of her arm as she opened her arms to give Shell a hug. I laughed and knew that we were home. Greg and I didn't want Shell's Jewish education to end even though there was no formal school at Temple Shalom and Rabbi Weissman's sermons took care of that. The fact that Temple Shalom celebrates all the major holidays is great. In 2018, Rabbi Weissman worked with Shell so that Shell could have a Bat Mitzvah. Not only did we celebrate that with our family and friends but almost all the temple members came too. They were just as invested in Shell's weekend as we were.

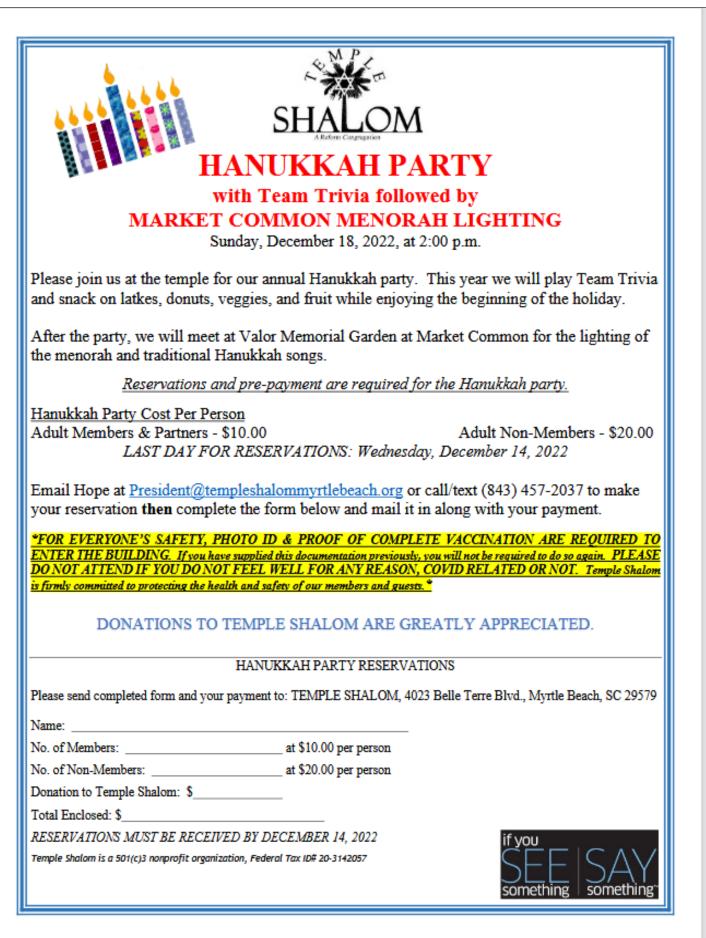
Being Jewish is quite often an example of Six Degrees of Separation theory. For those who don't know what that is, it is the theory that any person on the planet can be connected to any other person on the planet through a chain of acquaintances that has no more than five intermediaries. That is true for me.

One evening during the Mi Shebeirach, Gabe Brenner mentioned someone with a very unique name as needing prayers. Afterward, I asked if that person is from Baltimore. When Gabe said yes, I told him that I have known his first cousin, Bernie, my entire life because my dad and Bernie, Gabe's first cousin, have been friends since (I believe) high school. Bernie and his wife were close to my parents and I vividly remember them from when I was a child. (If you are counting, that's 2 intermediaries.) On a side note, a few years prior to us moving here, my father had lost contact with Bernie and we were able to reconnect them.

Another night, Mike Sachwald's mother's yahrzeit was mentioned. Her name was Zola. I knew that Mike and Hope were from Baltimore so that had to be the woman that I knew. I told Mike who I was related to - my maternal great-aunt and his mother were lifelong friends. I knew his parents because they would visit my great-aunt and great-uncle and I saw them whenever they were in town. (Again, that's 2 intermediaries.) When my mother passed and I received old photos of hers, I found a photo with my grandparents and Mike's parents. Recently I came across a photo of me with Mike's mom.

Throughout the 7 years we have been members, we have celebrated with our temple family. We have participated in fun activities with our temple family. We have helped and been helped by our temple family. I believe that we were meant to wind up at Temple Shalom. The people are amazing. The relationships we have made are incredible and have improved our lives. Shell acquired an entire congregation of "grandparents" who have supported Shell in everything from purchasing Girls Scout cookies to celebrating Shell's Bat Mitzvah. We have made wonderful friends (and I even got a set of adoptive parents).

Moving to Myrtle Beach was a great move for us. Finding our Temple Shalom family has been a blessing.



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Food Bank Collection

Each week I collect non-perishable food from generous Temple members to distribute to an organization that helps the home bound in need! Please try to bring in one or two items each time you come to Temple.

It's a mitzvah to give and your donations are very much appreciated. Please leave your non-perishable food items near the kitchen door and I'll retrieve the food each week. Thank you all so much!.

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From the editor's desk

Deadline for January Bulletin is

December 23, 2022

Submission is via e-mail to :

djp3747@atmc.net

Yahrzeits December

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Name on plaque:
Date of death (English): We will figure Hebrew date.
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CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE SHALOM is a unique way to support Temple Shalom with a donation of \$18 per month per individual. The club is open to everyone_This can be set up on a monthly pay basis or \$216.00 per year. There are no club meetings or responsibilities. Available to all.
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