

Happy February!



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SHALOM

A Reform Congregation

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A letter from the President

As many of you know, I have been taking virtual classes and workshops since the beginning of COVID. During January, all of my classes included a "word of the year." My word is "kindness." Mom used to tell me that it took a lot more energy to be mean and nasty than it did to be kind.

This month marks two years since the passing of Mike's cousin, Max Lipman. His long-time friend posted this on Facebook: "Max Lipman... died this week and his service was yesterday. Serving in Special Forces in Vietnam didn't kill him, being called a "baby-killer" when he came home didn't kill him, living with the effects of agent-orange and the emotional-aftermath of his time in Vietnam didn't kill him, diabetes didn't kill him and COPD didn't kill him. It took a liver that didn't work anymore and stage-four cancer to do that. Thank you for your: time, humor, friendship and love among other things. You made this world, my world and the worlds of many others a better place to be..." Max had every reason not to be kind. Injuries and illness, a cheating business partner, a divorce, financial struggles, and difficult bosses could have resulted in a sullen, hateful person.

That wasn't Max. Max was short and stout; but it was his personality, not his girth that filled a room when he entered it. I first met Max at a rehearsal dinner the night before my cousin's wedding. I was helping serve the food (and not happy that my mom had volunteered me to do it). Max was a groomsman and needed to fit into his Tux the next day. Max would fill a plate, and his wife or my aunt would take it from him. He kept coming back for another plate. He had me laughing in no time and my bad mood disappeared.

I met Mike at the wedding the next day. Having Max as a cousin was always a bonus to marrying Mike. Max was an amazing story teller. He was also a risk taker, so he ended up in many precarious situations. The last time we were together he had us crying-laughing in the middle of a restaurant as he described the crew trying to get him back into the boat after parasailing. He probably weighed 320 pounds at the time. According to Max, after many futile attempts, he swam back to shore with the boat following at a distance so as not to create a wake.

Max always made time for the people in his life. Although he worked the night shift, he drove from Pennsylvania to Baltimore to spend most of the day with us after my mom passed away. Then, he drove back to Pennsylvania to go to work.

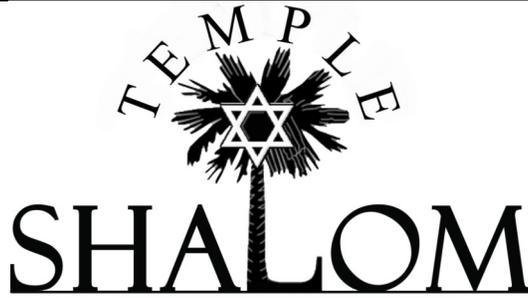
Max was a great friend. After Mike's heart attack, he understood about my anxiety. He called and texted to check on us on a more regular basis. As usual, he kept us laughing. Before he passed away, he called, from the hospital, to say good-bye and apologize for missing the annual May visit.

When I am having a day when someone is giving me a hard time, I look at one of my favorite pictures –Mike and Max trying on loud Hawaiian shirts in Margaritaville's gift shop – and I remember to laugh and be kind.

The first month of 2022 has not been kind between COVID and bad weather. Wishing you a kinder rest of the year.

Hope Sachwald,
President Temple Shalom

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SHABBAT SERVICES

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.



SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI

Dear Temple Shalom family,

Kol hatchalot kashot – the Sages have a saying that “all beginnings are hard”. Perhaps our beginning was harder than most. I began speaking with the then co-Presidents, Cookie and Laurie, months before the Covid pandemic began in March of 2020. We had some lovely conversations, and even one zoom interview with the search committee. But then we agreed that we should wait as the shutdown changed everything. We kept in touch over the first year of the pandemic, and then things began to appear to be subsiding. Finally, in April of 2021, we both agreed to an experiment in having me commute into the community to lead services on a monthly basis, and for all of the fall holidays. A few other activities were included such as online classes and meetings. I was excited to join the annual meeting last June, and then start the monthly visits in July and August. The fall holiday visits for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah all seemed to go very well (even if the weather for Sukkot was challenging). Though the pandemic occasionally waned, it began going through waves of mutations and new spikes. All of that made travel extremely challenging. Just last month we saw record numbers of infections and hospitalizations so I didn’t feel it was safe for me, or for the congregation, for my scheduled January visit to occur. I very much appreciate the support for that decision.

As you know by now, I made the decision last month to tender the termination clause that each of us had in our agreement. Quite simply, the experiment wasn’t working for me. I do believe that things would likely have been different without the pandemic, but that is something none of us controls. Though it’s been a brief tenure, I’ve enjoyed all that we’ve done together. Temple Shalom should be very proud, not only of the talented and wonderful volunteers who capably keep the weekly services going when rabbis aren’t there (not to mention all the other programs), but of the community you have built together in Myrtle Beach. I experienced more joy and singing during the Temple’s services than I have at many

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congregations that are 3 or 4 times larger. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have joined you, if only briefly, and for all of the kindness and hospitality shown me these past 8 months.

A last sermonic thought that I want to leave you with is this: One would think that the Torah, the Five Books of Moses, with its covenant and promise of a homeland, would end with a Hollywood-style grand entrance into the Land of Canaan, and our beginning to build a Land of Israel (of "God-wrestlers"). But it doesn't! It ends with perhaps the greatest leader ever dying and being buried in an undisclosed place on the east side of the Jordan River. And we, the people of Israel, are encamped on that eastern shore, waiting to enter the Promised Land. Why does it end this way? I believe the lesson is to teach us that life is not about achieving the goal, but rather about the journey we go through in living it. How we behave, and what we learn during that journey, is what's important.

As we come to our official end, I want to remind you that in Hebrew, we don't say goodbye; we say "*lehitra'ot*" – until we see each other again. While none of us knows when that might be, please know that you are each now in my "network." One never knows where life's journeys may take us. As we also have a Jewish value of *hachanassat orchim* – welcoming guests – know that my home will always be open to you, especially knowing how many of you have connections in, or pass through, the mid-Atlantic. And as I leave, I want to bestow upon you the three-fold blessing of our people:

May God bless you and guard you

May God's light shine upon you and bring you grace

May God's presence lift you up and bring you peace.

Shalom ulehitra'ot – peace and until we see each other again,

Rabbi Gordy

**ONEG
NEWS**

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Pandemic, Onegs have been suspended till further notice. In the event restrictions get lifted, those of you already scheduled in March will remain on my calendar.

Flo Pflaster

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What's Happening at Temple Shalom – January 2022

Temple Shalom's Board of Directors met on Sunday, January 16, 2022. Following the open meeting, there was an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Bad news first:

On 01/14/2022, Rabbi Gordy requested that the contract between him and Temple Shalom be terminated. His contract provided for termination by either party with 30 days' notice. We entered into this contract knowing that having a "commuter" rabbi was an experiment. With COVID, commuting has been a problem (flight delays, close proximity to people in airports and on planes). The congregation getting to interact with Rabbi Gordy and Rabbi Gordy getting to know the congregation has also been difficult. Because of COVID, our opportunities for social gatherings have been limited. We did not have the opportunity to share Shabbat dinners or brunches or even our normal Onegs together. Rabbi Gordy offered to give more than the 30 days' notice required in the contract.

Temple Shalom's Board of Directors has voted to accept Rabbi Gordy's resignation, as of 01/14/2022. Although he was willing to wait to terminate until March 31, 2022, there was no way we could predict if travel would be any safer in February or March than it was in January. Rabbi Gordy will complete the learning sessions for January 25 and February 1, 2022. His last day as Temple Shalom's Rabbi will be 02/13/2022. Temple Shalom thanks him all for of his hard work: officiating at services (and even a wedding), the sermons that made us think, researching alternative high holiday prayer books that have more transliteration, the singing, the dancing and the teaching. We wish him the best in whatever he chooses to do next.

Good News:

At the request of the Board, Michelle Foels has completed our application to join URJ (Union for Reform Judaism). If our application is accepted, there are many benefits to joining, including the ability to hire a cantor or student rabbi for the holidays; workshops; conferences; social media apps, which would incorporate other small congregations; and the ability to purchase items at discount for the Temple. There is a fee structure designed specifically for small congregations. We can hire any Rabbi of our choosing as long as the Rabbi not have any ethical or moral issues.

More Good News:

Rabbi David and Mary Weissman are moving back to Myrtle Beach. As of January 23, 2022, Temple Shalom has a signed contract with Rabbi David to be our part-time Rabbi. He will be leading services for holidays and two Friday and two Saturday services a month. For members of Temple Shalom, he will also be available to officiate at life-cycle events, provide personal pastoral counseling, and communicate with those who are ill. Rabbi David's contract begins on July 1, 2022. We look forward to welcoming both Rabbi David and Mary back to Temple Shalom!

Current News:

We have had/have congregants leading services with Mike for all of January. **The next opportunities to lead a Friday evening service are on February 4th and February 11th.**

Health and Safety Plan – Temple Shalom's decision making with respect to health and safety practices is guided by Jewish values, which include: "Safeguarding Life, "Avoiding Endangering Life" and "We Are Responsible for One Another."

In response to COVID, our goal is to be able to continue in-person services. In-person game days have been temporarily suspended. A virtual Bingo game time is being planned. Virtual trivia is also a possibility.

Temple Shalom has formed a **Crisis Preparedness Committee**. Cookie and Gabe Brenner are chairing the committee. During the first meeting, members were assigned the task of contacting law enforcement agencies that support our area as well as neighboring houses of worship. The Secure Community Network has virtual trainings available on their website (securecommunitynetwork.org). The **next committee meeting is on Sunday, February 6 at 10 A.M.**

Looking to the Future

Purim – Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 17 -- Look for the flyer in the February newsletter.

Passover- planning for an **in-person Sedar on Friday, April 15** has started. Please contact VicePresident@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org if you would like to join the committee to help plan the Sedar.

Annual Meeting (and pizza dinner)- Wednesday, June 15 at 6 P.M.

High Holy Days – Thanks to Marian Rosen and Central Synagogue in St. Louis, for sharing the Machzor for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that they have created over 30 years. Using their Machzor, as a starting point, Temple Shalom is working on creating our own prayer books for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with transliterations on the same or an adjacent page to the prayer in Hebrew.

Fund Raising

Due to COVID, our normal fund-raising activities have been greatly curtailed. Please consider making a donation to Temple Shalom. There are many ways that you can help support Temple Shalom through donations.

DEDICATION DONATIONS in honor of, or in memory of, a person or event: \$50.00 for a Dedication placard to be placed in the front of the prayer book; \$200.00 for a Memorial board plaque; \$50.00 for a small leaf and \$75.00 for a large leaf to hang on the Tree of Life to commemorate a happy life occasion (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, grandchildren events, and any other life events we all love to celebrate).

CHAI CLUB 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.

Yahrzeit DONATIONS are given to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed away. Congregation members receive notices prior to Yahrzeit observances.

DONATION BOXES have been placed at both doors of the Temple. Dollars, coins or checks of any amount are appreciated. Donations are much needed and will be greatly appreciated. Giving a donation is a mitzvah (good deed).

Thank you to all of our congregants for giving both monetarily and for giving of their time and expertise to support our Temple Shalom family.

Are you a beautiful Esther,
a wise Mordechai,
a handsome Ahashueros,
a stubborn Vashti,
or a cruel Haman????

**Celebrate at the
TEMPLE SHALOM PURIM PARTY**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

5:00 PM

and

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

10:30 AM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO READ THE MEGILLAH
Contact Cookie Brenner ASAP – ebrenner1@gmail.com

**WEAR YOUR SILLIEST COSTUME
AND WIN A PRIZE**

**LOTS OF FUN, LAUGHS, HAMANTASCHEN AND
MISHLOACH MANOT GIFTS TO TAKE HOME**



MISHLOACH MANOT is a tradition at Purim where we give food to all our friends and relatives so that after the Fast of Esther and the huge party of Purim, all will have food to eat.

A TREAT FOR YOU!

As we did last year, TEMPLE SHALOM will have SHALOACH MANOT BAGS filled with goodies for all congregants. This year, the bags will be available at the temple building during both Purim services. If you attend, please take your bag. There will be one bag per person (congregant and their significant other). If you do not attend, your bag will be delivered to you (or mailed if you aren't local) as they were last year. **We need a few volunteers to help us deliver the bags locally (please use form below to sign up).**

A Treat For Your Friends, Neighbors, and Relatives!

This year we are offering Shaloach Manot bags for you to give away. You can purchase a bag for a \$10 donation to Temple Shalom. (This will help defray the cost of all our goodies.) If you would like to purchase one or a few bags, you **MUST** order by **MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**. Please use this form and return it to:

COOKIE BRENNER
2972 MONTGOMERY TRAIL
MURRELLS INLET, SC 29576

____ I would like ____ extra Shaloach Manot bag(s) at \$10.00 each. I have enclosed a check for \$_____.

____ I am willing to pick up Shaloach Manot bags on **THURSDAY, MARCH 17** after the reading of the Megillah and deliver them to congregants in the area where I live.

Name: _____



Donations

General Fund

In loving memory of

Wolf Bereslawsky	Great-grandfather of Beth Crow	Beth Crow
Jacob Friedman	Father of Gerry Silverman,	Gerry Silverman
Fred Paul	Husband of Marlene Paul	Marlene Paul
Michelle Hoyer	Wife of John Hoyer	John Hoyer
Harold Hoyer	Father of John Hoyer	John Hoyer
Daisye Hoyer	Mother of John Hoyer	John Hoyer

Chai Club

Bob & Linda Post	Felice Breidner	Diahann Saddler
David & Flo Pflaster	Steve Firestone	Sheila Honer
Stephen Post	Laurie Ward	

Mishkan T/Filah Prayer Book Dedication:

Bonnie & Bruce Showstack

Birthdays

Bob Hatcher	February 3
Bruce Showstack	February 10
Jay Hough	February 14

Anniversaries

Sheila Komito & Bob Hatcher	February 20
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Yahrzeits February

Jean Levy	Mother	of	Alan	Levy	25
Frank Weissman	Father	of	David	Weissman	3
David Kamchi	Husband	of	Lynn	Kamchi	9
Max Lipman	Cousin	of	Mike	Sachwald	10
Allan Kent	Cousin	of	Michelle	Foels	13
Charles Rubin					13
Rose Brenner	Mother	of	Gabe	Brenner	12
Jerry Komito	Husband	of	Sheila	Komito	14
Nancy Busch O'Neill	Sister	of	Linda	Disselkamp	15
Lillian Grand	Gt.Grdmother	of	Michelle	Foels	15
Ann Finkelstein	Brother	of	Harriet	Firestone	16
Arlene Ratigan	Sister	of	Natalie	Kramer	16
Ann Pollack	Aunt	of	Lily Ann	Revitch	22
Joseph Weiner	Father	of	Sheila	Honer	23
Rose Weissman	Mother	of	David	Weissman	26
Harriet Firestone	Wife	of	Steve	Firestone	27
Alexander Simon	Grandfather	of	Linda	Post	28
Alexander Revitch	Brother	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	28
Cheryl M. Reich					28
Luis Sachwald	Father	of	Michael	Sachwald	28

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 I'm so proud to be a member of this family. Please continue to leave your donations in the boxes near the kitchen door and I'll retrieve the food each week.

Thank you all so much!

Flo

From the editor's desk

Deadline for March Bulletin is February 23, 2022

Submission is via e-mail to :
djp3747@atmc.net

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30 SHEVAT - 27 ADAR I

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Temple Shalom of Myrtle Beach



SISTERHOOD NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sisterhood Book Club—March 1, 2022, 2:00 PM

**The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl
By Marra B. Gad**

**Sisterhood General Meeting – March 20, 2022, 11:00 AM -
Program – An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy with Robert
Dahlin.**

**More information is available in the
monthly edition of SISTERHOOD NEWS!**



DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS TO TEMPLE SHALOM

Dedication donations to Temple Shalom can be made in several ways.

1. **DEDICATE A HIGH HOLIDAY OR MISHKAN T'FILAH PRAYER BOOK** in honor of, or in memory of, a person or event. The cost is \$50.00 and a Dedication placard will be placed in the front of the prayer book.
2. **MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUES** (for or by members only) can be ordered by filling out this form and enclosing payment of at least \$100.00 of the \$200.00 total cost per plaque. Memorial board plaques are ordered and take at least six weeks to be completed. The remainder of your payment is due within a year from the order, but appreciated as soon as possible.
3. **TREE OF LIFE PLAQUES (LEAF)** (for members only) commemorate a happy life occasion and are the memory board of Temple Shalom. Each small plaque (leaf) is \$50.00 and large plaque (leaf) is \$75.00. It takes approximately one week to process and engrave. Commemorate special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, grandchildren events, and any other life events we all love to celebrate.
4. **HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION** is a great way to make an annual donation to Temple Shalom.
5. **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.
6. **Yahrzeit** is a wonderful way to remember loved ones who have gone before us. Congregation members receive notices prior to Yahrzeit observances.
7. **IN MEMORY/HONOR OF** is a tribute on behalf of someone who is special in your life.
8. **GENERAL DONATION** is a way to support Temple Shalom and is a mitzvah (good deed). Donations are greatly appreciated.

Please take a moment to select your donation(s), write a check and mail it to Temple Shalom, or use: [PAYPAL](#)

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

I/(We) would like to make the following donation(s). (Please check those that apply.)

_____ **HIGH HOLIDAY OR MISHKAN T'FILAH PRAYER BOOK** (Circle one) - \$50.00 each
 Inscription: _____

_____ **MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUE** - \$200.00 each (\$100.00 deposit with order)
 Name on plaque: _____
 Date of death (English): _____
 We will convert it to Hebrew date.

_____ **TREE OF LIFE PLAQUE (LEAF)** - Select one: Small - \$50.00 Large - \$75.00
 Inscription: _____

_____ **HIGH HOLY DAY DONATION** – Amount of your choice.

_____ **CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE SHALOM** - \$18.00 per month, per person.

_____ **Yahrzeit** - Amount of your choice.
 Yahrzeit for whom: _____

_____ **IN MEMORY/HONOR OF** – Amount of your choice.
 In Memory/Honor (circle one) of: _____

_____ **GENERAL DONATION** – Amount of your choice.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE SHALOM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!