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**A Reform Congregation**

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In January 2014, my cousin, Carol Miller Fradkin asked me to contribute to a book that she was writing. The book, What Brings You JOY, is a collection of over 350 responses to that question. She interviewed people “ages 6-97, with a wide variety of backgrounds, occupations, and challenges, who live in more than 30 US states and five other countries.” As we start a new year, instead of thinking about resolutions, I started thinking about what I wanted for this upcoming year, and that led me to think about what brings me joy.

This is what I wrote eight years ago: “When I started thinking about things that give me joy, I realized that most of them had to do with relationships. My husband, Mike, and I still “date” after 32 years of marriage. I find joy in all of our outings: shopping, going to the movies, having a picnic on the beach, playing golf. We have two Springer Spaniels. Snuggling with them in bed and watching their silly antics. They are pure joy. I talk to my dad at 11 P.M. every night. He is 93 years young. We talk about current events, old movies, grandchildren and an adorable great grandson, and memories of the trips that we took and places we visited. What a joy! –that he is still strong enough in body and mind for our bedtime talks. Any time I get to sit at the table with my sister, niece, and nephews is a joy. We discuss, debate, learn, and mostly laugh. They were amazing children and have grown into amazing adults. Good friends bring me joy. It doesn’t matter if I saw them yesterday or 5 years ago, when we talk or spend time together it is as if no time has passed at all. I love when old friends come to the beach to visit. I love our new friends that we have made since moving here. Forty years of working as a speech/language therapist and most days are joyful. Because I worked in the same school for 29 years, I was fortunate to be able to see my students graduate from high school, some from college, obtain jobs, and have families of their own. I feel joy when my previously nonverbal student uses “because” to explain an idea. In my profession, we learn to celebrate the tiniest achievements while striving for big successes so the correct production of a single sound is also a joyful event. Finally, living in Myrtle Beach, where fall weather means temperatures of 80 degrees, and snow melts without shoveling, is joy!”

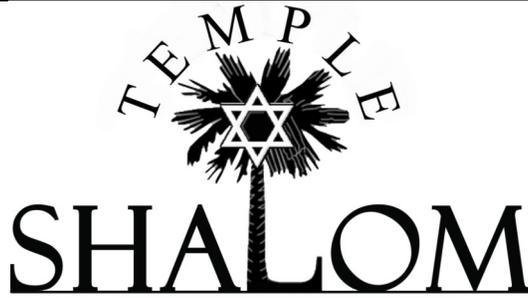
There have been many changes in the world and in our lives in eight years. Still, my joy comes from relationships. Mike and I have been happily married for 40 years. Although going on outings has changed, we have managed to continue “date nights” with special dinners (almost every night), movie nights, and in-person and virtual dinners and game days with friends. Our Springer Spaniel, Lexi, is a joy to watch and be around. She is a true Springer—part clown and part snuggles. Being with Dad and my sister every day on Zoom and getting to visit in-person four times since April is joy. Spending time with my nieces, nephews, great nephews, great niece and cousins is a joy. We share memories, discuss, debate, learn, offer support, share celebrations, and mostly laugh. Good friends bring me joy; this hasn’t changed at all. It doesn’t matter if I saw them yesterday or 50 years ago (high school reunion), when we talk or spend time together it is as if no time has passed at all. Spending time with friends in-person, texting, via phone, Facebook or Zoom is a joyful experience. Retirement brings me joy: pro-bono tutoring; virtual art, crafting, jewelry, dance and tai chi classes; sleeping late and going to bed late; running errands with Mike or walking Lexi in the middle of the day, going to business events with Mike, and sitting on the porch and reading. Being a member of Temple Shalom brings me joy: the comforting routine of attending services, the uniqueness of our service leaders, the celebrations, the pictures and memories, the friendships, and the sense of belonging.

There is a prayer in Mishkan T’Filah that begins with these lines: “May the doors of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship. May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.” It ends with “May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.” I hope that Temple Shalom is all of the words in this prayer to you.

I wish you a Happy New Year filled with joy,

Hope Sachwald  
President

**Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**



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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](mailto:President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org) to request a Zoom invitation.



### SHALOM RAV – A PIECE OF PEACE FROM THE RABBI

Dear Temple Shalom family,

We have passed the winter solstice, which was on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century (how's that for a little *gematria* – numerology!). Practically speaking, this means that, difficult as it may be to perceive, the daylight hours are getting longer, and the dark hours are diminishing. As we begin a new year in the Gregorian calendar, we can all hope and pray that we are leaving the darkness behind us.

In our Torah reading cycle, we have left our familial stories behind with the conclusion of the book of Genesis a couple of weeks ago. We are now into the thick of Exodus story. Toward the end of Genesis, we get the first mention of the term *b'nai yisra'el* – the children of Israel. That term can literally mean the sons of Israel, referring to his 12 boys, but it can also mean the children of Israel as in all of the descendants from that one patriarch. The 12 sons by name were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Naftali, Issachar, Asher, Dan, Gad, Zebulun, Judah, Joseph, and Benjamin. Another term referring to the Israelites is *shivtei yisra'el* – the tribes of Israel. Many people don't realize that the tribes of Israel and the children of Israel are not exactly the same. The reason for this is that the tribes became the clans that would inherit the Promised Land of Israel. The tribe of Levi, which included the kohanim – the priests, as well as the levi'im – the Levites. They didn't inherit any land because their work was all about taking care of the *mishkan* – the holy tabernacle and all of its accoutrements, and performing all of the sacrifices and other religious rites duties that they inherited along with this special status. This left 11 sons to have tribes named after them.

Joseph, however, has no tribe named after him either. That would leave only 10 tribes!. So how did we get to 12 tribes? The two missing tribes are named for Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. We can only speculate as to why this happened. Perhaps the most textually supportable reason is that when Joseph takes his sons to meet his father before Jacob/Israel dies, dad gives them his blessing and adopts them as his own. Symbolically, this gives Joseph the traditional double portion given to the firstborn son, supplanting Reuven from that role. Other midrashim could be written about Joseph not deserving to become a tribe because of the way he mistreated the Egyptian people during the famine. He vanquished them of all their money, possessions, and land, on behalf of Pharaoh, as payment to get them through the famine. This doomed them to a life of servitude to Pharaoh. Some see our enslavement as a punishment in kind for the way Joseph enslaved the Egyptians.

However one reads it, the book of Exodus moves us into our development as a people, a nation, rather than just a family. It's interesting to note that the 9<sup>th</sup> plague, and perhaps the scariest other than death of the firstborns, was darkness. The darkness was so thick and all-pervasive that it could actually be felt by touch. While we perhaps haven't physically felt the darkness we've been living through for almost 2 years, we have certainly felt the strain and effects that have plagued us. Here's hoping that the new year brings light to our health, our spirits, and everything else in our lives as well!!

## What's Happening in January

### **SHABBAT SERVICES**

Friday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M – led by Cookie Brenner and Sheila Komito

Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.- led by Rabbi Gordy

Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. - led by Rabbi Gordy

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 P.M.- led by Mike Sachwald

Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.- led by Mike Sachwald

Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. - led by Shelley Foels

The next opportunities to lead Friday evening services are February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to lead a service, but have difficulty standing for extended periods, we will be making accommodations for the leader to sit while conducting the service. If you would like to lead a service (by yourself or as part of a duo or trio), please contact [President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org](mailto:President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org). You can volunteer to lead the English readings, the Hebrew readings and chants, and/or do the sermon.

### **Activities**

January dates for Temple Shalom's game group are Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. We have been playing Rummikub, but feel free to suggest other games. If you have a game, please bring it with you. Beginners are welcome. Come join us for an afternoon of friendly competition!

Temple Shalom Sisterhood book club has been scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. We are reading Last Summer at the Golden Hotel by Elyssa Friedland.

The next Sisterhood general meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. The program is "Losing a Loved One, Practical Advice."

### **TEMPLE SHALOM ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!**

Join Rabbi Gordy as he leads a class on "JEWISH UNITY, FACT OR MYTH: ARE WE ONE?"

This class will meet on Zoom for three consecutive **Tuesday mornings, Jan. 18, 25, and Feb. 1 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** In keeping with the responses to the survey for adult learning topics, the classes will follow this format:

1/18 – From Abraham to settlement of the Promised Land

1/25 – From the Kings and Priests to the Diaspora

2/01 – American Jewish movements, and the current worldwide Jewish community

If you are not a member, in order to get the link, you must register for the class. Please email at [president@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org](mailto:president@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org). Rabbi Gordy has donated copies of Coping with Adversity: Judaism's Response to Illness and Other Life Struggles, a book that he co-authored with Joel Roffman. The cost of the book is \$15 with all proceeds going to Temple Shalom. Please contact [President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org](mailto:President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org) if you would like to purchase a copy.

Temple Shalom's Board of Directors will meet on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. An agenda will be emailed the first week in January. ***If there is a subject or concern that you would like to be introduced or discussed at that meeting, please contact***

[President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org](mailto:President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org). ***Also, there will be time at the end of the meeting for Congregant Speak Out.***

Planning committees are organizing for Purim, Passover, a craft fair, and High Holiday services and a Sukkah. If you are interested in joining one of the planning committees or thoughts for a new activity or event, please contact [President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org](mailto:President@TempleShalomMyrtleBeach.org).

## **ONEG NEWS**

**ALL of January except the 7th is still available. All of February except the 11th is still open. March 11th and 18th are taken. So you can see, there are plenty of dates to choose from in 2022.**

At present, all you need to do is bring a challah, cut into small chunks.

Pour wine and a cup or two of grape juice which is provided by the temple. Masks and gloves are still required while serving.

If you would like, you can light the candles at the start of the service. If you're not comfortable with this, ask Mike or Hope to guide you on how it's done—or you can ask someone else to do it. No problem either way!

If you choose a date that is for a special reason, let me know.

Future board meeting decisions may alter the way we do Onegs and I'll keep you updated as we continue to work our way out of this pandemic.

Stay well,

**Flo Pflaster**

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# Lighting the Menorah at Valor Park



# Hanukkah Happening



## Donations

### General Fund In loving memory of

In Memory of :

Rita Radner	Mother of Felice Breidner	Felice Breidner
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Richard Greenfield	Brother of Elaine Hough	Elaine Hough
Selma Simon	Mother-in-law of Felice Breidner	Felice Breidner

### Chai Club

Felice Breidner	Diahann Saddler	Sheila Honer
Stephen Post	David & Flo Pflaster	Bobbie Guseman
Linda & Bob Post		

### General Donation

Thank you to Honey Chiocco for HH invitation, Jack Hoppenstein,  
Gerry Silverman and Wally Nelson

### Birthdays

Joan Paxton	January 5
Lawrence Stoll	January 5
Laurie Ward	January 7
Linda Post	January 20
Flo Pflaster	January 23

## Yahrzeits January

Lillian Wine Fogel	Aunt	of	Beth	Crow	1
Michelle Hoyer	Wife	of	John	Hoyer	1
Etta Lukas	Mother	of	Cary	Lukas	2
Marilyn Moore	Friend	of	Janet	Cohen	2
Neal Bramlett	brother-in-law	of	Beth	Crow	3
Victoria Samler	Sister	of	Jessica	Forman	4
Ethel A. Firestone	Mother	of	Steve	Firestone	6
Richard Greenfield	Brother	of	Elaine	Hough	6
Jacob Friedman	Father	of	Geraldine	Silverman	11
Lena Warshafsky	grandmother	of	Linda	Post	16
Selma Simon	Mother in law	of	Felice	Breidner	18
Esther Komito Schlager					20
Fred Paul	Husband	of	Marlene	Paul	24
Wolf Bereslawsky	gtgrandfather	of	Beth	Crow	30

## 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 February Bulletin is  
January 23, 2022**

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





# **SISTERHOOD NEWS**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sisterhood Book Club—January 6, 2022, 2:00 PM  
Last Summer at the Golden Hotel by Elyssa Friedland**

**Sisterhood General Meeting - January 9, 2022, 11:00 PM -  
Program - Losing A Loved One: Practical Advice**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **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!**