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**A Reform Congregation**

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RABBI DAVID A. LYON writes, “The Book of Leviticus is not a favorite among biblical readers. If it’s any indication, Hollywood hasn’t recreated any scenes from Leviticus, like it has from Genesis and Exodus. But for all its talk about sacrifices and bodily effects, Leviticus has a lot to tell us if we lift the ancient rituals out of their ancient settings and dust them off for relevant lessons.”

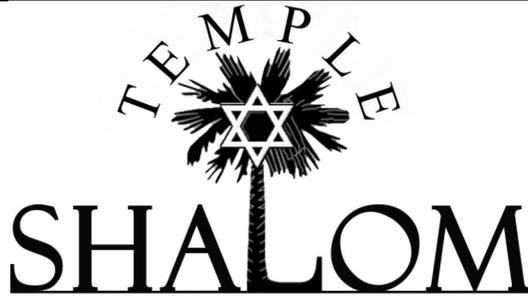
During April, while plodding through the chapters of Leviticus and commentaries on those chapters to write sermons for Shabbat services, I found myself agreeing with Rabbi Lyon.

Hanna Perlberger, an author, attorney, spiritual teacher and coach, addresses the Torah portion, Metzora in an article excerpted from *A Year of Sacred Moments: The Soul Seeker’s Guide to Inspired Living*: “A metzora is a person afflicted with the mystical spotted disease who was sent out of the camp until healed. Often, though not exclusively, the cause of this affliction was because the person had gossiped against others. While being isolated from the rest of the camp can seem like a steep punishment for a wagging tongue, the Torah wants us to understand how gossip and slander can tear apart the fabric of a society. Negative speech originates in the thought process of judging someone negatively, constructing a “reality” around that judgment and then attempting to rope others into endorsing the construct, and so on. Gossip is a virulent social virus, and so the cure has to be targeted to fight the disease at its deepest level.”

This passage reminds me of a situation that occurred at a middle school when I was still a very young speech/language pathologist. I was only assigned to the school one day a week. As a special educator in those days, you were fairly invisible and other teachers would talk as if you were not there. On this particular day, I pretended that I wasn’t there as gossip flew around the building destroying “the fabric of society” and community in this school. A couple, who were allowed to work at the same school, were involved in divorce proceedings after he had an affair with another teacher at school. The other teachers took sides **and the gossip and animosity grew**. On that day while they not only gossiped about the love triangle, but also about each other’s work and responsibilities at school, they didn’t realize that they could hear each other through the vents in the break rooms. For the rest of the day the principal was bombarded with complaints, both from his staff and from the folks at the district office, who knew people at the school. **And the gossip exploded!** When I returned to the school the next week, all three of the teachers in the love triangle had been exiled to other schools. With more than half of the school year gone, this was a major disruption for the students. The remaining staff lost planning time to participate in mandatory team building exercises.

Hannah Perlberger writes, “Each component of a complicated ritual that takes place over days was intended to take the metzora through the process of feeling the pain of disconnection, and then rebuilding mind, body and soul in order to reconnect. It’s not punishment, but rather rehabilitation—true rehabilitation as it is meant to be.”

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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.

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By the beginning of the next year, the school had mostly different staff and a different principal. I don't think many of the people in my story reconnected with each other. I also don't know if they learned a lesson and were rehabilitated, but I definitely learned a lesson. Over the next 40+ years, I never said anything in a school (or in an email) that I didn't want the entire community to hear. If you are on the Board or have attended a Board meeting, it is also why I begin every meeting with "remember to use active listening and be kind."

Here is Perlberger's advice for not becoming a metzora:

"Don't turn complaints into criticism. Criticism is a global personal attack, whereas a complaint is about a specific behavior. "I'm upset that you came home late without letting me know because now our dinner is cold" is a complaint. "I can't believe how inconsiderate and selfish you are not to call me" is a criticism. If you've been critical, apologize and separate the criticism out of the complaint, and stick to the facts."

"Don't be so attached to your position that there is no space for another point of view. If you are fighting to be "right," someone else has to be "wrong," and when this happens in your relationship, it's the relationship that loses. There is no true victory when you fight with your partner about who is right. Most arguments are not between right and wrong anyway, but between a 'right' and another 'right'."

"Change your perception, change your story, change your life: We are all meaning-makers par excellence, but what we don't realize is that we have a lot of choice about it. We make up stories in our head, but then we have to live in the stories we create, and often those stories, which we confuse with "the facts," get in the way of a relationship. When you are upset with someone's behavior, ask yourself if there is any other possible explanation or motive other than the negative one you have attributed to that person."

"Appreciate the good: We always find what we're looking for. Make it a practice to focus on what is working, what a person is doing right, and what there is to be grateful for. You can repair arguments when you realize that your focus was narrow, and that you excluded the reality of the bigger picture."

"Understand that words create reality: We think we have the right to say whatever we want as long as it's "true." Before shooting that zinger, ask yourself, "Is it necessary? Is it kind? What result am I hoping to accomplish by saying it?" Being kind is more important than being right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens. So if you have something that should not have been said, apologize. Own it. Admit that you were wrong. After all, love does mean having to say you're sorry."

Hope Sachwald,  
Temple Shalom President

## ONEG NEWS

Thanks to those who have provided Onegs since our restart on April 1. We have all enjoyed the pleasure of snacking and chatting and socializing again! June 3 and every date starting June 17 till the end of 2022 is available. Please step up and volunteer. And check the updated information in the April newsletter for the procedure. Any questions please contact me.

Thanks!

Flo



## What's Happening at Temple Shalom – May 2022

### SHABBAT SERVICES

The next opportunities to lead Friday evening services with Mike Sachwald or Cookie Brenner are May 6, 13, 20, and 29th. You can lead the English and/or do the sermon. If you are unable to stand to do the service, accommodations will be made. Please contact

[President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org](mailto:President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org). to volunteer.

The next scheduled Saturday services will be led by Shelley Foels on May 7th and 21st. The Torah service will include a summary of the Torah portion read in English by those who choose to read a portion.

### Activities

Temple Shalom's **Board of Directors meeting** is on **Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 A.M.** ***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.***

**Onegs** resumed on April 1, 2022. Thanks to Lily Ann Revitch and Beth Crow for starting us off again. For the coffee drinkers, we have a new Keurig coffee maker with a pot for decaf and coffee pods for high test. Please contact Flo Pflaster if you would like to sponsor an Oneg.

**Update:** The **Crisis Preparedness Committee** has been working to prepare for completing the paperwork to obtain grant money to pay for future needs to be used to protect the Temple in case of an incident of terrorism. Cookie and Honey are collecting information on what we will need to do to register for the grant (System for Award Management, SAM, number) and to complete the paperwork (mission statement, specific items that we want, bids). Gabe has procured bids for the replacement of the kitchen door, panic buttons, and additional video cameras. He is working on bids for the kitchen window, the back door, the gate to the back lot, and security for events. Mike is researching mission statements that we can use as a model. Hope is checking out self-defense programs. If you can add to our list of needs, specific to preventing a possible terrorism event; or if you can help with any of the tasks, please contact Cookie Brenner. On Sunday, April 10, Cpl. Tomlin, Horry County Police Department, presented an Active Shooter workshop. Thank you to all of the Temple members who attended this safety presentation, in-person or on Zoom. Cpl. Tomlin will continue to work with the committee and the Board to assist with the grant (needs assessment) and on other suggestions for our safety.

Thanks to Laurie Ward and Linda Disselkamp for chairing our **Passover Seder**. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to set up or clean-up for the Seder. Thank you to Cookie Brenner for arranging for security for the Seder.

Thanks to Cookie Brenner for putting together our **Yom HaShoah** gathering for Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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### Updates from Rabbi David:

Rabbi David has offered to officiate at any life cycle events at no charge on behalf of temple members beginning in May. In anticipation of his arrival, he has been working to assist with the service for the new Torah and on developing a new book for the High Holidays. Rabbi David will give an **adult education class on May 25 at 11:00 A.M.** The topic, having achieved the most votes, is “Life After Death - Fact or Fiction.”

The **Programs & Events committee** was formed on Monday, March 14. At present, Hope Sachwald is the chair with the following Board members on the committee: Flo Pflaster, Cookie Brenner, Felice Breidner, and Gerry Silverman. Some ideas floating around, in addition to holiday celebrations, are: trivia night, movie night, art lessons, senior self-defense program, dance lessons, craft fair, garage sale, dine & schmooze... If you would like to join the Committee or co-chair, contact Hope Sachwald.

**Sefer Torah:** Our Sefer Torah has arrived. Thank you to Greg Foels for repairing the wood on the right, bottom atzei chayim (wooden shafts attached to either end of the *Torah* scroll, around which it is rolled). He is also building or modifying the ark and modifying the Bema for this larger, heavier Torah. The celebration will be scheduled for some time after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**Donation for Ukrainian Jews:** Temple Shalom's Board of Directors voted to make a donation to a group that is helping support Jews in the Ukraine. After reviewing several of the reputable organizations, the Board chose the World Union of Progressive Judaism (WUJP) and sent them a \$100 donation.

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

## Donations

### General Fund

Bev & Gary Tarbis Yom HaShoah Donation— **Laurie Ward**

#### In loving memory of

Harry Schechter	Father of Elaine Luscombe	Elaine Luscombe
Bessie Greenfield	Mother of Elaine Hough,	Elaine Hough
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Joan Lukas	Sister of Cary Lukas	Cary Lukas
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Anna Heller	Great aunt of Sheila Komito	Sheila Komito
Larry Komito	Son of Sheila Komito	Sheila Komito
Janet Breitstein Backer,	Mother of Joan Paxton	Joan & Walt Paxton
Henry Crow	Father-in-law of Beth Crow	Beth Crow

#### Chai Club

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

#### Birthdays

Jessica Forman	May 6
Cookie Brenner	May 8
Marcia Jacobs	May 18
Hope Sachwald	May 19
Gabe Brenner	May 28

#### Anniversaries

Max and Laura Mayer	May 8
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## Yahrzeits May

Joan Krowitz	Mother	of	Debbie	Levy	2
Chava Revitch	Mother	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	2
Benjamin Schlanger					3
Harry Warshafsky	Grandfather	of	Linda	Post	3
	Grand-				
Dena Finkelstein	mother	of	Honey	Chiocco	4
Ruth Post	Mother	of	Robert	Post	4
William Mayer	Father	of	Max	Mayer	6
Saide Fairbloom	Mother	of	Lilly Ann	Revitch	6
Eleanor Bierman	Mother	of	Irving	Bierman	6
Larry Komito	Son	of	Sheila	Komito	7
Janet Breitstein Backer	Mother	of	Joan	Paxton	7
Norman Cohen					8
Joseph Briedner	Father	of	Samuel	Briedner	15
Yehoshuah Ben Baruch Revitch	Grandfather	of	Ze'ev	Revitch	15
David Wine	Grandfather	of	Beth	Crow	20
Anna Heller	Great Aunt	of	Sheila	Komito	21
George Hough	Father	of	Jay	Hough	22
Phyllis Feiden	Mother	of	Miriam	Feiden	23
Dorothy Waring	Mother	of	linda	Post	25
Bobby Gene Shore	Husband	of	Honey	Chiocco	28
Mark Simon	Step-Father	of	Samuel	Briedner	29
Sylvia Friedman	Mother	of	Geraldine	Silverman	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 June Bulletin is  
May 23, 2022**

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

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## 30 NISAN - 1 SIVAN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  30 NISAN	2  1 LYAR	3 2:00 pm Sisterhood book club  2 LYAR	4  3 LYAR	5  4 LYAR	6  Service: 7:30PM Led by Cookie Brenner Oneg: Flo and Dave Pflaster  5 LYAR	7  Service: 10:30 AM Led by Shelley Foels  6 LYAR
8  7 LYAR	9  8 LYAR	10 10:30 AM Board of Directors meeting  9 LYAR	11  10 LYAR	12  11 LYAR	13  Service: 7:30PM Led by Mike Sachwald Oneg: Felice Breidner  12 LYAR	14  13 LYAR
15 11:00 am Sisterhood meeting and brunch  14 LYAR	16  15 LYAR	17  16 LYAR	18  17 LYAR	19  18 LYAR	20  Service: 7:30PM Led by Mike Sachwald Oneg: Mike & Hope Sachwald Hope's birthday  19 LYAR	21  Service: 10:30 AM Led by Shelley Foels  20 LYAR
22  21 LYAR	23  22 LYAR	24  23 LYAR	25 11:00 A.M. adult education class The topic is "Life After Death - Fact or Fiction."  24 LYAR	26  25 LYAR	27  Service: 7:30PM Led by Cookie Bren- ner Oneg: Cookie & Gabe Brenner Gabe's 80th birth- day  26 LYAR	28  27 LYAR
29  28 LYAR	30  29 LYAR	31  1 SIVAN				



## 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](#)

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!**