

# A Letter from the Vice-President—Linda Disselkamp

Since Hope is otherwise occupied by High Holiday preparations, she has asked me to write this month's President's letter to you. One suggestion was to talk about my Jewish journey, and how I came to Temple Shalom. Since I am pretty happy with where I am spiritually at this time, that appealed to me.

I was born to 2 Jewish parents in Flushing, New York. My father was raised in an Orthodox household but my mother was raised in a household that was culturally Jewish but not spiritually. The impetus for my father's upbringing was his immigrant Orthodox grandfather, who died 3 months before I was born, so my parents were not inclined to raise their 3 children in a strict Jewish household.

When I was 4, we moved to New Jersey, farther from the influence of my grandparents, but for some unknown reason, when I entered the second grade, I was enrolled in Hebrew school in a lovely Reform Jewish temple steeped in Jewish culture. While I went to Hebrew school twice a week, we did not regularly attend services initially, except for the High Holidays. However, the rabbi was not only a political activist but also an outstanding speaker. As I recall, the temple would send out a postcard every week with the topics of his sermons, and my parents began going on Friday nights if the topic interested us. I do not recall whether we went with them, but I think we went sometimes. I remember that my father's mother was appalled, not only that we attended a Reform shul, but that we went to Hebrew school on Saturday mornings.

When I was 11, we moved to Spring Valley, N.Y., which was a much more Jewish community than we were accustomed to. When we lived in New Jersey, I was the only Jewish child in my class, but in Spring Valley, we had all the Jewish holidays off. We joined another temple, Temple Beth EI, which was much more traditional than the one in N.J. When I began to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah, I needed extra tutoring in Hebrew because the N.J. temple concentrated on conversational Hebrew, and I had not learned the prayers necessary for my Bat Mitzvah. Mind you, girls were still second-class citizens in 1968; girls had their Bat Mitzvahs on Friday nights, and we were not allowed to read from the Torah, but only had a Haftorah portion to read at their services. I continued my Jewish education after my Bat Mitzvah because I wanted to, and was confirmed as well. My sister, who was 11 months younger than me, did not have a Bat Mitzvah and her

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Jewish education ended. My brother, who is 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  years younger, was required to have a Bar Mitzvah, but that was all.

In 1972, I left home to go to college. I had many Jewish friends, so I went to services for the High Holidays but never for Shabbat. I do recall that I hated Billy Joel for a long time because someone in my dorm played his album over and over while I was trying to sleep off my Yom Kippur fasting headache.

I graduated from college and moved back to the New York City area. I continued to go temple for holidays and to celebrate Chanukkah and Passover seders. My mother told me that the reason I hurt my back was because I went to work on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Then in 1978, I moved to the Washington, D.C. area to go to law school. Since I had Jewish friends, I continued to observe the holidays, but nothing else.

In 1984, I met Hank and in 1985, we got married. Since he was raised in a strict Catholic family, we were married by a priest and a rabbi, which was not an easy thing to do at that time. We had agreed to raise our children Jewish, so when we were blessed in 1988 with twin boys, we had them circumcised but not named in a temple because we did not belong to a temple. Finally, when they entered the first grade, we joined Temple Rodef Shalom so they could begin their religious education. When Hank and I left Virginia to move to Myrtle Beach in 2018, Temple Rodef Shalom served 1400 households; today almost 1800 households belong there. As you can imagine, it is easy to get lost in a congregation of that size, and we did. However, when the boys started their religious schooling, they were required to go to a certain number of services, which was when I began going to Friday night Shabbat services. I loved it, although we didn't attend as often as I would have liked. Then in 1997, G-d blessed us with a daughter, and things began to change for me. Unlike her brothers, Sarah liked going to temple and for the first time, I had someone to go with me, so I started going more often. The boys were Bar Mitzvahed in 2001, which was the end of their religious involvement, until they graduated from high school and were offered jobs as counselors at the temple's day camp. Since they were going, Sarah was able to go as a camper, which deepened her temple social life, and I began making more friends there, too. I thought when I retired in 2012 that I would have an opportunity to get more involved there, but I was wrong; the temple was controlled by cliques and it was impossible for me to break into them.

As I said, we moved here in 2018, and since Passover was approaching, I began looking for a Reform Jewish temple. I found everything I was looking for in Temple Shalom! For the first time in my life, I was going to Shabbat services, and I enjoyed it. We also liked staying for the onegs, and we got to know people. When Lily Ann asked me to join the Board of Directors,

I was thrilled, as it gave me the opportunity to have a say in my spiritual experience. A few years later, I was asked to fill the term of the Vice President, who had left the temple; and this past June, I ran for my own 2 year term. Although being on the Executive Committee has its stresses,

it also gives me great joy, and I urge anyone who is not currently participating to get involved,

and help make Temple Shalom be the type of religious home you would want it to be. Give as much

or as little time as you are willing to commit, but get involved! You won't regret it, I promise.



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David Weissman Rabbi

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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.



On Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Temple Shalom held a welcoming service for the Torah which had been given to it as a gift from a congregation in Illinois which had gone

out of business. The only condition imposed on Temple Shalom by that temple's president was that the Torah be used and not just serve as an ornament in the ark. Thirty-one people attended the dedication service and those who attended found the service to be a spirituallyuplifting, inspiring event.

On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, the second Saturday that Shabbat services were held after the Torah dedication service, we did not have a minyan ; so the Torah was not read as part of the service.

Less than a month after the Torah dedication service, Temple Shalom reneged on its commitment to read from the Torah and not just use it as an ornament in the ark. We were one person shy of a minyan on that date. So if you weren't at services that Saturday morning and HAD come to services, you would have provided the congregation with a minyan. You would have performed a great mitzvah. I know it might be said that Temple Shalom is a small congregation which can't be expected to have large attendance at its services. That's a copout – an attempt to avoid responsibility. It's because Temple Shalom is small that members have to make an extra effort to attend services, if not in person, then at least on Zoom.

Yes, most of the time we do have a minyan at services, but most of the time, at both Friday evening and Saturday morning services the number of attendees, including on Zoom, is rarely above the low to middle teens and that includes guests who are not Temple Shalom members.

What's the point of having a beautiful ark, podiums and Torah reading table if so few people attend services? A lot of time and effort is spent on improving building security to protect us from a terror attack. But most of us don't need protection from a terror attack because we're rarely in the building to attend services.

And if you're homebound and it's difficult to physically attend services, you can attend services via Zoom. Yet, very few people attend the Zoom services. How many of us don't even attend a Zoom service to say Kaddish in observance of a Yahrzeit for a departed loved one?

There is a lot of home building going on in the Grand Strand. Horry County's population is growing in leaps and bounds. According to U.S. News and World Report, Myrtle Beach is the fastest growing city in the United States.

This area doesn't have a large Jewish population, but a lot of retirees are moving into the area; and some of those moving to the Grand Strand are Jewish. Temple Shalom's membership should be growing. But it's not.

The Reform movement is now the dominant Jewish denomination in the United States. More Jews self-identify as Reform than either Conservative or Orthodox. Yet, in the Grand Strand, both the Orthodox and Conservative synagogues have memberships much larger than we have at Temple Shalom.

When someone moves into the area who wants to make a Jewish connection, that person will attend a Friday evening or Saturday morning service at a local synagogue. And if they visit Temple Shalom and there are very few congregants present at the service, they won't come back. How many visitors have shown up for a Shabbat service and never return? Small attendance is a turn off. Large attendance projects the image of a vibrant congregation and is an incentive to join.

There were 31 people present at the Torah dedication service in August and 23 people present at the Selichot service last week. There's a vibrancy and electricity

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in the air when there are 31 or 23 people present at services that's missing when only 12 or 13 people show up for a Friday evening or Saturday morning service. And visitors – potential members – notice the small number attending when they come to a Shabbat service. So if you are a Temple Shalom member and want to help the temple grow, attend Friday evening and/or Saturday morning services on a regular basis.

The High Holiday period is a time when the Jewish tradition expects us to examine how we live our lives and reflect on how we can do better during the coming year.

And so one area where many of us can do better during the coming year is by attending Shabbat services – either on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings – or both – on a regular basis. And if you can't attend physically, then attend via Zoom.

Numerous studies have shown that people who attend religious services on a regular basis are healthier, both physically and mentally, than people who rarely attend.

The members of this temple are very nice people. I love and respect every member of this temple. But we need you at services. The greatest obstacle to the preservation of Judaism in this country isn't anti-Semitism from without, but indifference from within. Show up for services. It's a mitzvah.

# Rabbi David Weissman

# Public service announcement from Jessica Forman

We are a community group, somewhat like a large 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 anyone in the congregation who has a celebration or could use a helping hand, please e-mail me at jessicafforman@gmail.com.

- **ONEG** Although all dates in October have been taken, there 's still plenty of opportunities to provide an Oneg!
- **NEWS** We'd love to see more of you at services and on Friday evenings, enjoying chatting with your Temple family and snacking on the Oneg goodies.

We still have availability for all of November except the 18th, and all of December.

All of 2023 is available except for January 20.

Please contact me and let me know your choice of date. If it's for a special occasion let me know that so it can be mentioned in the newsletter and at services. Any questions on how to provide an Oneg, let me know.



Shabbat services Mike Sachwald no service
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Erev Yom Kippur service including Kol Nidre
Morning Yom Kippur service
Afternoon Yom Kippur & Yizkor service
Break the Fast at Temple
Shabbat services Mike Sachwald
Shabbat services Rabbi David & Mary Weissman
Sukkot services followed by salad bar lunch in the Suk-
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Shabbat services Rabbi David & Mary Weissman
Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah & Yizkor service. Fol-
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# What's Happening at Temple Shalom October 2022

If you would like to participate in the mitzvah of leading a Friday evening service with Mike or Cookie contact President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org to volunteer. You can lead the English and/or do the sermon. If you are unable to stand to do the service, accommodations will be made.

# Activities.

**Sukkot**: Once again, we will be offering members the use of the Sukkah for meals with family and friends during the week of October 9-16. Reservations must be made in advance (see flyer). Food, drinks, clean-up, and trash are the responsibility of the attendees.

# Thank You Notes

Thank you to Rabbi David for an inspiring S'lichot service and to Lily Ann Revitch, Temple Shalom's founder, for sponsoring the dinner for the event.

Thank you to Irene Klein and Lily Ann Revitch for chairing another successful Mah Jongg marathon.

Thank you to Cookie Brenner for finding and working with the plumber so that we could have inperson services for Rosh Hashanah.

Thank you to Carol Gold for donating greeting cards for Chanukah and Passover.

Thank you to Michelle Foels for printing the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Also, for putting together the new Member Directory.

Thank you to Sheila Honer and Michelle Foels for our Book of Remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to participate in Rosh Hashanah services.

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# What's Happening at Temple Shalom October 2022 (cont'd)

# **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. Contact President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org to volunteer.

# **Donations and Membership**

Recently, we have received a number of phone calls from unaffiliated Jews looking for the counsel of a Rabbi or a place to say Kaddish. In order to continue as the only Reform Jewish congregation in the Myrtle Beach area, Temple Shalom needs your support through donations and membership. If you are interested in membership information and payments, please contact Hope Sachwald at President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org. Membership dues are reasonable and we encourage everyone to join with our congregation and support Temple Shalom. There are 3 ways for Temple Shalom to receive our donations: mail a check marked High Holiday donation to Temple Shalom, 4023 Belle Terre Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579; put a check or cash in the donation boxes at the doors; and/or make a gift via PayPal (please send it to templeshalomtreasurer@gmail.com).

# Information for members of the congregation who have not yet planned for the inevitable.

When my husband Ze'ev passed away, I was very grateful that Temple Shalom had the foresight to help us plan ahead. We were not the only ones, many of our congregation also did likewise. When we established our reform Temple in Myrtle Beach, Temple Shalom, we also knew that many members would probably be buried in Myrtle Beach. It was our desire to have a section of a cemetery designated for our Temple's congregants.

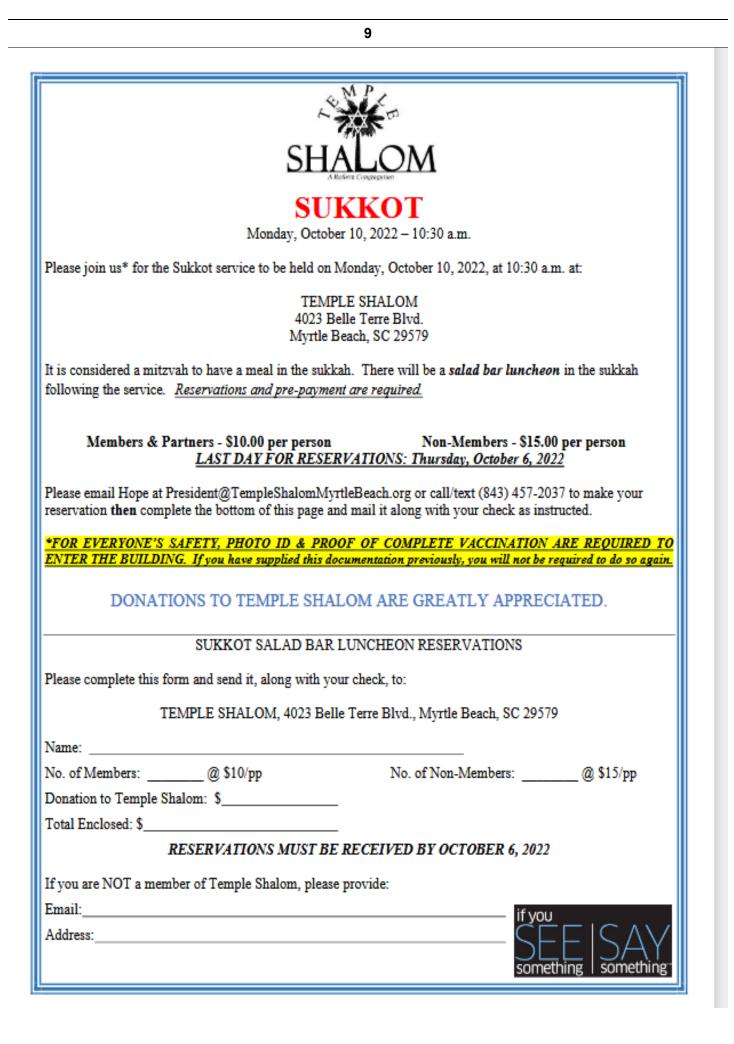
Temple Shalom holds the deed for thirty-two plots at SOUTHERN PALMS MEMORIAL GARDENS, next to Barefoot Landing on Bypass 17 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. We still have a few spaces left. If you would like more information about purchasing burial plots connected to Temple Shalom, please contact me at 843-236-2574. Payment schedules can be arranged.

Be good to your loved ones and to yourself! This might be the most important decision that you make for your family. We plan for all kinds of things; as we age, we must plan ahead for ourselves.

Burial chairperson for Temple Shalom

Lily Ann Revitch

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# SHMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH AND YIZKOR SERVICE

Monday, October 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Please join us\* for the Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah service to be held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at:

TEMPLE SHALOM 4023 Belle Terre Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

A Kiddush will follow the service.

\*FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PHOTO ID & PROOF OF COMPLETE VACCINATION ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING. If you have supplied this documentation previously, you will not be required to do so again.

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# Donations

**General Fund** 

Prayer Book Donation Lily Ann Revitch

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Flo & David Pflaster	Janet Cohen	Stephen Post
Linda & Bob Post	Felice Breidne	ər

### Birthdays

Bard Goldstein		October 13
Helene Stoll		October 25
Mary Weissman		October 29
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### Anniversaries

Lynn & Lou Sostrin	October	7
Cary & Barbara Lucas	October	12

# **Yahrzeits October**

	Wayne Silbert	Father	of	Patricia	Goldstein	1
	Emanuel Stern	Father	of	Helene	Stoll	7
	Thomas A. Marks	Son	of	Stanley	Marks	9
	Alfred Glickman	Father	of	Marianne	Chiocco	10
	Ellen Elias	Aunt	of	Linda	Disselkamp	10
	Eva Lindenberg	Mother	of	Marlene	Paul	13
n	Murray Pulwar	Father	of	Ellen	Brenner	13
	Katie Gordon	Grandmother	of	Sheila	Komito	13
	Bernard L Fredman	Father	of	Barbara	Guseman	14
	Arthur Rich	Father	of	Flo	Pflaster	16
I	Zola Sachwald	Mother	of	Michael	Sachwald	16
V	Phillip Silverman	Husband	of	Geraldine	Silverman	18
ו	Helen Berkson	Mother	of	Laurie	Ward	22
ו	Stanley Atkins	Husband	of	Roberta	Atkins	27
	Edward Berkson	Father	of	Laurie	Ward	27
er	Sam Breidner	Husband	of	Felice	Breidner	28
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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 November Bulletin is**

# October 23, 2022

Submission is via e-mail to :

djp3747@atmc.net

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# DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS TO TEMPLE SHALOM

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION is a great way to make an annual donation to Temple Shalom.
- 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.
- YAHRZEIT is a wonderful way to remember loved ones who have gone before us. Congregation members receive notices prior to Yahrzeit observances.
- IN MEMORY/HONOR OF is a tribute on behalf of someone who is special in your life.
- GENERAL DONATION is a way to support Temple Shalom and is a mitzvah (good deed). Donations are greatly appreciated.

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TREE OF LIFE PLAQUE (LEAF) - Select one: Small - \$50.00 Large - \$75.00 Inscription:
HIGH HOLY DAY DONATION – Amount of your choice.
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