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 A Reform Congregation



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In January, we read the Torah portion Vayechi (Genesis 47:28-50:26). In this reading Jacob insists that his son, Joseph, bury him in Hebron with Abraham and Isaac and not in Egypt. Although Joseph agrees, Jacob makes him swear that he will do it.

In his parsha entitled, “Excuses, Excuses,” Rabbi Boruch Leff questions: Why doesn't Jacob seem to trust Joseph with burying him in Ma'arat HaMachpaila -- the Cave of the Patriarchs...Why wasn't Joseph's word enough? Besides being Jacob's trusted son, Joseph was a supremely righteous individual. Would he violate his father's command? Why would Jacob feel the need to make Joseph swear?”

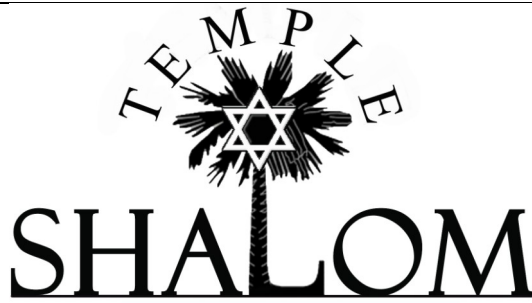
Rabbi Leff continues by responding to his rhetorical question: “The explanation is that Jacob was afraid of excuses, even valid ones...Jacob feared that excuses or rationalizations would prevent his wishes from being performed. Jacob desperately desired to be buried with his fathers in Hebron and used all avenues available to make it happen. He had to be buried in Hebron. Nothing could prevent it. 'No, it won't work' was not part of his vocabulary.”

In another commentary on this parsha, Adam Lieberman writes: “We've all had the experience after being told that something will get done, that for one reason or another, it never happens. The person might have had all of the best intentions to do it himself, but quite often he asks others to assist him, or he delegates it to someone else entirely, and then someone drops the ball and it never gets done at all, or gets done poorly... Many people don't take personal responsibility because it's so much easier just to pass the buck.”

My experience at Temple Shalom has been, if someone says that they will get something done, it gets done. As sacred partners, as a group who calls themselves family, we follow through on our commitments. If for some reason one of us hasn't been able to complete a task or needs help others have stepped in to help. Taking responsibility for a Temple task is not easy, but it is gratifying.

As a small congregation, there are not as many of us to do the work that needs to be done as there would be in a larger congregation. At our last board meeting, many board members agreed to take leadership roles in upcoming events. They will need help bringing these events to completion. If you are asked to lead or assist with an activity or a service, please think about how you could help and say, “Yes!”

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.



Many years ago, when I was a U.S. Army recruit, I was given some advice. I was told “never volunteer.”

This advice is not confined to the military. Many of us who never wore the uniform have made “never volunteer” the golden rule of our lives. In fact, this all-too-human trait motivated someone to write the

following ditty:

*There's a clever person named Somebody Else,
There's nothing this person can't do.*

*He's/she's busy from morning until night just substituting for you.
You're asked to do this or asked to do that.*

And what is your reply?

“Please get somebody else. He'll/she'll do it much better than I.”

Things get accomplished by those who ask, “Why not me?” What would life be like without volunteers? Who would call the sick, comfort the bereaved, feed the hungry, cheer the distressed, protest injustice and advance worthy causes?

What would life be like without people who volunteer their time? All hospitals would have to curtail activities. There would be no homeowner associations. All non-profit organizations which serve the community would have to shut down.

Without volunteers, there would be no Temple Shalom. Officers and members of the Temple Board are all volunteers. Committee chairpersons are all volunteers. Volunteers are needed to ensure that we have a minyan for religious services throughout the year. We can't always be takers; we also have to give. **TEMPLE SHALOM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.**

People who volunteer their time should serve as role models for all of us. For unless we live in some measure for others, we hardly live at all. It was the great sage Hillel who said, “*If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, then what am I?*”

Rabbi David Weissman

What's Happening at Temple Shalom February 2023

Services

Friday 02/03/23	Shabbat services led by Michelle Foels & Cookie Brenner
Saturday 02/04/23	Shabbat Services led by Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday 02/10/23	Shabbat services led by Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday 02/17/23	Shabbat services led by Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday 02/24/2023	Shabbat services led by Mike Sachwald
Saturday 02/25/2023	Shabbat services led by Rabbi David and Mary Weissman

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

SAVE THE DATES

On Thursday, Feb 2nd at 6pm, join SCN for the Stamp Out Hate 2023 Kickoff Coalition Call. From Brandon Fish, Director of Community Relations, Charleston Jewish Federation, "It is long past time that our state took action to protect South Carolinians targeted by hate. We expect several legislators to be on this call to share status updates, along with leaders from various faith traditions and advocacy organizations from across the state of South Carolina. This session has begun with several hate crimes bills already filed in the SC House and Senate, and on this call we will talk about strategy for getting them passed, share messaging, and tools to rally our communities. Please register for the meeting at bit.ly/sohcall.

Have you ever wanted to make a necklace, bracelet or earrings? If the answer is yes, please join Temple Shalom's President and Vice-President for a Makers session on Tuesday, February 7 at 1:00. There is a \$10 materials fee. Contact Hope at president@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org to RSVP. Space is limited to the first 10 people to respond.

On Friday, February 10 at 6 P.M., join us for a Jewish Deli Shabbat supper. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. RSVP to president@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org. (See the flyer in this newsletter).

Temple Shalom's next Mah Jongg tournament is Thursday, February 16. Contact Irene Klein (jiks@aol.com) or Lily Ann Revitch (larevitch33@gmail.com) for more information. To register, see the Flyer in this newsletter (www.Templeshalommyrtlebeach.org).

A group outing is being planned for Sunday, July 2 at 3 P.M. We are going back in time to see the sixties rock musical HAIR at Theater of the Republic. Please contact Flo Pflaster at dfp324@atmc.net to make your reservations. Tickets are \$27 (if we have a group of 15 or more). For more information see the flyer in this bulletin for details.

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 anyone 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 everyone who joined together at the Temple to attend Elaine Hough's funeral service virtually. It was comforting to have our Temple family gathered together.

Thank you to Jason Roebuck, Secure Community Network, for providing an excellent situational awareness training. Thanks to Cookie and Gabe Brenner for setting everything up. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Thank you to Sheila and Phil Honer for organizing our first Dine and Schmooz in a very long time. We had a great time and are looking forward to more in the near future.

Thank you to Gabe Brenner for taking care of our building's needs.

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research is a research institute, an institution of higher learning, an adult education organization, a cultural organization, and a world-renowned library and archive. Their mission is to preserve, study, share, and perpetuate knowledge of the history and culture of East European Jewry worldwide. YIVO offers adult education, Yiddish language programs, lectures, conferences, art exhibitions and concerts, some free and some for a fee. <https://www.yivo.org>

Sample learning opportunities:

Sunday Feb 5, 2023 2:00pm YIVO YIDDISH CLUB: THEATER AND STORYTELLING WITH ELEANOR REISSA, a Tony-nominated director; Broadway, film, and television actress; a prize-winning playwright, and an international singing artist. Former artistic director of the Folksbiene Yiddish Theater, a storyteller in English and Yiddish, she has sung in every major musical venue in New York and in festivals around the world. Her book, *The Letters Project: A Daughter's Journey* was recently published by Post Hill Press.

Thursday Feb 16, 2023 at 7:00pm IRENA KLEPFISZ: HER BIRTH AND LATER YEARS: NEW AND COLLECTED POEMS, 1971-2021 (Book Talk).

URJ (<https://reformjudaism.org/>) – choose the calendar tab

Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 ET "The Jewish Glass is Half Full," contends Morton Weinfeld, Professor of Sociology at McGill University. Professor Weinfeld is the author of the recently updated *Like Everyone Else But Different: The Paradoxical Success of Canadian Jews*, a book that historian Harold Troper has called "undoubtedly, the most important study of Canadian Jewish life in a generation." As Professor Weinfeld will demonstrate, Canadian Jews have overcome the potential risks of assimilation and diversity amid new challenges in the Jewish community. These include the rising rates of intermarriage, how Jews are creating equal space for women and LGBTQ+, and the tensions between non-orthodox and orthodox Jews and the newer progressive religious options. Professor Weinfeld will examine recent forms of real and perceived antisemitism often related to Zionism. Drawing on his personal experience and scholarship, he will provide a provocative account of Jewish life and multiculturalism in contemporary Canada.

Tuesday, February 7 at 8 p.m. Join URJ for a Movement-wide town hall where you will help shape the focus and direction of the Reform Movement's 2023 Social Justice Campaign. You will hear from fellow leaders who have researched potential issues and get a chance to share what would motivate you and others in your community to act.

Augusta Jewish Film Festival Viewer Links for individual films, \$10 each (students \$5) Call 706-228-3636 or email adminassistant@jewishaugusta.org for registration form.

Plan A Available online, Sunday Feb. 5 – Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday Feb.9, 7:00 PM The movie begins with the questions, "What if I told you that your family was murdered, for no reason at all? What would you do?" This is the story of Max, who in 1945 returns to

his hometown in Germany to discover that his family was killed. He is overcome with grief and hate, and wants revenge. He ends up joining the Jewish Avenger group Nakam that plots to avenge “an eye for an eye, 6 million for 6 million.” The film is based on the true story of the Jewish Avengers and also deals with the birth of the State of Israel. Warning: This film is very graphic and violent, but is also a very important film to see. Many moral and ethical questions are raised. “What would you do?” In English.

Xueta Island: A Hidden History Available online, Sunday, Mar. 5– Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2023 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday, Mar. 9, 7:00 PM This documentary tells the engaging story of a small group of “crypto Jews” on the Spanish island of Majorca. In the early 1400s, the Jews of Majorca were subjected to the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition. Many left, others were murdered in the infamous “autos de fe” and some 15 families converted to Catholicism as “conversos” or “Xuetos.” The Xuetos maintained their own community, and the descendants have been shunned for centuries. Now, some of them are recognizing their Jewish roots and learning about their heritage, which is also altering the composition of the small community of transplanted Jews. Beautiful photography. In English and Spanish with subtitles.

America Available online, Sunday, Mar. 12 – Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday, Mar. 16, 7:00 PM Eli, a swim coach, returns to his native Israel after 10 years in America, following the death of his estranged father. He reunites with his childhood best friend Yotam and Yotam’s fiancée Iris, who runs a flower shop. A tragedy occurs. This is a beautiful film about friendships, relationships, hardships, and families. The scenery and photography are beautiful (providing a nice glimpse of life in Israel). In Hebrew (and a little English), with subtitles.

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**ONEG
NEWS**

Thanks to so many of you, we have filled some more dates but there are more available! March 24, and 31, all of April and May. Note that there will be **no service** the evening of May 26 for Shavout. An AM service is being scheduled instead. So choose one or two dates and let me know if it’s for a special reason. Any questions about what to do for the Oneg just contact me and I’ll walk you through the process. It’s a mitzvah to do this and is always appreciated!

Thanks.

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JEWISH DELI SHABBAT DINNER

followed by our regular SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

In the mood for a kosher corned beef and/or pastrami sandwich? Do you miss the old-school deli experience? If so, please join Temple Shalom for a Shabbat dinner celebrating the tradition of the Jewish deli which will be followed by our Friday Shabbat service.



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Reservations and pre-payment are required.



Cost of Dinner Per Person

Adult Members & Partners - \$20.00

Adult Non-Members - \$25.00

LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS: Monday, February 6, 2023

To make your reservation, please email Hope at President@templeshalommyrtlebeach.org or call/text (843) 457-2037 and then complete the form below and mail it in along with your payment.

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. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL FOR ANY REASON, COVID RELATED OR NOT. Temple Shalom is firmly committed to protecting the health and safety of our members and guests.

DONATIONS TO TEMPLE SHALOM ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

JEWISH DELI SHABBAT DINNER RESERVATION

Please send completed form and your payment to: TEMPLE SHALOM, 4023 Belle Terre Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Name(s): _____

No. of Members: _____ at \$20.00 per person

No. of Non-Members: _____ at \$25.00 per person

Donation to Temple Shalom: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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MAH JONGG MARATHON

Thursday, FEBRUARY 16, 2023
At 4023 Belle Terre Blvd.*
(near Forestbrook & Rt. 501, parking behind the building)

Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m. – Games start at 10:00 a.m.

COFFEE, MORNING SNACKS, AND
A FULL **CHINESE BUFFET** LUNCH IS INCLUDED
We will follow CDC guidelines when serving the food.

Prizes will be awarded.

Admission is \$25.00 per person.
Your check is your reservation.

Please mark the envelope “Mah Jongg” and mail your check to:
Temple Shalom, 4023 Belle Terre Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

SPACE IS LIMITED – DEADLINE February 13, 2023

BRING YOUR MAH JONGG SET

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Questions? Call Irene Klein at (516) 244-9307 or Lily Ann at (843) 236-2574



Sadly, we share the news of the passing of former member Art Falk who passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023. Our prayers and love are with Ina and her family at this time of loss.

Temple Shalom Dine & Schmooze resumed after a lengthy pause. On Sunday, January 15th several members gathered at the Plantation Pancake House. The Dine and Schmooze was an early practice whose purpose was to introduce members to each other socially.





HAIR

At Theatre of the Republic

331 Main St.

Conway, SC

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

We are going back in time to see the 1960's rock musical HAIR at Theatre of the Republic.

The price will be \$27.00 per person if we have 15 or more people attend.

If you would like to attend:

- Please contact Flo Pflaster at (910) 368-1070 (call/text) or dfp324@atmc.net.
- Please let Flo know if you would prefer balcony or orchestra seats.
- You must prepay for your ticket(s) and can either mail a check to Flo or give it to her at temple.
- **Payment is due by June 11, 2023.**
- If people want to sit together, please give Flo one check for the total amount of all of those seats and note who wants to sit together.





IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS OR CONCERNING ACTIVITY, please contact local law enforcement and/or the relevant suspicious activity reporting authority.

Another way we've committed to combating antisemitism and hate in the Lowcountry is through the creation of the first **Joint Incident Reporting Tool**, in partnership between our Federation, the ADL Southeast, and Secure Community Network. Now, when you witness an act of hate, you can report it so that all three organizations can collaboratively respond, investigate, and track patterns of similar incidents around the state.

*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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In loving memory of

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 Michelle Foels Flo & David Pflaster
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 Linda & Bob Post Stephen Post

In Memory of Art Falk

Mike & Hope Sachwald

Tree of Life Leaf:

Laurie Ward

Felice Breidner

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

Yahrzeits February

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. Grandmother	of	Michelle	Foels	15
Ann Finkelstein	Brother	of	Harriet	Firestone	16
Ann Pollack	Aunt	of	Lily Ann	Revitch	22
Joseph Weiner	Father	of	Sheila	Honer	23
Jean Levy	Mother in law	of	Debbie	Levy	25
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	Daughter	of	Richard	Reich	28
Louis Sachwald	Father	of	Michael	Sachwald	28

Birthdays

Bob Hatcher February 3
 Bruce Showstack February 10
 Jay Hough February 14
 Alex Ford February 16

Anniversaries

Sheila Komito/Bob Hatcher February 20

From the editor's desk

**Deadline for March Bulletin is
 February 23, 2023**

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



Great News!

The Myrtle Beach Fire department will be providing CPR/AED Classes on Monday, February 13th, at the Sports Center.

You do not have to be playing pickleball to register for this event. It is a free class.

The classes will start at 8:00 am and last an hour. The maximum per class is 20.

They will have hourly classes from 8:00-11:00 am and 1:00-4:00pm. These eight (8) events are posted on our website. We expect these classes to fill up fast since this is something many have been showing an interest in and requesting.

To register, go to our website, <https://www.mbpickleballclub.com/events> and under Events select the time you want to attend and register.



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.

