

Thanksgiving is my favorite secular holiday. Our family has always celebrated together. The people at the table have changed over the years, somehow, I went from youngest to oldest, but it is a place filled with love and acceptance. I am thankful for so many things both past and present.

This year, as I was thinking about Thanksgiving and writing the newsletter, I was also thinking about all of the problems in the world at large as well as in the lives of my friends. A friend (her boss just passed away and her best friend/coworker's husband has an inoperable brain tumor) wrote on her Facebook page: "My heart is heavy in my personal world and with the world at large. So much grief and suffering - it can feel overwhelming and heartbreaking." Her solution to not falling into depression and despair is to "Be the Light."

But what does that mean?

Jane Goodall: "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference. You just have to decide what kind of difference you are going to make." Author Unknown: "Always be kind. If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them. If someone has been knocked down, lift them up. Always remind people of their worth. Be who you needed when you were going through hard times. Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone."

Robin Hobb: "Every small, unselfish action nudges the world into a better path. An accumulation of small acts can change the world."

And what does it look like?

For Israel and the Ukraine, continue to make donations. Keep in touch with family and friends in Israel. Ask what they need.

For antisemitism, keep fighting for a hate crime law in South Carolina. Support the work of SCN and the ADL – keep informed. Answer questions from friends with facts from reputable resources. Engage in random acts of kindness.

For family and friends, be available to listen. Be the reason someone feels welcomed, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported. Send a card or an email that says, "I'm thinking of you today." Do something unexpected for someone. Tell them you love them.

For strangers, smile as you pass by. Say hello. Offer a sincere compliment. Join an organization like neighbor to neighbor (<u>www.n2ncarolinas.org</u>) and make a weekly phone call to someone who needs a connection with another person.

Henry Van Dyke: "Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse." Happy Thanksgiving!

Hope Sachwald



# 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.

Elie Wiesel once said, "What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander." Elie Wiesel also said, "The opposite of love isn't hate. It's indifference." We must not be indifferent to the horrific acts of terrorism, the murder, the beheadings, the rapes, the torturing, the kidnappings and the holding as hostages of innocent people – of babies, of children, of innocent men and women, of the elderly - <u>by the Hamas terrorists</u>. Hamas has no moral compass. No sense of decency. No humanity. These acts are acts of pure evil. Pure evil has to be defeated.

And I'm dismayed and saddened and disappointed that at some college campuses throughout the United States, there are student groups that say that Israel must take sole responsibility for the inhumane acts perpetrated by the Hamas terrorists.

What twisted logic! Blame the victims for the sins of the perpetrators. No amount of grievances can justify the inhumanity of the Hamas terrorists. Hamas' actions are pure evil.

Israel must be supported and Hamas must be destroyed.

So what can we do to support Israel?

Well, calling up over 300,000 civilian reservists places an enormous strain on Israel's economy. And combating Hamas causes an enormous depletion of Israel's military equipment and supplies. So we can help Israel by donating money to any one of the various organizations devoted to helping Israel. And we can also let our representatives in Washington know that the United States should continue to support Israel in its efforts to defend itself against the Hamas terrorists.

Not only does Hamas have no regard for the lives of innocent Israelis, It also has no regard for the lives of its Palestinian brethren living in Gaza. Hamas positions its weaponry and its command posts in heavily populated civilian areas in Gaza, knowing that Israel has to attack these areas in order to defeat Hamas. Israel will try to minimize civilian casualties, but civilian casualties in Gaza are the result of the terrorist tactics of Hamas. When Hamas committed its terrorist acts in Israel, it knew how Israel would respond. But Hamas isn't interested in the welfare of Palestinian Arabs. It's sole goal is the destruction of Israel at whatever cost to the Palestinian Arabs. And with no moral compass, Hamas will use whatever means, no matter how cruel and despicable, to destroy Israel.

Opponents of Israel charge that Israel's actions aimed at defeating Hamas are a violation of international law. Taking civilian hostages is also a violation of international law as is terrorizing and murdering civilians.

I'm reminded of a story told about a gladiator in ancient Rome who is placed in the middle of the arena to fight a lion. The Romans bury the gladiator in the soil all the way up to the gladiator's neck. The only part of the gladiator's body above ground is his head. And the lion is released into the arena to fight the gladiator. When the lion approaches the gladiator's head, the gladiator bites the lion's leg, crippling and disabling the lion. Then spectators in the stands boo the gladiator and shout out, "Fight fair gladiator, fight fair."

Hamas, not Israel, is the villain. And anyone who states otherwise is greatly distorting what's happening. Israel must prevail. Am Yisrael Chai.

Rabbi David Weissman

# What's Happening at Temple Shalom November 2023

**Shabbat Services** 

Friday 11/03/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Saturday 11/04/2023	Shabbat services and Kiddush		
Friday 11/10/2023	Chayei Sarah Shabbat Service led by the		
Friday 11/17/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Saturday 11/18/2023	Shabbat services and Kiddush		
Friday 11/24/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Friday 12/01/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Saturday 12/02/2023	Shabbat services and Kiddush		
Friday 12/08/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Friday 12/15/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Friday 12/22/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		
Saturday 12/23/2023	Shabbat services and Kiddush		
Friday 12/29/2023	Shabbat services and Oneg		

### SAVE THE DATES

It has been Temple Shalom's tradition to bring menorahs from home and light candles as a group before services. On Friday, December 8, bring your menorahs and candles to our 7:30 P.M. Shabbat service. We will be lighting candles for the second night of Chanukah as a group before lighting the Shabbat candles. Zoom members – we will move the camera so you will be able to participate.

There will be a Chanukah Blue Grass concert on December 9 sponsored by Temple Solel of Fort Mill, SC. Temple Shalom will be live streaming the concert at 7:00 P.M. From his website: "A Texas native, Joe Buchanan makes Jewish Americana music. Grounded in the idea that there is always room at the table, Joe's music highlights the values, Torah, and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories steeped in the struggle and triumph of the human spirit, all while praising G-d for the goodness in life... He's toured the United States, leading an original Shabbat service, playing concerts, and giving a workshop called "Choosing to be Chosen" which is all around his conversion to Judaism and the reasons why so many are coming home. Combining elements of country, roots-rock, and folk, Joe's music reaches deep to tell personal stories of struggle and triumph. This is feel-good, toe-tapping, Americana with a Jewish Soul." The cost to Temple Shalom to livefeed is \$100. The cost to attend will be based on the number of reservations and the decision of the group attending as to whether they want to order a catered meal (Chinese, Italian), place individual orders for carry out food; bring a brown bag dinner; or just have snacks. If you are interested in attending, please contact Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com

Our Chanukah Trivia game and nosh party is scheduled for Sunday, December 10 at 2:00. Email templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com to make your reservation and complete the flyer in in the December newsletter to pay for the event.

Temple Shalom's night to light the menorah at Market Common will also be on Sunday, December 10 so that we can light the fourth candle together following the party. If you decide not to attend the party, you are still welcome to join us at 5 P.M. at Market Common for songs and Chanukah gelt.

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Thank you to everyone who attended the Mah Jongg marathon. Congratulations to the prize winners. The next marathon will be in February.

## 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:

**Panel Discussion** | Chaim Grade was born in 1910 in Vilna, Poland. In his youth, Grade was a student of the Novaredok Musar Yeshiva and of Avraham Yeshaya Karelitz. He was also a founding member of the Yung-Vilne literary group, known for its leftist politics, secular Jewish thinking, and literary influence. After losing both his mother and wife during the Holocaust, he emerged as one of the most prolific and defining Yiddish voices in post-war literature. Besides publishing several volumes of poetry, he is best known for his two acclaimed novels, *The Agunah* and *The Yeshiva*. Join YIVO and NLI for a panel discussion of Grade's legacy with **Ruth Wisse**, **Ofer Dynes**, and **Curt Leviant**, led by scholar and translator **Justin** 

## REGISTER

#### Sunday, November 19 | 2:00pm (ET) LORIN SKLAMBERG

*Nu, vilst redn a bisele yidish?* Yiddish enthusiasts the world over, join us monthly for YIVO Yiddish Club. Sessions take place in English and are liberally peppered with Yiddish. Each session features a different guest to discuss their work. This interactive Zoom meeting will have ample time for audience questions, group discussion, and, sometimes, knock-down, drag-out arguments. Attendees need not know Yiddish to attend, though some familiarity with the language is recommended. This session features multi-instrumentalist and YIVO Sound Archivist **Lorin Sklamberg**. He is a founding member of the Grammy Award-winning Yiddish-American roots band, the Klezmatics.

## REGISTER

Also, check out the Events Recorded section.

#### THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ISRAEL (https://www.nli.org.il/)

Read articles, listen to music and attend online events.

AMERICA-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE (https://aifl.org/events)

Participate in events about Israel's entrepreneurship, culture, medical research, environmental protection initiatives, and so much more.

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URJ ((https://reformjudaism.org/) - choose the calendar tab

#### Reading Hebrew Prayers

Register now for cohort beginning in November 2023.

Continue your Hebrew learning in a new six-session course which focuses on reading and understanding key prayers in the Shabbat evening service. Designed for Learn to Read Hebrew alumni, this course is open to anyone interested in exploring the meaning of Hebrew prayers.

#### **Pursuing Justice**

November 1, 2023, 8 – 9:15 p.m. Eastern

"Justice, Justice, you shall pursue" commands the Bible. Delve into foundational Jewish teachings, explore the proud tradition of social justice activism by the Reform Movement, and put your learning into action as we consider models for individual and communal action.

#### Just Add Water: An Introduction to Mikveh

November 6, 2023, 8-9:15 p.m. Eastern

Explore the biblical roots of this ancient Jewish water ritual that has soared in popularity in the last decade. Learn about what happens at an immersion and the many reasons – ancient and contemporary – that bring people of all genders to the mikveh waters.

The Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) is an independent professional policy planning think tank incorporated as a private non-profit company in Israel. The mission of the Institute is to ensure the thriving of the Jewish People and the Jewish civilization by engaging in professional strategic thinking and planning on issues of primary concern to world Jewry. Located in Jerusalem, the concept of JPPI regarding the Jewish People is global, and includes aspects of major Jewish communities with Israel as one of them, at the core. https://www.facebook.com/JewishPeoplePolicyInstitute

**Are you a foodie?** Check out The Jewish Food Society at https://www.jewishfoodsociety.org/ for interesting stories and recipes. Also visit Jamie Geller at https://jamiegeller.com/author/jamie-geller and Jewlish at https://aish.com/jewlish/recipes.

#### Music

Mi Chamocha by Nefesh Mountain https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWmIM4Cm968 Chiribim Chiribom Medley https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ey8qO6\_NL08 Shalom Aleichem - שלום עליכם https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=913jZFL1bdE

SHALOM	
A Rations Congregation	ANUKKAH PARTY
with 7	feam Trivia and Nosh followed by
	MON MENORAH LIGHTING at 5:00 p.m. unday, December 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
Please join us at the temple for ou latkes, donuts, veggies, and fruit v	r annual Hanukkah party. This year we will play Team Trivia and nosh on while enjoying the holiday.
	alor Memorial Garden at Market Common for the lighting of the menorah and lways, you may attend the menorah lighting without attending the party.
Reservations	and pre-payment are required for the Hanukkah party.
Members - S	Hanukkah Party Cost Per Person \$15.00 Non-Members - \$22.00
LAST DAY H	OR RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, December 6, 2023
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## **CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thank you to everyone who has worked to help to keep our temple a safe and peaceful place. BUT THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE!



The committee will meet in person at Temple Shalom on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 10:30 AM. Zoom will be available, but you must sign up with templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com by Friday, November 10.

Your presence at the meeting is really important. We have a volunteer to work on the Homeland Security grant. Now, it is time to investigate our continuing security needs and get bids on them.

Antisemitic terrorism has increased across the country and the world. We are not aware of any threats to Temple Shalom at this time, but we need to be prepared.

Please plan to attend this meeting and bring your ideas, thoughts, and prior experience with you.

Thanks for volunteering.

Cookie

#### **DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all who have already volunteered to join and work with this committee. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS ASAP.** This committee is charged with making the inside and outside environment of Temple Shalom as esthetic and comfortable as we can. There is much to do.

Please ask yourself the following questions before you volunteer.

- 1. Are you knowledgeable in artwork and Judaica?
- 2. If you belonged to another synagogue, are there ideas that you would like to see incorporated in our building?
- 3. Do you like to garden?



4. Are you interested in colors and textures? 5. Would you like to see more or less - of anvthing in Temple Shalom 6. Would you like to work with a fabulous starter group of

congregants who love dabbling in decorating, gardening, painting, etc.?7. Can you spare an hour or two to attend a meeting?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please **join us in the temple on Tuesday, November 14 at 1:30 PM.** Although we can include you on Zoom, your presence in the actual premises will be helpful for all of us. Bring your ideas, thoughts, and sense of adventure. If you want to be Zoomed in, you must register with <u>templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com</u> by Friday, November 10, 2023.

Thanks for volunteering. Cookie



# Please join us for a Chanukah Blue Grass concert

## **December 9 live streamed at Temple Shalom**

**Concert at 7:00 P.M.** featuring Joe Buchanan. Joe's music has been called "Americana with a Jewish Soul," combining elements of country, roots-rock, folk, and storytelling.

Cost to be based on the number of reservations but will not exceed \$10 per person.

Once reservations have been made, the group attending can decide if they want to order a catered meal (Chinese, Italian), place individual orders for carry out food; bring a brown bag dinner; or just have snacks. If you are interested in attending, please contact

Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com\_by November 16.



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# November 2023 CHESHVAN 17 - KISLEV 17

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Donations to Temple Shalom can be made in several ways and are greatly appreciated.

	MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUES are a great way to remember someone perpetually. Every year, on their Yahrzeit (anniversary of death), the person will be remembered in regular services. Available to and for members only. Cost: \$200.00 <ul> <li>\$100.00 deposit required</li> <li>takes at least 6 weeks</li> <li>Name on plaque:</li> </ul>
	Date of death (English): We will figure Hebrew date. <b>TREE OF LIFE PLAQUES (LEAF)</b> commemorates special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other life events we want to celebrate. Available to members only.
	Cost:   \$50.00 - small leaf   OR   \$75.00 - large leaf     Inscription:
	HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION is a great way to make an annual donation to Temple Shalom for any
	amount. Available to all. <b>CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE SHALOM</b> 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. Available to all.
	<b>YAHRZEIT</b> is a wonderful way to remember loved ones who have gone before us and can be in any amount. Congregation members receive notices prior to Yahrzeit observances. Available to all. Yahrzeit for whom:
	Relationship to Donor: IN MEMORY/HONOR OF is a tribute on behalf of someone who was/is special in your life and can be in any amount. Available to all. In Memory/Honor (circle one) of: Relationship to Donor:
	<b>GENERAL DONATION</b> is a way to support Temple Shalom and is a mitzvah (good deed). Available to all.
<i>Ple</i> NAME:	ase take a moment to select your donation(s), write a check, and mail it to Temple Shalom, or use PayPal.

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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE SHALOM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY VIA CREDIT/DEBIT CARD, PLEASE GO TO DONATIONS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE – www.TempleShalomMB.org.

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