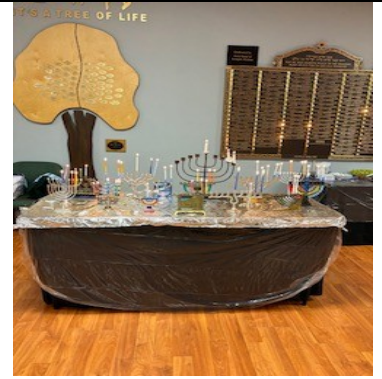




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A Letter from the President January 2024

I have been thinking a lot about friendship lately. Every year, I send cards and a letter to my friends living far away for Chanukah, Christmas and the New Year. I begin by going through my address book and making a list of names and choosing who gets what kind of card. This certainly takes much longer than it should because I stop to reminisce about everyone on my list. The majority of the list are people who were once part of my daily life. Currently our contacts are only a card and letter once a year to catch up with each other. Some are friends I see once or twice a year when we go North to visit family. Some I see a few times a year via Zoom or we speak to on the phone. There are those who I can't send a card to because they have passed away. They remain in my address book, my mind and my heart.

I am blessed with many wonderful friends. My sister has always been my best friend. Growing up, my cousins were my closest friends. We are still close today. This past October, I had the opportunity to get together with high school friends for a reunion. I have known some of these people since I was five years old but hadn't seen them since high school. Because of our shared history, it took no time to catch up and form bonds again. Social media, for all of its faults, has made it easier to connect with my friends in real time. "We didn't realize we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun." —Pooh

When we moved here eighteen years ago, we knew no one. Through work, the neighborhood, and Temple Shalom, we have made friends in Myrtle Beach. Our friends are a diverse group of people. We have different religions, have different political views as well as food and entertainment preferences. Most importantly, we all share basic core values regarding caring for others and treating others with respect. "A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside." --Pooh

Are you new to the area? Come to services on a Friday night or Saturday morning. Join us for the Oneg or Kiddush and start making new friends. Do you just need someone to talk to? Fill out the contact us form on the Temple Shalom website and I will call you. Are you a member who doesn't usually participate? Come to some of our many events and start to get to know us better. Our phone directory is part of the member's only section of the Temple website and is emailed to all congregants. Feel free to call me or any member of the board if you need a chat or ask questions. Email us and we will reach out to you. "You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes." --Pooh

My word for the new year is connection. With the world all topsy turvy, we need to stay connected with each other to keep ourselves grounded. Whether you are celebrating or struggling, it is always better to have friends to share life events with you. "It isn't much good having anything exciting, if you can't share it with somebody." —Pooh

"A little Consideration, a little Thought for Others, makes all the difference." —Eeyore

Wishing you a Happy, healthy, connected 2024,

Hope Sachwald

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 to request a Zoom invitation.

David Weissman Rabbi

TempleShalommb.org

Isaac Bashevis Singer, who was the recipient of a Nobel Prize for Literature, was perhaps the greatest Yiddish writer of all time. He wrote many short stories about Jewish life in the Polish ghettos before World War II.

In one of his short stories, entitled "A Piece of Advice," Singer writes that when he was a young man, he and his wife lived with his in-laws in the town of Rachev. His father-in-law was a wealthy man, an honest Jew and a Talmudic scholar. He was a dealer in timber, but whenever he had a free moment, he read one of the Holy Books.

Singer's father-in-law had a major fault. He had an uncontrollable anger. He had been able to conquer all his other moral weaknesses, but not that one. If a merchant didn't repay a debt to him on time, and to the penny, he called him a swindler and would have no further dealings with him. If the town shoemaker made him a pair of boots and they were a little too tight or too loose, he harangued him heartlessly. Once, when Singer borrowed a pen from his father-in-law and forgot to immediately return it, his father-in-law fell into such a rage that he struck his son-in-law in the face. The father-in-law regretted what he had done. But he asked his son-in-law, "What shall I do? I'm a bad-tempered man. I know that the sin of anger is as evil as that of idolatry. For years I've tried to control my temper, yet it only gets worse. I'm sinking into hell." Singer suggested that he and his father-in-law travel to the town of Kuzmir and talk to Chasidic Rabbi Chazkele there to seek his advice.

So they journeyed to Kuzmir and Singer's father-in-law met with Rabbi Chazkele. Singer asked his father-in-law what Rabbi Chazkele told him and he replied, "He told me to become a flatterer. For eight days, I must flatter everyone I meet, even the worst scoundrel." Rabbi Chazkele asked, "What should a Jew do if he (she) is not a pious person? Let him(her) play the pious person. The Almighty does not require good intentions, The deed is what counts. It's what you do that matters. Are you angry perhaps? Go ahead and be angry, but speak gentle words and be friendly at the same time. Are you afraid of concealing your real nature? For whose sake are you lying? For your Father in Heaven. His Holy Name, blessed be He, knows the intention and the intention behind the intention, and it is this that is the main thing."

I think the lesson of this story is that perhaps positive actions should precede positive thoughts. If you have negative thoughts, act in a positive manner. Positive thoughts will come later. If you are not happy, act happy. Happiness will come later. And the same applies to faith. If you don't believe, act as if you did believe. Faith will come later.

Rabbi David Weissman



MAH JONGG MARATHON

Thursday, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

at 4023 Belle Terre Blvd.*

(Near Forestbrook & Rt. 501 with *parking and entrance behind the building*)

Doors open 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.

There will be PRIZES and a 50/50 drawing.

Admission is \$25.00 per person.

Your payment is your reservation.

SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVE EARLY –

DEADLINE is February 15, 2024

NO REFUNDS after February 15, 2024

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

To pay via PayPal: Please go to our website www.TempleShalomMB.org, click on Donations.
Complete form (be sure to select Mah Jongg Marathon from drop down menu) and payment
information. NOTE: There will be an additional charge to cover the PayPal processing fees.

BRING YOUR MAH JONGG SET and YOUR 2023 CARD

**** Temple Shalom is firmly committed to protecting the health and safety of our members and guests.***

All first-time guests will be required to show their ID in order to enter the building.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL FOR ANY REASON.

Questions? Please call/text us at (843) 903-6634.

What's Happening at Temple Shalom December 2023

Shabbat Services

Friday 01/05/2024	Shabbat service at 7:30 P.M.
Saturday 01/06/2024	Shabbat service at 10:30 A.M.
Friday 01/12/2024	Shabbat service at 7:30 P.M.
Friday 01/19/2024	Shabbat service at 7:30 P.M.
Saturday 01/20/2024	Shabbat service at 10:30 A.M.
Friday 01/26/2024	Shabbat service at 7:30 P.M.

SAVE THE DATES

Our next MAH JONGG MARATHON is Thursday, FEBRUARY 22. For more information, see the flyer in the newsletter.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who made our Chanukah festivities a success! Thank you to Myrtle Beach Police and Mayor Bethune for providing security at Market Common for our Menorah lighting.

Thank you to Jason Roebuck at SCN for providing us with security information and updates.

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>

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.

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

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://jamiiegeller.com/author/jamie-geller> and Jewish at <https://aish.com/jewish/recipes>.

The Forward -- founded in 1897 as a Yiddish-language daily, the *Forward* soon became a national paper, the most widely read Jewish newspaper anywhere. The English *Forward* was launched as a weekly in 1990 and moved to fully digital publication in 2019. The *Forward* delivers incisive coverage of the issues, ideas and institutions that matter to American Jews. Its rigorous reporting and balanced commentary on politics, arts and culture have won numerous awards year after year and made it the most influential nationwide Jewish media outlet. It is currently free and available to everyone everywhere.

Music

Lecha Dodi // Old Home Place by Jacob's Ladder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7h9lqRg-Lew>

Hine Ma Tov by Nefesh Mountain <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXmb-rAJ1vc>

Israeli song - 'Someone' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn7FLSctfwl>

Mandy Patinkin singing Mamaloshen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRVk93bTFCw&list=PLPmO34k5jrC-vr1ONCKyY8dX0O7nez8oh>



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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TEVET 20 – SHEVAT 21

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 20 TEVET	2 21 TEVET	3 22 TEVET	4 23 TEVET	5  Service: 7:30PM 24 TEVET	6 Service: 10:30 AM 25 TISHREI
7 26 TEVET	8 27 TEVET	9 28 TEVET	10 29 TEVET	11 21 TEVET 1 SHEVAT	12  Service: 7:30PM 2 SHEVAT	13 3 SHEVAT
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28 18 SHEVAT	29 19 SHEVAT	30 20 SHEVAT	31 21 SHEVAT			



DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS TO TEMPLE SHALOM

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
 ▪ \$100.00 deposit required
 ▪ takes at least 6 weeks
 Name on plaque: _____
 Date of death (English): _____ We will figure Hebrew date.
- TREE OF LIFE PLAQUES (LEAF)** 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.
- 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. Available to all.
- Yahrzeit** 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: _____
- GENERAL DONATION** is a way to support Temple Shalom and is a mitzvah (good deed). Available to all.

Please take a moment to select your donation(s), write a check, and mail it to Temple Shalom, or use PayPal.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

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