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SHALOM

A Reform Congregation

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The Temple Shalom board has reached out to solicit articles from our membership for our monthly bulletin. Let's get to know each other a bit more. Hopefully this will encourage more participation in temple activities. **Our first article comes from Bill Santon.**

Hello everyone It's taken me 40 years to find you guys....

It's true ,I visited my Jewish mom in Cairo, Egypt approximately 40 years ago and she insisted on giving me and my siblings gold cartouches with our names on them there, at that time.

Looking back now I think it was so that we would never forget our Jewish heritage...I have never taken it offOR.....forgotten . For many us.... wandering around in our spiritual deserts, finding an open doorway back to our true faith is very difficult.

Sending the very first email seeking information seemed scary and unknown.

I remember so clearly a few short months ago as we approached the front door wandering "what's the inside like"? How will strangers be received? What is the reform service like?

Well ...we instantly both felt such a warm feeling a few seconds after we stepped inside. The layout, colors, lighting, seating, sound systems and beautiful Ark just emit a very LOVING family type feeling.

Of course... a temple is so much more than an actual building and really about the members and Rabbi. "The human connection we all so need and desire"...You guys are all amazing and do such a great job with all the services, communications, security, education and..... of course all the excellent food items we enjoy together each week. This especially adds so much to the overall experience.

Breaking bread , sharing a small wine and prayer and then just sitting together talking with each other is so very important... especially now, during so much worry over the war in Israel and all the anti semitism rising up again.

Participating in all of the High Holiday services and events was so spiritually moving.

I am so very appreciative that Rabbi Doron first, then Hope and Rabbi David answered my calls seeking a new spiritual direction.

Jamie and I love everyone here and felt like family on our very first visit.

We love the reform pathway as it's so very inclusive and allows easier understanding and access for new , old and returning Jews .

Thanks so much to Lily Ann, and fellow leaders and supporters who helped create and build Temple Shalom !

All of this took unbelievable courage, dedication and years of hard work !

Congratulations to everyone!!!! and thanks again for welcoming us home.

God, continue to bless Temple Shalom and all the Jewish people

Am Yisreal Chai

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



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 Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com to request a Zoom invitation.

David Weissman Rabbi

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What is the difference between a religious believer – someone who has faith in God and a religious skeptic – someone who doesn't believe in the existence of God?

The answer to this question isn't so easy. There aren't too many believers who never have any doubts. There are many things that happen that can test one's faith. The loss of a loved one. Severe illness and pain. Senseless violence like mass murders and terrorism. The loss of life and property resulting from hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis. And there aren't too many people who profess to be non-believers who sometimes -when a seemingly miraculous event occurs – who don't – at least temporarily – believe in a Supreme Power.

A rabbi serving as the principal of a yeshiva (Jewish day school) in Israel was asked if he believed in God 100 percent. He replied, "I have faith 85 percent. I get to the other 15 percent by momentum." I think what he meant was that he got to that other 15 percent by praying, by attending synagogue services, by studying and by performing acts of loving kindness. All of these activities brought him closer to God. All of these activities made up for his 15 percent of doubt.

Even the most saintly people can have their doubts. Even saintly Sister Teresa admitted that witnessing the squalor, the human suffering and pain in the slums of Calcutta caused her to doubt her faith.

I think that witnessing all of the bad things that happen in this world can cause many people characterized as believers to sometimes have doubts.

The difference between the believer and the skeptic is frequency of faith. There may be times when the believer has doubts. But the totality of the believer's life is based on the faith that there is a God, that ultimately good will prevail over evil, that there is ultimate justice.

The believer may not understand the workings of existence. It would really be presumptuous of any of us to assume that we have ultimate knowledge. But the believer accepts the view that there is an Ultimate Benevolent Creator. The believer has faith that life has meaning, that existence isn't just a series of random events. The believer accepts that there is more to existence than the physical world, that there is a spiritual world that, in many respects, has more meaning than the physical, material world. Such emotions as love, compassion and duty are what make life worthwhile. These emotions aren't physical. You can't physically touch them. But they are there. And without them, life would be meaningless.

So where is God in all this?

God is the voice of your conscience trying to guide you to do the right thing when confronted by life's decisions. If you believe, God is there to comfort you during bad times.

None of this can be empirically proven. It requires a leap of faith. And that leap of faith is from the heart

and not from the mind. Blaise Pascal said, "It is the heart that senses God, and not the reason. God is perceptible to the heart and not to the reason." But once you take that leap of faith, you will achieve an inner peace which is beyond the reach of the skeptic.

The relationship between God and the believer can be compared to the relationship between a husband and a wife in many marriages. The husband and wife may love each other, but there are times when they are angry with each other. Times when they disagree with each other. Times when they resent each other.

But it's the relative frequency of the positive versus the negative feelings that determines the binding nature of the marriage. If the predominant feeling in the marriage is love – despite occasional lapses – then the marriage is solid.

I think the same rule applies to faith in God. There may be times when there is a lapse or suspension of faith. But if you believe 85 percent, you can get to the other 15 percent by momentum. There are times when the believer's faith will be soaring. But there may be times when the believer has grave doubts.

But the believer doesn't throw in the towel. The believer keeps plugging and faith returns.

Rabbi David Weissman

What's Happening at Temple Shalom March 2024

Friday	03/01/2024	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Saturday	03/02/2024	Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush
Friday	03/08/2024	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Friday	03/15/2024	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Saturday	03/16/2024	Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush
Friday	03/22/2024	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Friday	03/29/2024	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Saturday	03/30/2024	Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped direct traffic, greet visitors, set up and clean up for Beth Crow's funeral service. Thanks to Rabbi David for a meaningful service and to everyone who shared memories of Beth.

Thank you to everyone who worked on organizing, set up, traffic control, check in, and clean up for the Mah Jongg Marathon.

Thank you to our grant writing committee. They have been attending webinars, getting bids, and drafting the various portions of the grant while waiting for this year's grant money to be released.

Thank you to all of our members who attended URJ's online Leadership Bootcamp.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, March 3, we will be holding a breakfast at 10:30 A.M. followed by a CPR and Stop the Bleed Training presented by a safety instructor from the Horry County Police. For more information, contact Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. is our Purim service, play (Esther in the Spotlight by Rich Orloff) and luncheon. See the flyer for more details.

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. COFFEE AND WATERCOLORS a painting experience hosted by Sylvia Conant. Cost of Event (including materials fee) Per Person: Members - \$10.00 Guests - \$20.00. Reservations and pre-payment are required. Email Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text (843) 903-6634 to make your reservation. LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, March 7, 2024

Passover is coming! First Seder is Monday, April 22nd. The service for the end of Passover and Yizkor is on Monday, April 29 at 10:30.

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>

IS ANYTHING OKAY? THE HISTORY OF JEWS AND COMEDY IN AMERICA

LAUNCHING MARCH 21, 2024, From the earliest jokes told on the Lower East Side to the comedy routines honed in the Catskills, Ashkenazi Jews developed radically new forms of comedic output in the 20th century. On film and television, pioneering Jewish comics broke norms and challenged taboos of American culture. Delve into the history of Jewish comedy and its explosive development in the United States. See hundreds of unique archival objects, including vintage jokebooks, early comedy records, film and television clips, photographs, and posters, along with interviews and discussions with leading scholars and personalities from the world of Jewish comedy. Sponsored by: Edward Blank and Family, Ruth and David Levine, and The Shine Trust. Registration is free!

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 Jewlish 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.

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Music

An Encanto Purim - The Maccabeats (We Don't Talk About Haman)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjmLkEcaUAA>

YONI Z - PURIM [Official Audio] - יוני זפּוֹרִי - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4iWkYBxSBY>

Raise Your Mask Purim - The Fountainheads

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9HbULd67sE>

Michelle Gussow: traditional Purim song "Emelich of Gilhoffen"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1LIN44eSOA>

"Hop! Mayne Homentashn" A Yiddish Purim Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV8NucSXh0Y>

Debbie Friedman Track 09 - Purim Game

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGw6klbFHe0>

ART

New Exhibits at The Foundry Art Centre Celebrate Jewish Culture

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bTbbznJzm8>

A Virtual Tour of Masterpieces by Jewish Artists

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxPW9GyclDc>



PURIM SERVICE (Esther in the Spotlight by Rich Orloff) AND BRUNCH

(Costumes Optional)
Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for the Purim service followed by a potluck luncheon. Service and luncheon will be held at:
TEMPLE SHALOM
 4023 Belle Terre Blvd.
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
Reservations are required. RSVP to Flo or Felice by March 17, 2024.

This year we are asking that members attending either bring food to share (please let Flo or Felice know) OR pay the brunch fee of \$15. We will need the following foods:

Tuna Salad	Egg Salad	Tossed Green Salad	Cheeses
Veggie Platter	Kugel	Fruit Platter	Any Other Dairy Dish

Hamantaschen will be provided.

If you have chosen to provide food, please let Flo (dfp324@atmc.net) or Felice (felicenotsam@gmail.com) know what you will bring by March 17, 2024.

Cost of Brunch Per Person

Members Not Bringing Food - \$15.00 Non-Members - \$22.00

PURIM RESERVATIONS

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

Name: _____ Email: _____

No. of Members: _____ at \$15.00 per person

No. of Guests: _____ at \$22.00 per person

General Donation: \$ _____ (Optional)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 17, 2024.

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.



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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COFFEE AND WATERCOLORS

a painting experience hosted by Sylvia Conant

Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.



Please join us for coffee and watercolor painting instructions. This event will be held at:



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

Reservations and pre-payment are required.

Cost of Event (including materials fee) Per Person

Members - \$10.00

Guests - \$20.00

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Email Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text (843) 903-6634 to make your reservation **then** complete the form below and mail it in along with your payment. If you prefer to pay with a credit/debit card, please go to our www.TempleShalomMB.org, select Donations, and complete the form making sure that you type in the name of this event where appropriate.

COFFEE AND WATERCOLORS RESERVATIONS

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

Name: _____ Email: _____

No. of Members: _____ at \$10.00 per person

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

General Donation: \$ _____ (Optional)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



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BAGEL NOSH and TRAINING – FAMILY FIRST AID, CPR, & STOP THE BLEED

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Bagel Nosh at 10:30 a.m.; Training at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for FAMILY FIRST AID, CPR, and STOP THE BLEED TRAINING. ALL are welcome.*

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Reservations and pre-payment* (if applicable) are required.

Julian "Duke" Brown of Horry County Police Department will train all members of Temple Shalom and *pre-registered guests* to prepare us to respond to emergencies, illness, and events that require some advanced training in first aid, CPR, and bleeding. There will NOT be mouth-to-mouth resuscitation or getting on the floor. We will learn to identify signs and symptoms of impending issues. Duke will discuss what information you should gather in advance and always have available for EMS services as well as how to control bleeds using tourniquets and bandaging properly and effectively. For many years, Duke has trained airport personnel, lifeguards, and all HCPD personnel.

We appreciate the assistance from HCPD Chief Joe Hill and Mark Martin who helped to connect us with Duke.

Cost of Bagel Nosh Per Person

Members - **FREE** Guests - \$5.00*

Cost of Training Per Person

Members - **FREE** Guests - **FREE**

LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Email Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text (843) 903-6634 to make your reservation **then, IF you are a Guest attending Bagel Nosh**, complete the form below and mail it in along with your payment. If you prefer to pay with a credit/debit card, please go to our www.TempleShalomMB.org, select Donations, and complete the form making sure that you type in the name of this event where appropriate.

BAGEL NOSH RESERVATIONS

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

Name: _____ Email: _____

No. of Guests: _____ at \$5.00 per person

General Donation: \$ _____ (Optional)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2024

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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: \$250.00
 ▪ \$125.00 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 THE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE SHALOM.
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY VIA CREDIT/DEBIT CARD, PLEASE GO TO THE
 DONATIONS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE – www.TempleShalomMB.org.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

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