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A Letter from the President April 2024

At the end of March, we celebrated Purim. Slovie Jungreis-Wolff writes in an article entitled "Purim Teaches Us to Respond to Anti-Semitism" (AISH.com): "As we contemplate the rising anti-Semitism that is spreading throughout the world, the hatred of the BDS movement and the threats to our land, we must take a moment to think. We have faced cruel enemies before. We have suffered through pogroms, inquisitions, crusades, Holocaust and murderous terror attacks. But we are still here, continuing to tell our unique story. Let us never give up hope. Instead, let us embrace the words of Queen Esther: "Go, gather all the Jews." Become one. Reach out to someone with kindness. Make a difference in the life of another, even if it's just through a good word or a bright smile. Say a prayer and stand up for the Jewish people."

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Through its operations center and Duty Desk, SCN provides timely, credible threat and incident information to both law enforcement and community partners, serves as the community's formal liaison with federal law enforcement and coordinates closely with state and local law enforcement partners. SCN works with communities and partners across North America to develop and implement strategic frameworks that enhance safety and security of the Jewish people, developing best practice policies and procedures, undertaking threat and vulnerability assessments, coordinating training and education, offering consultation on safety and security matters and providing crisis management support during critical incidents. SCN's mission is to ensure the safety, security, and resiliency of the Jewish people." (SCN website: <https://www.securecommunitynetwork.org>)

In his monthly update, Michael Masters, National Director and CEO of SCN, stated: "Among a myriad of challenges, two threat pictures stand out. We have seen an unprecedented rise in swatting incidents in the last six months, intensifying in the last two months. In 2023, we recorded 998 incidents of swatting or false bomb threats, up from 115 in 2022, a staggering 768% leap. We are working with communities and law enforcement at every level to ensure they have the guidance and tools to keep the community safe amidst this growing threat. Our other chief concern is the rising threat of foreign terror, which we have seen as an outgrowth of the Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel. Hamas, Iranian proxies, and others have exhibited concerning signs of activity beyond the Middle East in Europe, and we are closely monitoring their activities and movements in partnership with federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies."

I would like to thank SCN for the support and trainings they have provided to Temple Shalom. Our congregants have participated in both virtual and in-person trainings on antisemitism, cybersecurity, situational awareness and countering active threats. In preparation for applying for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), Temple Shalom's grant writing committee has attended SCN's 2023-2034 webinar series on Navigating the NSGP.

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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 Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com to request a Zoom invitation.

David Weissman Rabbi

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The following are some thoughts regarding the observance of Passover from a Reform Jewish perspective: WHY DO WE OBSERVE THE HOLIDAY? Passover celebrates the redemption of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery more than a 1,000 years ago. In celebrating the holiday, we should have feelings of gratitude that we live in a free country and we should have empathy for people living in countries which don't enjoy the freedoms which we take for granted. So while Passover is a holiday which is specific to Jews, it is a holiday which has a universal theme, FREEDOM. This is a theme which all peoples can find relevant to their lives. HOW LONG IS THE HOLIDAY? The Torah prescribes Passover as a seven day holiday. However, before there were Hebrew religious calendars, a new Hebrew month didn't begin until two witnesses sighted a New Moon over Jerusalem. The information was then transmitted to Jewish communities outside of the Holy Land. Because sometimes the information about the appearance of a New Moon didn't reach these communities in a timely manner, the tradition developed to add an additional day on to the holiday outside of the Holy Land. In Israel, all Jews have always observed Passover for seven days. Hebrew religious calendars have been in existence for many years and we know exactly when the seven days of Passover occur. So the Reform movement observes the holiday for the biblically-prescribed seven days. However, outside of Israel, both the Orthodox and Conservative movements observe Passover for eight days.

WHAT FOODS ARE JEWS FORBIDDEN TO EAT DURING PASSOVER? In their haste to leave Egypt, the Israelites could not wait for bread to rise, so they removed the grains from the oven before they had time to rise (leaven). The Talmud lists five grains – wheat, rye, barley, oats and spelt – that cannot be eaten during Passover if leavening has taken place in the baking process. To be kosher for Passover, these grains must be baked for less than eighteen minutes. So any products containing these grains which are purchased for use during Passover should be labeled "kosher for Passover." A "kosher" label is not enough. The label must say "Kosher for Passover."

There is a split in Judaism regarding foods that are similar to the five grains listed above known as kitniyot (rice, corn, millet, legumes, dried beans, lentils, peas, green beans, soy beans, peanuts, sesame seeds, corn syrup and mustard). Because kitniyot can be confused with the five grains, about 800 years ago, rabbinic authorities governing the practices of Ashkenazi Jews rule that kitniyot are forbidden to be eaten during Passover. Sephardic rabbinic authorities never prohibited kitniyot during Passover and both Conservative and Reform rabbinic authorities have ruled that it's okay to eat kitniyot during Passover. But Ashkenazic Orthodox rabbinic authorities forbid it. But it's okay if some of us feel bound by tradition to avoid kitniyot during the holiday.

WHAT ABOUT THE SEDER? Every Jew is bound by the tradition to attend a Seder. Temple Shalom's Community Seder will be held at 6:00 P.M. on [Monday](#) evening, [April 22](#). I hope you will attend this Seder with your temple family or a Seder in your home or someone else's home.

PASSOVER SERVICES – Temple Shalom will have services at 10:30 A.M. on the seventh (last) day of Passover, [April 29th](#), which will include Yizkor memorial prayers for departed loved ones. I hope you will attend.

Mary and I wish you a chag sameach. A happy and healthy Passover.

Rabbi David Weissman

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It is encouraging to read about how many perpetrators have been apprehended and prosecuted in the United States and around the world.

A huge thank you to Jason Roebuck, SCN Regional Security Advisor-South Carolina. Jason has provided n-person trainings, completed Temple Shalom's threat assessment and updated the assessment for the NSGP grant, and sent notice of trainings about webinars from partner agencies (FBI, ADL). Jason is the person that I contacted when Temple Shalom received antisemitic rants and threats from an individual after Rosh Hashanah 2023. He continues to keep me updated on the status of that individual. Recently, I received another suspicious call on the Temple phone. I contacted Jason and he started the process of identifying and gathering information on the individual. Before major events sponsored at Temple Shalom, I check with Jason to see if there is any noise about possible incidents in our area so we can determine the level of security needed for the event.

At the conclusion of his monthly update, Michael Masters writes: "Alongside our caution and calls for vigilance and preparation, it is important to remember that our resilience and our pride as a community make us uniquely Jewish. Amidst these rising threats, we cannot forget what makes us who we are. Leading openly Jewish lives is a powerful way to stand up to hate and violence. Meanwhile, SCN, in concert with our community and law enforcement partners, is hard at work keeping the community safe and secure." "Leading openly Jewish lives is a powerful way to stand up to hate and violence." Join Temple Shalom for Shabbat and holiday services. Participate in the United Against Hate Event on April 8, 2024, at 6 P.M. at Horry Georgetown Technical College Conference Center. Come to the Holocaust Memorial day event on Monday May 13 at 1:00 at the Chabad community center. Attend the Active Shooter Training presented by Jason Robard on May 22, 2024 at Temple Shalom. Be part of the solution!

Whats Happening at Temple Shalom April 2024 – Public Version

Friday 04/05/2024 Shabbat services at 7:30 P.M. followed by an Oneg
 Friday 04/12/2024 Shabbat services at 7:30 P.M. followed by an Oneg
 Saturday 04/13/2024 Shabbat services at 10:30 A.M. followed by a Kiddush
 Friday 04/19/2024 Shabbat services at 7:30 P.M. followed by an Oneg
 Friday 04/26/2024 Shabbat services at 7:30 P.M. followed by an Oneg
 Saturday 04/27/2024 Shabbat services at 10:30 A.M.
 Monday, 04/29/2024 at 10:30 A.M. Service for the end of Passover and Yizkor

Thank You Notes

Thank you to "Duke" Brown of Horry County Police Department for a very informative CPR and Stop the Bleed training session. We appreciate the assistance from HCPD Chief Joe Hill who helped to connect us with Duke.

SAVE THE DATE

Temple Shalom is a member of the Carolina Region Small Congregations cohort of the Jewish Community Legacy Project (JCLP). The Upper Midwest cohort has put together a Zoom program for Wednesday, April 3, 8 PM Eastern, featuring Jewish communal leaders who have recently returned from Israel, post-October 7, to share their experiences while there. They have decided that this important contribution to understanding the challenges of our extended "family" in Israel should be open to congregants in the other cohorts. Pre-registration required: <https://e12j.short.gy/QVVITw>

Passover is coming! First Seder is Monday, April 22nd. Reminder that if you opt to bring your own wine to the Seder, it MUST be Kosher for Passover.

The service for the end of Passover and Yizkor is on Monday, April 29 at 10:30.

On Monday May 13 at 1:00 at the Chabad community center at 615 29th Ave N, the Myrtle Beach synagogues will combine the Holocaust memorial day with Israeli memorial day in observance of the special time - *The war for Jewish Survival*

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>

Tuesday, May 7 | 7:00pm ET YIDDISH AND HEBREW SONG IN THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC In Person at YIVO in NYC and on Zoom. **Concert** | YIVO will host a concert exploring Yiddish and Hebrew songs of the Weimar Republic, showcasing the rich musical activity of the Weimar Republic that bridged Jewish composers in the East and West, and reflected their linguistically and ideologically diverse aspirations. *Co-sponsored by the Leo Baeck Institute.* 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

Jewish Songs and Dances for Piano: Joel Engel's "Five Piano Pieces" Op. 19 (1923) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFFfP2unIPQ>

The Maccabeats - Dayenu - Passover – ינו דיינו <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZgDNPgZ9Sg>

The Maccabeats - Mah Nishtanah - Passover - מה נשתנה <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmabziV1LiY>

Passover Seder Medley by Azi Schwartz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grk8C9nBOX4>

Six13 - Seder Crew (a "Shape of You" adaptation for Passover) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhR13I6UE1c>

Passover Rhapsody - A Jewish Rock Opera <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRWNrk7FxG4>

ART

PASSOVER ART - BLOOD, FIRE AND PILLARS OF SMOKE by Jewish Art Salon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKiCiCGQnd0>

Judaica Art Work THE PASSOVER TABLE FROM SLEAVRY TO FREEDOM <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdUyk4fZSfE>



COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

First night of Passover, Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our annual community Passover seder. This is a traditional Passover seder with a *Kosher-style* meal including all the trimmings, served buffet style, at:

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

Cost of Dinner Per Person

Members - \$35.00 Guests/Non-Members - \$46.50 Children (13 & under) - \$19.00
YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Monday, April 15, 2024 (no exceptions)

To pay by check: Please complete the form below and mail it in along with your check to:

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To pay via PayPal: Please complete the form below and mail it to:

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Then, please go to our website www.TempleShalomMB.org, click on Donations then Donation Type: General Donation. Complete the remainder of the form to process your payment.

NOTE: There will be an additional charge to cover the PayPal processing fees.

Your payment is your reservation. SPACE IS LIMITED – please make your reservation early.

For more information, please contact Temple Shalom at (843) 903-6634.

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.

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATIONS

Please send completed form and your payment to: TEMPLE SHALOM, 4023 Belle Terre Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. ***Your payment is your reservation. We will email you to confirm receipt of your payment.***

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Seating Preference (who you would like to be seated with): _____

No. of Members: _____ at \$35.00 per person

No. of Guests/Non-Members: _____ at \$46.50 per person

No. of Children (13 & under): _____ at \$19.00 per person

General Donation to Temple Shalom: \$ _____ (Optional)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

RESERVATION PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2024 (no exceptions)

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UNITED AGAINST HATE



A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
ON RESPONDING TO
HATE CRIMES AND INCIDENTS



MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 | 6 P.M.

Location:

**Horry Georgetown Technical College
Conference Center**

950 Crabtree Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

To request reasonable accommodation or interpreter services,
contact Ramona Geiger, ramona.geiger@usdoj.gov



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.




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ADAR11 22 – NISAN 22

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 22 ADAR11	2 23 ADAR11	3 24 ADAR11	4 25 ADAR11	5  Service: 7:30PM 26 ADAR11	6 27 ADAR11
7 28 ADAR11	8 29 ADAR11	9 1 NISAN	10 2 NISAN	11 3 NISAN	12  Service: 7:30PM 4 NISAN	13 Service: 10:30 5 NISAN
14 6 NISAN	15 7 NISAN	16 8 NISAN	17 9 NISAN	18 10 NISAN	19  Service: 7:30PM 11 NISAN	20 12 NISAN
21 13 NISAN	22 1st night Passover 14 NISAN	23 15 NISAN	24 16 NISAN	25 17 NISAN	26  Service: 7:30PM 18 NISAN	27 19 NISAN
28 20 NISAN	29 21 NISAN	30 22 NISAN				



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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