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A Reform Congregation

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The month of May marks 19 years since Dave and I moved into our new house in North Carolina. Six months before that we were renting a condo while the house was being built. We knew no one and had not spent a lot of time in the area but fell in love with it and decided to leave NY where we had lived our entire life.

Arriving in mid-November was a huge culture shock. Everything was **Christmas**, everywhere. No sign of Chanukah anywhere. We went to Florida for a week to escape!

I grew up knowing I was Jewish because I got 8 gifts for Chanukah and we went to my Aunt and Uncle's house for bagels and lox on occasional weekends. I guess most of my schoolmates and friends were Jewish but it wasn't a topic of conversation. My family went to Temple for the occasional bar or bat mitzvah of cousins, a few weddings, and a Jewish cemetery when relatives died. Although Dave grew up in a more traditional home, once we got married, we followed the pattern of my childhood and raised our 2 kids the same way. Again, most of our friends and lots of our coworkers were non practicing Jews just like us.

When we moved down South, we were greeted by many asking us if we'd found a church yet -they'd be glad to take us to theirs. We avoided the question and avoided admitting we were Jewish. It was a very tough time.

And then at the end of August, 2005 a small ad appeared in the newspaper stating that there was a reform temple forming in Myrtle Beach. I shocked myself by deciding to call and get information. Natalie Kramer answered the phone. I told her honestly that I had never been to services before, and I remember her answer: "You'll be perfect-why don't you come to the Hampton Inn on Friday night! "

The rest is history and the best decision we ever made was becoming part of this family. I even made my bat mitzvah with Rabbi David's excellent teaching, 50 years later than most. That event, shared with 5 others, was a highlight of my Temple life.

Through the years, being part of this extended family, we've experienced great happiness and close friendships and shared grief, sorrow and loss.

I am forever grateful for being part of the past, the present and the future of 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 Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com to request a Zoom invitation.

David Weissman Rabbi

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There is a concept in the Jewish tradition known in Hebrew as Bal Tashchit, which forbids unnecessary destruction. There is a midrash, a fable, which says that when God created Adam, God led Adam around the Garden of Eden and said to Adam, "Behold my works! See howbeautiful they are, how excellent! All that I have created, for your sake did I create it. See to it that you do not spoil and destroy my world; for if you do, there will be no one to repair it after you." (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:13).

And in the Torah, in Deuteronomy 20.19, the Israelites are commanded "When you besiege a city... you shall not destroy its fruit trees.... You eat of them, do not cut them down; for man's life depends on the trees of the field."

The principle of Bal Tashchit, not to destroy, is rooted in a statement in Psalm 24.1, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." The earth belongs to God. We human beings are just tenants in the world that God created. And so the Torah states that every seventh year, the Sabbatical year, the land was to be given a rest, the land was to lie fallow. Nothing must be planted during that Sabbatical Year, as recognition that the land belongs to God.

Human beings have learned an awful lot about manipulating nature. We have airplanes which can fly above the earth. We have radios and television sets and computers which can transmit voices and visual images from one place to another. We can take fossil fuels out of the ground and transform them into energy. We have robots which can perform surgical procedures on sick people. Machines have been developed with artificial intelligence which can think faster and better than human beings.

And there is a story told about a scientist who looks up at the heavens and tells God that it's all over – humans can stand on their own. They don't need God anymore. The scientist says, "Look, God. You were good in your day, but we can do everything ourselves now. We don't need You anymore."

"Really? Says God. "You can make a human being from dust?" "Absolutely," says the scientist. "Let me see," says God. The scientist reaches down to scoop up some soil, but is interrupted. "Oh, no" says God. "You get your own dust."

Human beings have learned an awful lot about manipulating the world, about altering the natural environment for our benefit. But the risk of arrogance remains. Too often we treat the world not as a gift, but as a birthright. We think we can stretch the world to our whims and wishes without consequences.

We can turn a blind eye to the large number of catastrophic hurricanes and other natural disasters which have plagued us over recent years and the relationship between these natural disasters and the heating up of the planet caused by carbon emissions. We can turn a blind eye to the overwhelming consensus by scientists that human activity has contributed to the heating up of the planet -the heating up of the ocean waters which has caused these hurricanes to be so severe. But we do so at our own peril. We can ignore the proliferation of nuclear weapons. But we do so at our own peril. If the world is destroyed, there will be no one to repair it after us.

Rabbi Weissman

Whats Happening at Temple Shalom May 2024

Friday 05/03/2024 Shabbat services followed by an ONEG Saturday 05/04/2024 Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush Shabbat services followed by an ONEG

Friday 05/17/2024 Shabbat services followed by an ONEG

Saturday 05/18/2024 Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush

Friday 05/24/2024 Shabbat services with dinner at 5 and services at 6. See Flyer for details.

Friday 05/31/2024 Shabbat services followed by an ONEG

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who attended the United Against Hate Event. Temple Shalom was present! Thank you to the Myrtle Beach City Council and Mayor Bethune for passing The Hate Crime Ordinance on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Thank you to everyone who helped with planning, shopping, cooking, set-up and clean-up for Seder.

SAVE THE DATE

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 celebration of Jewish Survival*.

Temple Shalom's Crisis Committee will host Jason Roebuck, Regional Security Advisor -South Carolina Community Services Network on **Wednesday May 22** at 2 P.M. for our second security training this year. Jason will discuss Countering Active Threat Training (CATT). In this time, we need to be even more prepared to counter and deal with terroristic threats and events. Please register by May 20 with Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com. **Pre-registration is required for everyone**. This program is open to the community so please invite your friends and neighbors. Anyone who has not been in Temple Shalom prior to this event must show ID at the door also as well as pre-register. This training is not just for life in our Temple. Active threats can be anywhere and knowing how to respond can save your life.

Friday, May 24, 2024, at 5 p.m. Shabbat dinner followed by an early Friday night service at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 for members and \$27 for non-members. This is Memorial Day/Biker weekend so in order to leave the Temple early to avoid heavy traffic, there will be no Oneg following the service. RSVP to Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com and complete the form in the flyer with payment by May 16, 2024

Thursday, JUNE 20, 2024 Mah Jongg Marathon

Saturday, July 6 at 2 P.M. Join Temple Shalom for an afternoon of games and snacks. A popular activity for Shabbat afternoons is playing board or card games (no gambling allowed!). Shaleshudus is the third meal on Shabbat before sundown. Our family defines it as a Shabbat party of snacks. Hosted by Mike and Hope Sachwald. Games will be provided. Look for a flyer with sign up information in the June Newsletter.

Tuesday, July 16th at 4:00PM, Carrie Dunlap from Lower Cape Fear LifeCare will discuss the Lower Cape Fear LifeCare organization as well as Begin the Conversation with Advance Directives & Living Wills. Please invite your neighbors and friends. RSVP to TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Temple Shalom is a member of the Carolina Region Small Congregations cohort of the Jewish Community Legacy Project (JCLP). **Sunday, May 19,** is "**Crossroads and Connections: Collections of the National Library of Israel.**" Home to the intellectual and cultural treasures of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, the National Library of Israel (NLI) has recently embarked on a visionary journey of renewal, including a wide range of initiatives to expand its collections and make the Library's resources available to audiences across the globe. As part of this initiative, and in celebration of Israel's 75th anniversary year, Dr. Raquel Ukeles, the Library's curator, will share highlights from 101 Treasures of the National Library of Israel, a new book published by NLI. Register at https://e12j.short.gy/dlvVRY

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*.

Tuesday May 14, 2024 1:00pm JEWISH SONGS AND DANCES FOR PIANO: JACOB WEINBERG'S "TEN JEWISH SONGS" (1933) performed by pianist Thomas Kotcheff. 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://jamiegeller.com/author/jamie-geller and Jewlish at https://aish.com/jewlish/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

Cantor Rachel Brook sings Shalom Rav (Klepper) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlNYkqdDExk





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 <u>Joint Incident Reporting Tool</u>, 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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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 |
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| | 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: |
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| | GENERAL DONATION is a way to support Temple Shalom and is a mitzvah (good deed). Available |
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| Ple | ease 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 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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