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SHALOM
A Reform Congregation



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Recently we flew to Venice, Italy where we boarded a Viking Cruise ship that would take us via the Adriatic sea to Zadar and Dubrovnik, Croatia, and Kotor Montenegro, Corfu, Olympia and Athens, Greece. After enjoying Athens we continued our adventure on a Celebrity ship that took us to several Greek islands and up to Ephesus and Istanbul, Turkey.

As we have done in the past we sought out and visited Jewish synagogues as we traveled. What I am left with is the sad truth of the effect of the holocaust on our ancestors and on us.

Jews have lived in Greece since at least the Second Temple era (516 BCE – 70 CE). Records show the presence of Jews in Greece during the era of Alexander the Great. Jews came to Greece from many areas and so there were a variety of sects. The earliest and largest group were the *Romaniotes*. The largest group were the Sephardi Jews who lived in various cities throughout Greece.

As of 2019 the Jewish community in Greece amounts to about 6,000 people out of a population of 10.8 million

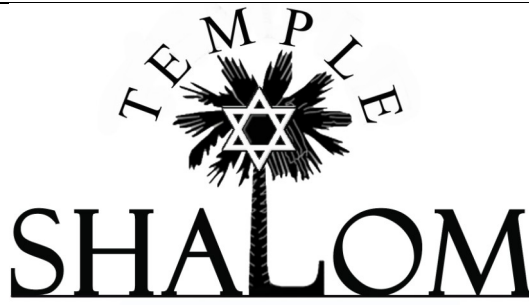
Jews played an active role in the education and commerce for the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. This inclusion ended with the occupation of Greece by the Axis powers. Some 4000 Jews were deported to Treblinka. A large percentage of the surviving community emigrated to Israel or the United States.

Chania, Crete, Greece

The Jewish presence in Chania, Crete was once thriving but was largely eliminated during World War II. The Etz Hayyim Synagogue is the only remaining synagogue in Crete and a focal point of the city's Jewish history. It was built in the late 15th century. The synagogue is located in the former Jewish quarter of Chania's Old Town.



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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.

TempleShalommb.org

From our Rabbi

The ethical and moral teachings of a religious tradition have no value unless they are practiced in our daily interactions with other human beings. People who just give lip service to their religious traditions, but don't practice the ethical and moral teachings of those traditions are really hypocrites.

We often may disagree with friends, neighbors, spouses, relatives, business and political associates and opponents. And it is quite proper to tell these people when we disagree with them. But our religious tradition strictly forbids us to publicly humiliate another human being.

The Babylonian Talmud states "Whoever shames his neighbor in public, it is as if he sheds his neighbor's blood." (Bava Mezia 58b) And it's true that when someone feels humiliated, the blood drains from his or her face. Because public humiliation is so damaging, with the victim often becoming insecure and embarrassed, Jewish teaching regards it as almost unforgivable. The Talmud declares that someone who publicly humiliates another human being forfeits a place in the World to Come (Bava Mezia 59a). And the Ethics of the Fathers states that this applies even if the offender is an ardent student of Torah and performs many good deeds (3.15).

And Genesis Rabbah (24.7) states that humiliating someone is regarded as an offense against God as well as against the person shamed, because when you humiliate someone you mock God in Whose image that person was created.

When Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah was about to die, his disciples sat before him and asked, "Rabbenu (our teacher), tell us one fundamental final teaching. He replied, 'My children, what can I teach you? Every one of you go and be careful of the dignity of

others.'" (Derech Eretz Rabbah, Chapter 3).

The Talmud teaches that preserving the dignity of others is so basic a Jewish value that it overrides other prohibitions in Jewish law (Berachot 19b). As an example, Jewish law doesn't permit performing marriages on the Sabbath. Yet, in the sixteenth century, when the wedding of a female orphan was delayed on a Friday afternoon, Rabbi Moses Isserles, one of the great codifiers of Jewish law, performed the wedding ceremony a full hour and a half after the Sabbath had begun. He reasoned that having one's marriage postponed, particularly after all the guests had assembled, "would be a lifelong disgrace to the bride," and "there can be no greater emergency than this case in which a grown orphan was being put to shame."

In recognition of how seriously Jewish law regards preserving the dignity of others, the Talmud records a blessing that one rabbi bestowed on another rabbi: "May it be God's will that you don't humiliate another, and that you're never humiliated." (Mo'ed Kattan 9b)

And an ancient Jewish text teaches, "It would be better for a person not to have been born at all than to experience these seven things: the death of his children in his lifetime, economic dependence upon others, an unnatural death, forgetting his learning, suffering, slavery, and publicly shaming his fellow human being." (Rabbenu Bachya) In Leviticus 19.18, God tells us to "love your neighbor as yourself." It's unfortunate that so many people who often invoke the name of God don't take this commandment very seriously.

Whats Happening at Temple Shalom November 2024

Friday 11/01/2024 Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg

Friday 11/08/2024 Shabbat Service including a special Kristallnacht presentation followed by an Oneg

Saturday 11/09/2024 Shabbat Service followed by a Kiddish

Friday 11/15/2024 Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg

Friday 11/22/2024 Shabbat Chaye Sarah Service led by the women of Temple Shalom. Pre-service wine and international hors d'oeuvres gathering with reservation.

Saturday 11/23/2024 Shabbat Service followed by a Kiddish

Friday 11/29/2024 Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg

Thank You Notes

Thank you, Rabbi David for leading our High Holiday services. Thank you to everyone who led readings during a service, carried the Torah, opened the Ark, served as a parking attendant or greeter, and helped with set up and clean up.

Thanks to the Break the Fast committee for shopping, food preparation, and set up and clean up.

Thank you to all who participated in our 1st Annual Rosh Hashanah Food Drive.

Secure Community Network has a new website: <https://www.securecommunitynetwork.org/>. Some of the key features: Find Your Security Professional, Get Connected (sign-up to receive SCN's Daily Update), Request Support, Commit to Action, Threat Incident & Suspicious Activity Reporting Form (SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING).

SAVE THE DATE

Friday November 8 -- Kristallnacht service.

Sunday, November 10 -- an afternoon of Coffee and Collage.

Friday, November 22 -- Chayei Sarah service and pre-service wine and international hors d'oeuvres gathering.

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.

Leo Baeck Institute (LBI) is an archive and research library devoted to the history and culture of German-speaking Jews <https://www.lbi.org/>

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>, Tory Avey at <https://toriavey.com>, 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 – in celebration of women and Thanksgiving

Barbra Streisand Sings Hatikvah and Talks to Golda Meir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uPHaioopKM>

Debbie Friedman - Miriam's Song-Not By Might (2001) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dcBTze-T4o>

Mizmor L'David | Female Cantors' Concert @ 30. FKŻ (Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcJSfv3COyw>

Shul Sisters Concert - June 10, 2021 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68ZO1LxTgLE>

ADON OLAM - Hampton Synagogue - Thanksgiving Concert 2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvOtcWEFWo8>

ART

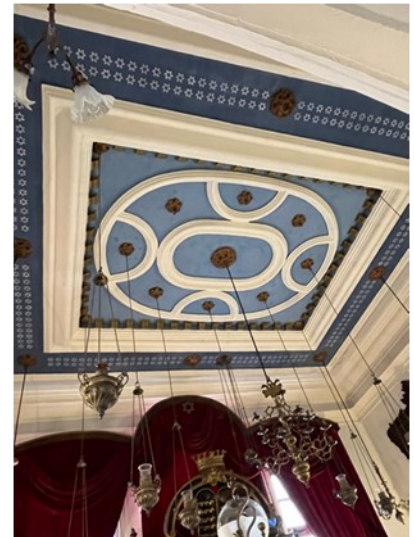
Parashat Chayei Sarah Women Torah Art Class <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luXI8myKdgl>

Parshat Chayei Sarah: Rebecca meets Isaac [Parshat Chayei Sarah: Rebecca meets Isaac](#)



Dubrovnik, Croatia

The Old Synagogue in Dubrovnik, Croatia is the home of the oldest Sephardic synagogue still in use today in the world and the second oldest synagogue in Europe. It is said to have been established in 1352 and gained legal status in the city in 1408.



67. Senat jednoglasno odlučuje dodijeliti Lojarsku ulicu (današnja Žudioska) za stalni boravak Židova u Gradu. Tako se stvarao Geto 1546. g.
Preslik, Državni arhiv Dubrovnik,
Acta Consilii Rogatorum, 47

The State unanimously decreed that the Jews should have a permanent living quarter in the city in Lojarska street (today Žudioska). Thus, a Ghetto was formed in 1546.

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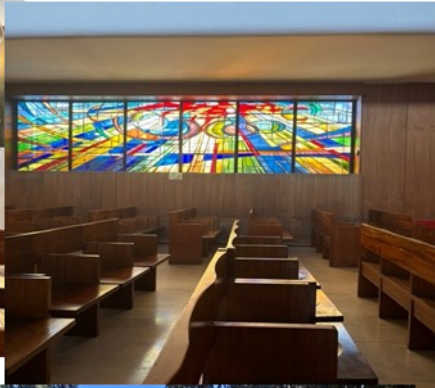
Athens, Greece

In contrast to the traffic on the narrow streets of Athens, the street seen in the pictures below is open only to members of the temple staff. For security reasons, visitors are required to sign in and show their passports to a police officer assigned at the end of gate surrounding the entrance. The temple is used on a regular basis. The day we visited we waited for a Bar Mitzvah service to be completed before entering the temple.

A Holocaust Memorial, shown below is at the end of the street. The sculpture is designed to enable visitors to sit and reflect.



Building on left is the newer temple. Building on right is older temple which now house offices and classrooms. Services are held there during high holidays as needed.



Pause awhile as you pass by,
close your eyes and remember.
Remember the time when here, or near here,
men, women and children - our own fellow creatures -
congregated in peace and trust, only to be arrested,
humiliated, deported and murdered in Camps
that shall forever shame our Civilization.
Because they were Jewish, six million people
were denied the right to be free, happy, to hope,
to smile, to pray and finally, the right to live.
Remember them, their anguish and their death.
Do not recoil at such horror; do not descend into despair
at man's inhumanity to man.
Just remember. For by remembering we honour their deaths,
and we save them from dying again - in oblivion.

Elie Wiesel

FOR THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN ATHENS MAY 2010



COFFEE AND COLLAGE ART

Join our artist in residence, Sylvia Conant, for an afternoon of fun exploring creativity through collage art. Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.



Please join us for coffee and collage art making instructions. This event will be held at:



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Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Reservations and pre-payment are required.

Cost of Event (including materials) Per Person

Members - \$5.00

Guests - \$10.00

LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS: Thursday, November 7, 2024

To Register:

1. Email Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text (843) 903-6634 to make your reservation.
2. 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 \$5.00 per person

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

General Donation: \$ _____ (Optional)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 7, 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.

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SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE KRISTALLNACHT

Please join us
to commemorate Kristallnacht
during the service on
Friday, November 8, 2024,
at 7:30 p.m.

The presentation to commemorate Kristallnacht was originally conceived as a multi-media project for Yom Hashoah entitled An Old Woman's Memories. Along with the art project the short story "An Old Woman's Memories" will be read.





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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TISHREI 30 – CHESHVAN 29

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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: \$300.00

- \$150.00 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.

- ☐ **YAHREIT** 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!