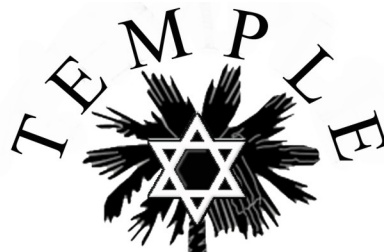




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A Place at the Table

by Rich Orloff

When it's time to hold the meeting
Give fear a place at the table
When fear feels estranged from your gatherings
It only works harder to be let in

When it's time to hold the meeting
Give grief a place at the table
Grief is only passing through
It has healing powers like no other

When it's time to hold the meeting
Give anger a place at the table
Let it shout till it loses its voice
Only then can it give up and listen

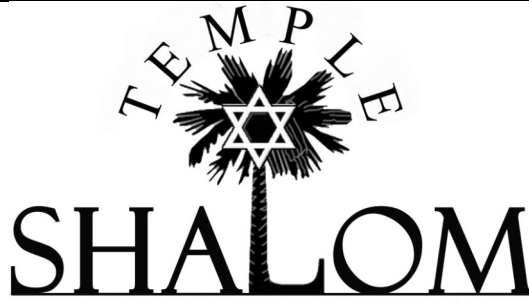
When it's time to hold the meeting
Give joy a place at the table
Do not ask it to justify its presence
Or it will quickly run away

When it's time to hold the meeting
Give ego a place at the table
But for God's sake, don't hand it the gavel
Treat it with respect; it's a warrior for your wounds

And whatever you do
When it's time to hold the meeting
Make sure you keep one seat empty
A stranger may appear
Bringing gifts of wisdom, mercy and grace
Only then
Will the meeting be ready to begin

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About 2 years ago, Sylvia came to our table. After attending services and functions for a while, she joined in March 2023. Sylvia has been attending services regularly on both Friday night and Saturday morning. She has delivered d'var Torahs on Friday nights and shared her art and prose for a special Kristallnacht service. As a member of book club, Sylvia recommended interesting books and brought insightful perspectives to our conversations. An artist, Sylvia hosted two fun and creative afternoons where she led us in art projects: Coffee and Watercolor and Coffee and Collage. Sylvia, we will miss you; you have enriched our lives with "wisdom, mercy and grace." Best wishes from your Temple Shalom family as you move back to California to join your family, friends, and the Jewish Collaborative of Orange County.

SHABBAT SERVICES


A Reform Congregation

(843) 903-ONEG (6634)

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

If you ask the average Jewish man or woman in the street why Chanukah is celebrated for eight days, they would probably say it's because some time in the distant past, a light had to be kept burning continuously in the temple in Jerusalem and there was just enough oil for one day, but miraculously it burned for eight days, by which time a new supply of oil was obtained. This is a legend and I'd like to explore the story behind this legend.

In the Second Century B.C.E., a Syrian king by the name of Antiochus had established an empire in the Middle East which included the Holy Land. Antiochus was an evil man. He was a proponent of Greek culture and wanted all the subjects in his empire to adopt Greek culture and Greek religious practices. He outlawed Jewish ritual practices. He installed a statue of the Greek God Zeus in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. A pig was offered as a sacrifice in the temple. Many Jews accepted Greek culture and abandoned their Jewish heritage. They were ready to completely assimilate, adopt Greek culture and totally abandon Judaism. However, in 168 B.C.E., a band of Jews known as the Maccabees revolted. Where does the name Maccabee come from? There are two theories. The Hebrew word for hammer is mah-keh-vet, which sounds like Maccabee. The Maccabees pounded on the forces of Antiochus like a hammer. The other theory is that Maccabee comes from the first letter of each of the four words in *Mee Chamocha Baeyleem Adonai – Who is like You among the gods that are worshipped, O Lord*. If you take the first letter in each of those four words – Mee Chamocha Baeyleem Adonai and put them together, they form the word Maccabee.

The Maccabees revolted and after three years they were successful in defeating the forces of Antiochus. Some scholars say their victory was achieved in 165 B.C.E. and others say it was 164 B.C.E. The Maccabees cleansed the temple and rededicated it as a Jewish temple. The word Chanukah means dedication.

The story of Chanukah appears in the first and second books of Maccabees. But these books are not part of the Jewish Bible. So the story of Chanukah does not appear in the Jewish Bible and was originally considered a minor Jewish holiday. But today, after Passover and Yom Kippur, it's the holiday most Jews observe, probably as a Jewish reaction to the Christian holiday of Christmas, which occurs at about the same time of year as Chanukah.

But what about the story of the one day supply of oil in the rededicated temple burning for eight days? Well, there is no mention of this in either the first or second book of Maccabees. The earliest written mention of this is in the Talmud, several hundred years after the events in the Chanukah story occurred. So the story of the oil burning for eight days is probably a legend, but not historical fact.

So why, then, is Chanukah celebrated for eight days? Well, there is another opinion regarding this matter. Some eight hundred years before Judah Maccabee, King Solomon dedicated the first temple in Jerusalem. And the dedication was celebrated during the holiday of Sukkot, which, when we include the holiday of Sh'mini Atzeret which is added at the end of Sukkot, is an eight day holiday. It is likely that Judah Maccabee wanted his dedication of the temple to be as important as Solomon's dedication of the first temple some 800 years earlier. And since

Solomon's temple was dedicated for eight days, the Maccabees celebrated the Temple dedication for eight days.

So what is the real miracle of Chanukah? It's not the lasting of oil for eight days, but it's rather the miraculous victory of the small band of Maccabees over the forces of King Antiochus, which allowed for the continuation of Judaism. If the Maccabees hadn't been successful, Judaism would have been wiped out. It would have been replaced by Greek culture. And without Judaism, there would have been no Christianity and no Islam. This was the miracle. And in the Jewish tradition, this miracle was brought about by God. As stated by the Prophet Zechariah (Zechar-yah in Hebrew) in the Haftarah which is chanted in synagogues at the morning service on the Shabbat during Chanukah (4.6), "Not by might, nor by power, but by MY (God's) spirit" were the Maccabees able to prevail and preserve Judaism. That was the true miracle of Chanukah.

Mary and I wish you a Chanukah Sah-mei-ach, A Happy Chanukah.

Rabbi David Weissman

What's Happening at Temple Shalom December 2024

Friday	12/06/2024	Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg
Saturday	12/07/2024	Shabbat Service followed by a kiddush
Friday	12/13/2024	Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg
Friday	12/20/2024	Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg
Saturday	12/21/2024	Shabbat Service followed by a kiddush
Friday	12/27/2024	Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg

Congratulations to Benjamin's Bakery Café for 30 years of bagels, challah, honey cake and other goodies. On November 7, 2024, they celebrated with a ribbon cutting to begin the next 30 years.

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

Thursday, December 19 at 12:00 PM, join us for Sandwiches and Snowflakes . We are making 3D snowflakes to decorate for winter. The cost for the event includes all materials and a light lunch. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com.

Friday, December 27, bring your Menorahs and candles to Temple for our group candle lighting at the beginning of the service.

Sunday, December 29, join us for our annual Chanukah party at 1:30 for Trivia, latkes and donuts followed by the menorah lighting and traditional Chanukah songs at Valor Memorial Garden Market Common. For more information, contact Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com.

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/>

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>, Tory Avey at <https://toriavey.com>, 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 – Violinist Deborah Strauss to receive the 2024 ‘Dreaming in Yiddish Award’. Raised in a traditional home filled with European cantorial music, Hasidic niggunim and Jewish art song, Strauss’ childhood paved the way to a deep connection to klezmer and Yiddish music. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqumcnYvjuk>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4EM7flBOVo>

The Maccabeats - Latke Recipe – Hanukkah https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fg51la8Yayc&list=RDQMuNzld48CBSU&start_radio=1

Hanukkah oh Hanukkah - a Pentatonix Daft Punk cover - Hanukkah 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kH83oNwhDVM&list=RDQMuNzld48CBSU&index=10>

You Can Light With Me (Y-Studs Version) - A Taylor Swift Hanukkah [Official Video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSj9pOUJ6tI>

Six13 - West Side Chanukah Story | Presented by MJE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiskf_lZXv8

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ART

The Life and Art of Seymour Rosenthal <https://seymourrosenthal.com/>

Drew Friedman, illustrator and cartoonist <https://drewfriedman.blogspot.com/>



HANUKKAH PARTY
 with Team Trivia and Nosh followed by
MARKET COMMON MENORAH LIGHTING at 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.



Please join us at the temple for our annual Hanukkah party. We will play Team Trivia and nosh on latkes, donuts, veggies, and fruit while enjoying the holiday.

After the party, we will meet at Valor Memorial Garden at Market Common for the lighting of the menorah and traditional Hanukkah songs. As always, you may attend the menorah lighting without attending the party.

Reservations and pre-payment are required for the Hanukkah party.

Hanukkah Party Cost Per Person

Members - \$15.00

Non-Members - \$22.00

LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, December 25, 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.

HANUKKAH PARTY 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 DECEMBER 25, 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.



ANNOUNCING KULANU

Temple Shalom is proud to announce our participation in **Kulanu**, ADL's national synagogue engagement program. Kulanu—Hebrew for “all of us”— gives our congregation access to exclusive learning opportunities, tools and resources tapping ADL expertise so we can take action to combat hate and antisemitism in our community.

ADL partners with us by offering our working group access to ADL experts through monthly webinars and workshops, as well as ADL content, resources, and tools on an online portal.

ADL's Kulanu Program is national in scope, but local in focus, guiding us to forge formative relationships in our community through collaboration and bridge building between our synagogue and our neighbors.

One of our initiatives is planning two (2) programs with the Myrtle Beach NAACP to read and discuss Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho and Uncomfortable Conversations with a Jew by Emmanuel Acho and Noa Tishby.

We look forward to making a difference in the fight against antisemitism and hate here at Temple Shalom and in Myrtle Beach.

If you would like to learn more about how to get involved in Temple Shalom's Kulanu working group, contact Hope at Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com.



Sandwiches and Snowflakes

Decorate for Winter with 3D snowflakes!
(Because it snows in some places for Hanukkah, too!)

Make and take activity shared by Jamie Stanton.
Light lunch provided. All ages welcome.

Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12:00 pm

TEMPLE SHALOM

4023 Belle Terre Blvd.

Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Reservations and pre-payment are required.

Cost of Event (including materials) Per Person

Members: \$7.00 Guests \$12.00

Last day for reservations: Friday, December 13, 2024



To Register:

1. Email Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text 843-903-6634
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 www.TempleShalomMB.org, select Donations, and complete the form making sure you type in the name of this event where appropriate.

SANDWICHES AND SNOWFLAKES 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 \$7.00 per person

No. of Guests: _____ at \$12.00 per person

General Donation: \$ _____ (Optional)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

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Temple Shalom's 1st Annual Rosh Hashanah Food Drive

Thank you to all who helped to make the 1st Annual Rosh Hashana Food Drive a huge success! A total of 44 bags were donated and delivered to South Strand Helping Hand. The outpouring of love from our congregation, in this and so many other ways, goes a long way toward making the world a better place for all...tikkun olam.



Dear Temple Shalom,

Thank you again for your most generous food donation. Without the donation you made we would not be able to help those in need in our community. Thank you for your continued help, we greatly appreciate it!

South Strand Helping Hand



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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CHESHVAN 30 - KISLEV 30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 30 CHESHVAN	2 1 KISLEV	3 2 KISLEV	4 3 KISLEV	5 4 KISLEV	6 Service: 7:30PM Led by : Oneg: 5 KISLEV	7 Service: 10:30 6 KISLEV
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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.

- 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!