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**A Reform Congregation** 

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A Letter from the President February 2025

Temple Shalom has embarked on a new journey. Through URJ, we have started the process to search for a Rabbi or Cantor for our congregation. Our search committee, consisting of the Executive Board and the Ritual Committee, has completed the Rabbinic application and it has been posted to the Central Conference of American Rabbis members-only section of their website. We are in the process of completing the Cantorial Placement Application and it should be posted by the time you read this newsletter. Thank you to Rabbi Alan Berlin and Cantor Mary Rebecca Thomas, directors of search services, for their quidance in working through the process.

In our applications, we have advertised for a Rabbi or Cantor who has a sense of humor and

Will find a home here in the Myrtle Beach area and become part of our Temple family.

Will lead services 2 Fridays and 2 Saturdays a month plus holidays, using familiar melodies and gradually teaching new ones and delivering sermons that are easy to comprehend and not political Will teach adult education classes

Will provide clergy for life cycle events as a benefit of membership.

Will embrace our safety and Kulanu initiatives.

The Board of Directors will keep you updated and will be asking for input through the monthly newsletter and emails as we engage in the process of choosing our next spiritual leader. While we will be transparent with our process, we have given our assurance of confidentiality to only describe the process but not the candidates' identities. If a candidate's name leaks out, it can have severe consequences for the candidate, for his or her congregation, and for our congregation.

Thank you to Rabbi David for offering advice and information to help in our search. He has also generously offered to help with the transition in any way that he can. We are so grateful for the years that he has been our Rabbi and that he and Mary have been a part of our community. Again, as we move forward, please feel free to ask questions about the

process and our progress.

Hope Sachwald, President, and the Board of Directors of Temple Shalom



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David Weissman Rabbi

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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.

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As we age, we seem to have more to complain about than when we were younger. We have more aches and pains. Many of us have an increasing number of health problems. Many of us have lost loved ones. And the older we get,

the more likely it is that people whom we shared life's experiences with will pass away.

And so, we have to accept that life is filled with happy moments and sad moments.

But I think we have to always look upon the glass as being half full rather than half empty. We have to accentuate the positive and down play the negative.

Life is really a gift. We are not entitled to have a life with a self-consciousness and an awareness of ourselves and an awareness of our surroundings. Life is a gift from God and we should be grateful to God for giving us a life.

So instead of brooding about our declining health, we should be grateful that we're still alive while others our age are no longer alive. Instead of brooding over the loss of a loved one, we should thank God for the time we were able to spend with that loved one while he/she was alive.

And we should recognize that life consists of time. We all have a limited amount of time on this earth. We can use that time to brood and complain about everything or we can use that time living positive lives, reaching out to other

human beings and enjoying life.

In the Jewish tradition, we begin every morning service with a series of blessings thanking God for the many good things which have been bestowed upon us.

We thank God for creating us in God's image with a self-awareness consciousness and an ability to think abstractly. We thank God for allowing us to live in a free country while most of the people in the world live in countries where people don't have the freedoms we enjoy in the United States. We thank God for giving us the blessing of sight, with the ability to visually connect with our surroundings. We thank God for allowing us to live in a country where all of our basic needs are satisfied. At night, we don't go to bed hungry. We receive decent medical care. We have clothes to wear. We have television sets and computers and telephones. And if we are in declining health, God provides us with the strength to go on.

So don't feel sorry for yourself. Enjoy life to the fullest extent possible. And if you're feeling depressed, reach out to other people.

Rabbi David Weissman



I'm sure we are all hoping for a warmer February. This has been a very cold winter, with lots of warmth found inside our Temple. It's a great place to come together when the weather outside is frightful!

All dates from April 4 through July 11 remain available. July 25 through August 29 are open. Most dates after September 5 are also available!

Remember if you are providing an Oneg, you get the honor of lighting the Shabbat candles. If you aren't sure how, ask the Rabbi or any of the regular Friday attendees.

If you are homebound and would like to sponsor an Oneg, contact me. You can ask me how to do this if you are unsure.

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# What's Happening at Temple Shalom February 2025

Saturday	02/01/25	Shabbat services led by	Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday	02/07/25	Shabbat services led by	Mike Sachwald and Linda Post
Friday	02/14/25	Shabbat services led by	Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday	02/21/25	Shabbat services led by	Cookie Brenner and Michelle Foels
Saturday	02/22/25	Shabbat services led by	Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday	02/28/25	Shabbat services led by	Cookie Brenner and Michelle Foels
Saturday	03/01/25	Shabbat services led by	Rabbi David and Mary Weissman

If you would like to participate in the mitzvah of leading the English or delivering a sermon at a Friday evening service, please contact TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com. If you are unable to stand to do the service, accommodations will be made.

# Thank You Notes

Thank you to Cookie Brenner for organizing the de-escalation training on January 14.

Thank you to Jason Roebuck for his presentation and to everyone who attended.

Thank you to Irene Klein for arranging lunch at Olive Garden and for leading Book Club.

Thank you to Cookie Brenner for ordering the Memorial Board wings and to Bill Stanton for handling the delivery and installation.

Thank you to Rabbi David for the training/refresher course in going up to the Torah to do an Aliyah.

Thank you to everyone for their flexibility in January as the weather impacted on our service delivery.

Jessica Foreman sends out birthday and anniversary cards from Temple Shalom based on our roster. Sometimes the event is a one-time celebration--grandchildren, graduations, or marriages or an unpleasant event --illnesses, accidents, or death. Please e-mail Jessica if you know of someone in the Temple family, who has a celebration or could use a helping hand, at jessicafforman@gmail.com. Thank you, Jessica!

**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

Kugels and Collards: Preserving and Sharing Stories of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina presented by the Jewish Community Legacy Project on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Free Zoom registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud--grT8uG9A-tn4eBgujewaDaOSd9\_Fi#/registration

Please join us at Temple Shalom on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. as we welcome Abby Berjansky, Community Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator, from Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. Abby will discuss "What's Normal Aging vs. What's Normal Aging: An overview of typical and

atypical aging processes." She will also touch on the types of dementia. Please email Hope prior to February 19 (so we have plenty of snacks) at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text (843) 903-6634 to make your reservation. Public is Welcome. There is no charge for this workshop, however, we suggest a donation of at least \$5 per person. You may bring a check made out to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare or cash. A basket will be set out to collect all donations and we will mail all donations to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare.

Thursday, February 27 is Temple Shalom's winter Mah Jongg marathon. If you are able to donate a gift card or small gift for prizes, please contact Irene Klein.

## 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://jamiegeller.com/author/jamie-geller, Tory Avey athttps://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

Am Yisrael Chai | English Translation and Transliteration Lyrics | – עם ישראל חי https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k30-AJPxGTs Hatikvah (The Hope) - Israeli National Anthem | Marty Goetz & Misha Goetz #LIVE from #Jerusalem https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrXz8KT0duU



# WHAT'S NORMAL AGING VS. WHAT'S NOT NORMAL AGING: AN OVERVIEW OF TYPICAL AND ATYPICAL AGING PROCESSES

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Public\* is Welcome - PLEASE SHARE

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# Location of workshop:

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

Reservations are required prior to February 19, 2025.

# To Register:

Please email Hope at TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com or call/text (843) 903-6634 to make your reservation.

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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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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# HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SEE YOUR WRITING PUBLISHED?

# HAVE YOU WANTED TO LET OTHERS KNOW THE IMPACT TEMPLE SHALOM MEMBERSHIP HAS HAD IN YOUR LIFE?

NOW is your chance. We are looking for members willing to write an article for the monthly newsletter/bulletin about the impact Temple Shalom has had on them. The article can be any size and we will publish one each month.

Please send your article to Hope Sachwald at <a href="mailto:TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com">TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com</a>.

Thank you for your help!



# **Donations**

# **General Fund**

Tiffany Andrews Linda Post

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Richard Greenfield Brother-in-law of Jay Hough Jay Hough Jerome Stein Husband of Rhoda Stein Rhoda Stein Etta Lukas Mother of Cary Lukas Cary Lukas Bonnie Showstack Wife of Bruce Showstack Bruce Showstack Jacob Friedman Father of Gerry Silverman Gerry Silverman Donald Wildman Father of Katherine Fuller Katherine Fuller Bertha D'Ambrosio Mother of John D'Ambrosio

John and Pamela D'Ambrosio

In memory of Phil Honer: David & Flo Pflaster Jay Hough Bobbie Guseman Lily Ann Revitch Laurie Ward Derman & Evelyn Palat Susan Stupine Felice Breidner John & Pamela D'Ambrosia Linda Post

## Chai Club

Felice Breidner Stephen Post Linda Post Flo & David Pflaster Sheila Honer Katherine Fuller Bobbie Guseman Michelle Foels Gabe & Cookie Brenner Irene Klein Laurie Ward Steve Firestone Irene Klein Diahann Saddler

# Birthdays

Bruce Showstack February 10
Jay Hough February 14

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Allan Kent	Cousin	of	Michelle	Foels	13
Charles Rubin					13
Rose Brenner	Mother	of	Gabe	Brenner	12
Jerry Komito					14
Lillian Grand	Gt.Grdmother	of	Michelle	Foels	15
Ann Finkelstein	Sister in law	of	Steve	Firestone	16
Don Wildman	Brother	of	Katherine	Fuller	21
Ann Pollack	Aunt	of	Lily Ann	Revitch	22
Joseph Weiner	Father	of	Sheila	Honer	23
Rose Weissman	Mother	of	David	Weissman	26
Harriet Firestone	Wife	of	Steve	Firestone	27
Alexander Simon	Grandfather	of	Linda	Post	28
Alexander Revitch	Brother in law	of	Lily Ann	Revitch	28
Cheryl M. Reich					28
Tom Smith	Father	of	Jamie	Stanton	28
Louis Sachwald	Father	of	Michael	Sachwald	28
Adam DiLauro	Son	Of	Marilyn	DiLauro	29

From the editor's desk

**Deadline for March Bulletin is February 23, 2025** 

Submission is via e-mail to : djp3747@atmc.net

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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
	<ul> <li>\$125.00 deposit required</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>takes at least 6 weeks</li> </ul>
	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.
Ple NAME	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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