

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 guidance 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

process and our progress.

- 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

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



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

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

Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Public* is Welcome – PLEASE SHARE

Please join us as we welcome Abby Berjansky, Community Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator, from Lower Cape Fear LifeCare who will discuss What's Normal Aging vs. What's Not Normal Aging: An overview of typical and atypical aging processes. She will also touch on the types of dementia.

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 <u>Lower Cape Fear LifeCare</u> or cash. A basket will be set out to collect all donations.

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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What's Happening at Temple Shalom February 2025

Saturday	02/01/25	Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush
Friday	02/07/25	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Friday	02/14/25	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Friday	02/21/25	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Saturday	02/22/25	Shabbat services followed by an Kiddush
Friday	02/28/25	Shabbat services followed by an Oneg
Saturday	03/01/25	Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Jason Roebuck for his presentation and to everyone who attended the de-escalation training on January 14

Thank you to Rabbi David for the training/refresher course in going up to the Torah to do an Aliyah. Mazel Tov to those who participated

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

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

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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.

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Leo Baeck Institute (LBI) is an archive and research library devoted to the history and culture of Germanspeaking 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 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

Am Yisrael Chai | English Translation and Transliteration Lyrics | – ישראל חי Eyal Golan 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 The Israel Philharmonic with the IDF Orchestra - Al Kol Eleh https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=tLjucRUyd4Y

ART

JFGR Presents: Famous Jewish Artists https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bs4W7OykJ_k



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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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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 <u>TempleShalomMBPresident@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your help!



February 2025 Shevat 3 – Shevat 30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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
	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:
	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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