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A Letter from the President – March 2025

I attended URJ's Conference of Presidents Virtual Meeting on February 19, 2025, presented by Rabbi Josh Weinberg. As most of you know, I grew up in a Reform congregation. Somehow, after 13 years of Sunday school, I had never heard of the World Zionist Congress (WZC).

I want to share this information with you while stressing that neither Temple Shalom nor am I asking you to vote. URJ has asked the Presidents to share the information about the WZC and the upcoming opportunity for all American Jews to vote. Please read the fact sheet (and Jay Levine's article if you want more information) and decide if you want to cast your vote for the Reform delegates, for other delegates or not at all.

Mandy Greene, a URJ member President, created a fact sheet about the **World Zionist Congress 2025** and the action that you can take:

Here are things you should know about the World Zionist Congress.

FACT 1: The World Zionist Congress (WZC) was created in 1897 by Theodor Herzl. It is sometimes called the "Parliament of the Jewish People." The WZC meets in Israel every 5 years.

FACT 2: Delegates to the WZC are selected by a vote of Jewish people who live OUTSIDE of Israel. Reform delegates to the WZC can help direct resources in Israel to organizations that support Reform values such as democracy and justice, helping to promote equality for Reform Jews in Israel.

FACT 3: The next election will be held between March 10 and May 4, 2025.

FACT 4: As an American, these are the only qualifications to vote:

- o You must self-identify as being Jewish.
- o You must be 18 years of age or older.
- o You must be a permanent resident of the US.

FACT 5: There is a \$5 administrative fee to vote. Period.

For more information, visit: www.Vote4Reform.org and register to vote.

Then, starting on March 10, 2025, you will have an opportunity to vote either online or by paper ballot. Due your part to help promote Reform values in Israel.

Jay Levine, another URJ member President shared the letter that he sent to his congregation in January that further explains the role of the WZC:

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 the Rabbi

The future has been defined as something everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever someone does, whoever someone is. But there has always been a vast curiosity to know the future before we get there.

People consult the stars, the tea leaves, the palm readers, the crystal balls in an effort to foresee the future. Every day, people read that special section in newspapers to learn what the planets have in store for them.

Even the third patriarch Jacob tried to predict the future. We read in the Torah that the dying Jacob assembles his sons together and says to them, "Come together that I may tell you what is to befall you in the days to come," (Genesis 49.1). As we read further, however, there are no predictions of things to come. And our rabbinic sages pointed out that "Jacob wanted to foretell the future, but the Divine Presence departed from him." God apparently didn't want the future to be revealed. Why not?

If you and I were to know the future before we get there, wouldn't life lose its zest and excitement? Wouldn't it be boring as we played out mechanically the roles that had been predetermined for us? If we knew in advance all the heartbreak and the disappointments and sorrows and griefs that awaited us, could we find the courage to go on?

The most compelling reason no one can predict the future is that the future doesn't exist. We aren't robots. We have free will to determine what happens in the future by what we do today. And there are many things about the future that are beyond our control. James Truslow Adams put his finger on the truth when he said that while an astronomer can predict precisely where every star will be at 11:30 tonight, he could make no such prediction about his young daughter.

I think that what the future has in store for us depends to a large degree on what we place in store for the future. Not the stars or the cards, but our present actions will, to a great extent, determine the future.

Rabbi David Weissman

(President letter from page 1)

Only Israeli citizens get a vote in the Knesset, but all Jews can vote in the elections to the World Zionist Congress. These elections determine the political power balance in all of the National Institutions for the legislative period until the next congress elections. The World Zionist Congress election is a powerful way for Reform voices and Reform values to have a real and impactful say in how Israel spends its money and treats its people. We can help build a future for Israel that is democratic, pluralistic, and secure.

The outcome of the WZC election directly impacts our ability to engage in vital advocacy and legal work in Israel. Even in the difficult days since October 7th, our democracy work through the Israel Movement for Reform and Progression Judaism (IMPJ) and Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), has proven crucial for Israel's secure and democratic nature and for marginalized individuals within Israeli society.

What's at stake in the 2025 WZC election?

Nothing less than the soul of the State of Israel is at stake in the 2025 WZC election. The ultra-Orthodox and ultra-Nationalist movements are using the levers provided through these institutions – and power gained in the World Zionist Congress elections – to advance their agenda, including:

- Increased funding for Settlements
- Rolling back gains for LGBTQ+ rights, gender equity, and religious pluralism
- Stripping Israeli Reform clergy and communities of their rights and funding
- Advancing policies to weaken the influence of Reform Jews by rejecting our conversions and questioning the authenticity of our children's Jewish identity.
- Ensuring ultra-Orthodox Israelis will not serve in the IDF
- Advancing the Netanyahu Government's judicial overhaul and anti-democratic policies of racist politicians like Ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Betzalel Smotrich.
- Allowing the ultra-Orthodox to keep the core curriculum out of their schools, and to advance additional gender segregation in Israeli society.

We cannot let this happen. We are committed to a bold campaign to organize and mobilize turnout for the 2025 WZC vote. Your participation is vital to ensure that we secure a future for Reform Judaism, Democracy, and Peace in Israel.

It is hard in a few words to convey the importance of every one of us participating in this worldwide election March 10-May 4, 2025!

The World Zionist Congress is our one chance to have a vote in the policy and budget decisions of the Jewish state. If you participate, you will help ensure that billions of dollars will continue to be allocated for progressive Judaism, for justice and democracy, and even we pray, peace efforts in Israel. If you struggled to answer the question, "What can I really do to make a difference in Israel right now?" this is your answer!

Voting is simple, impactful, and crucial. By participating between March 10 and May 4, 2025, you'll help secure a democratic, pluralistic, and secure future for Israel. Let's stand together and make our voices heard for a better tomorrow.

Hope Sachwald, President

What's Happening at Temple Shalom March 2025

Saturday	03/01/25	Shabbat service followed by a Kiddish
Friday	03/07/25	Shabbat service followed by an Oneg
Friday	03/14/25	Shabbat and Purim service (Megillah reading) followed by an Oneg
Saturday	03/15/25	Shabbat and Purim service (Purim play) followed by a Kiddish
Friday	03/21/25	Shabbat service in honor of Rabbi David and Mary Weissman
Friday	3/28/25	Shabbat service followed by an Oneg
Saturday	03/29/25	Shabbat service and Bat Mitzvah

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Abby Berjansky, Community Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator, from Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, for her presentation of "What's Normal Aging vs. What's Not Normal Aging."

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mah Jongg Marathon.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 A.M. – Shabbat Purim Service, Purim Play and Potluck luncheon. See Flyer for details.

Friday, March 21 at 6 P.M. -- Shabbat dinner, prior to services, in honor of the Weissman's anniversary and Rabbi David's retirement. The dinner is SOLD OUT but you are welcome to attend services at 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 12 at 6 P.M. – Annual Community Passover Seder at Temple Shalom. SPACE IS LIMITED to 50 seats. First come, first reserved. See flyer for details.

Saturday April 19 at 10:30 A.M. – service for the last day of Passover including Yizkor service

IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS Recognition Lunch. Join Lower Cape Fear LifeCare in collaboration with The Asher Theatre for a special Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event, honoring those who served and commemorating National Vietnam Veterans Day (March 29) and the 52nd anniversary since U.S. troops left South Vietnam. March 26, 2025 ~ 11:30am-1:30pm The Asher Theatre and Conference Center 3237 Waccamaw Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC. Lunch catered by Mission BBQ, whose motto is to "Proudly Serve Those Who Serve." Seating for Vietnam Era Veteran plus one guest. For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Laura Long at 910-620-5062 or Laura.Long@LifeCare.org.

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Join **The OLLIE Foundation** for a Multi-Faith Panel Event: Exploring Faith-Based Approaches to Suicide Prevention on Wednesday, 19 March 2025 8:30 A.M. Discover how faith and spirituality intersect with mental health and suicide prevention in this insightful and meaningful discussion. This event is fully funded although donations are always welcome. Book your place at: <https://theolliefoundation.org/what-we-do/events/talking-faith-in-suicide-prevention/>

Antisemitism: What the Research Shows and Actions We Can Take with Darryl Coulon presented by the Jewish Community Legacy Project on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Darryl oversees strategy and programs for college and university campuses, synagogues and Jewish communal life in sixteen states.

Identifying as Black and Jewish, Darryl brings a passion for bridge-building across diverse communities and facilitating important, yet sensitive, conversations related to interpersonal themes at the intersection of oppression and race/ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and others. Free Zoom registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kbYFe34HTmOJdC8OzIYMLA#/registration>

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, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Free Zoom registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud--grT8uG9A-tn4eBgujewaDaOSd9_Fi#/registration

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, celebrating their Centennial Anniversary in 2025, 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

The Maccabeats - Purim Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgJInVvJSZg>

A Six13 Purim <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=copuiawkyCY>

Oorah & Lipa, Ashrei Ha'Am | Purim https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsGt2TGGy_o

Come Let Us Sing to God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F43IKdUN3Xc>

VIDEO

Coming to the Carolinas: A Jewish History <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vipBa9yObJ0>

Modi | Know Your Audience (Full Comedy Special) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPF3GkKuPVc>



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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ADAR 1 – NISAN 2

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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!

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