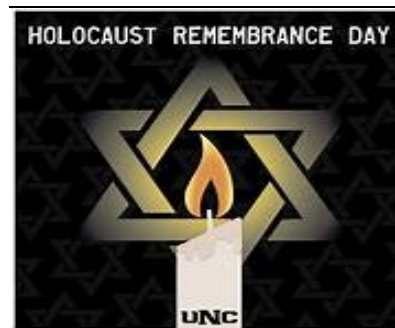




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A Letter from the President April 2025

Updates at Temple Shalom

NSGP Grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Nonprofit Security Grant Program, has helped Jewish institutions across the country install security cameras, train staff, and add protective barriers, according to the nonprofit Secure Community Network, which gives security advice and monitors threats to Jewish communities nationwide. For the past three months, there has been a freeze on grants for synagogue protections as authorities and Jewish groups warn of rising antisemitism. We received an email from Stephanie Kitchens, SC Law Enforcement Division Office of Homeland Security, stating: "We are anticipating that FEMA will be lifting the grant holds within the next week and we will be able to begin submitting EHP's that have been pending." Temple Shalom cannot begin any project under the grant without these approvals that have been on hold. Fortunately, we are in the first year of our grant and have not laid out any money. There are congregations in the third and final year of their grants who have been very concerned about reimbursement for completed work. We also received this message from ADL:

TAKE ACTION: Urge the White House to Protect the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (<https://action.adl.org/a/unfreeze-nsgp?sourceid=10820740>)

WZC Election

Only Israeli citizens get a vote in the Knesset, but all Jews can vote in the elections to the World Zionist Congress. 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. Voting in this worldwide election continues through May 4, 2025!

If you choose to vote in the 2025 World Zionist Congress Election: (1) Go to <https://www.vote4reform.org/>. (2) Scroll down to "VOTE NOW AT ZIONIST ELECTION.ORG" and click the button. It will take you to <https://azm.castiron.votem.net/election/037548cb-4cbb-4a94-aa9a-8aef017d4ddf>. (3) Click on view slates; Vote Reform is #3. (4) Beneath the list of slates is an FAQ and below that the Register and Vote button. (5) It costs \$5 to register. (6) You are then sent a pin, and you can vote.

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Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

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

In this, my final article for Temple Shalom's bulletin, I'm going to review my fourteen years as the temple's rabbi. Before coming to Temple Shalom, I had served for many years as a cantor at both Conservative and Reform congregations while working full-time first as a high school social studies teacher and then as an assistant principal in the New York City School System. I retired from the New York City School System in 1991. I then obtained rabbinic ordination and served as the rabbi of the Jewish Center of the Moriches (Conservative) in Long Island, New York (1988-2001) and the Village Reform Congregation of Pembroke Pines, Florida, (2001- 2008).

Today, most pulpit rabbis attend rabbinical school full-time and their salary as a pulpit rabbi provides them with their main source of income. My rabbinic career didn't follow this model. The occupation of full-time rabbi is of fairly modern origin. The rabbis of the Talmud had other occupations. The great rabbi Hillel was a woodchopper, Rabbi Shammai the Elder was a builder. The great medieval rabbinic scholar, Maimonides, was a physician. In no way do I compare myself to these great rabbinic scholars. But I have tried to model my behavior after them by not depending on my rabbi's salary for my main source of income, even when I served in rabbinic positions which required full-time involvement. Pirke Avot, the Sayings of the Fathers, warns against using Torah study as a shovel to unduly enrich oneself (Chapter 4,7). I have tried to follow this teaching.

I arrived at Temple Shalom in 2008. At the time, Temple Shalom had weekly Friday evening Shabbat services, High Holiday services and a Passover Seder. Services were held at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Kings Highway. We then moved into the Myrtle Beach Senior Center and instituted weekly Saturday morning services, a monthly adult education program and services on the other Jewish holidays throughout the year. Solo, I led services every Friday evening and then the following morning. We had an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. I made hospital visits to congregants who were ill. Every week, following Saturday morning services, a group of us would go out to lunch.

The temple moved from the Senior Center to our own rental facility in Conway and then, as a result of the generosity of a former member who left the temple a bequest in her will and the generosity of Ze'ev and Lily Ann Revitch, the temple was able to move into its own building on Belle Terre Boulevard.

In 2019, at the age of 84, I went on dialysis and decided it was time for me to throw in the towel. Mary and I moved to Delray Beach, Florida, where we lived for three years. The pandemic struck. I was named Rabbi Emeritus and via Zoom, as a volunteer, conducted a Passover Seder and one year's High Holiday services.

After three years in Delray Beach, I got bored, and hearing that there might be an opening for a rabbi at Temple Shalom, I contacted Hope. The congregation had changed quite a bit during my three-year absence. The congregation had become much more self-sufficient. Members were now playing a much more active role in leading services. Mike, Cookie and Michelle were doing a lot of things I used to do. Hope wanted me to lead services only two Friday evenings and two Saturday mornings a month. This was fine with me. Not only was I on dialysis, but I was also on a walker and had a lot less energy than I used to have. I no longer had the energy to lead services solo, so I recruited Mary to help lead the English parts. I also was no longer able to make hospital visits. And so, I've lasted for almost three years as Temple Shalom's year round part-time rabbi. But I'm physically weak, on a walker with back problems and will be 90 in June. So, again, I'm retiring. This time for good.

But one thing I've noticed over the past three years. For a congregation of this small size, attendance at Friday evening services has been consistently good, whether Mary and I are leading services or congregants are leading.

So, I hope Temple Shalom can find a rabbi to replace me. But if you can't, the congregation can continue with members leading weekly Shabbat services. You will need to hire someone for the High Holidays and perhaps for other holidays and events throughout the year. People may want a rabbi for funerals, but there are options available.

My fourteen years at Temple Shalom have been among the most gratifying years of my life. I have always considered members of Temple Shalom to be part of my extended family. If I were healthy, I would continue as your rabbi for the rest of my life. I love you all.

Rabbi David Weissman

A Letter from the President April 2025 (contd)

Kulanu

Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism is a self-directed program that empowers synagogue communities to fight against antisemitism and hate. Our committee has 3 members, and we would love to have more join us. Kulanu supports synagogues in organizing and activating through education, advocacy, and community engagement. We have been attending web gatherings on antisemitism and how to combat hate and how to create programs for the community. Research has found that the best way to fight antisemitism is on a person-to-person basis. On April 6, two congregants will be leading a mock Seder for a Church Bible Study group. On April 12, a group from another church will be joining our Seder. We are also planning our joint event with the Myrtle Beach NAACP to discuss Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho (here is a conversation with Matthew McConaugh: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwiY4i8xWlc>) and Uncomfortable Conversations with a Jew by Emmanuel Acho and Noa Tishby. Please read these books and join this event.

Secure Community Network Launches Recurring Seasonal 10-Minute Weather Safety Webinar Series

The Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, has a recurring series of weather-related preparedness webinars aimed at helping Jewish institutions and community members proactively prepare for seasonal weather events. The first two webinars, "10-Minute Weather Safety Series: Spring Weather" and "10-Minute Weather Safety Series — Spring Weather: Hurricanes and Floods," provide critical information on recognizing and responding to severe weather events including tornadoes, thunderstorms, hurricanes, flash floods, and riverine flooding. The SCN urges all community institutions and members to participate in this educational initiative and enhance their preparedness for seasonal weather-related challenges. To access the webinar and register for the upcoming Q&A session, click here or visit SecureCommunityNetwork.Org.

Rabbinic Search

Our search is ongoing. Our search committee, consisting of the Executive Board and the Ritual Committee, has posted with the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Cantorial Placement Site. We have posted on the site for full time/part time and also have access to the site for small congregations where we can check for Rabbis and Cantors looking for a monthly visit. We have interviewed two candidates so far and may have a follow-up after Passover.

New Initiatives

A few years ago, I asked the congregation to show up. Thank you for showing up! Thank you for attending services and events so that we always have a minyan for our services and a respectable turn out for our events. With Rabbi David leaving at the end of April, I am asking you to keep attending services and events while we search for a Rabbi or Cantor for Temple Shalom's next phase. We have also been discussing new activities for us to enjoy together: chair yoga, miniature golf, a trip to Charleston, music Bingo...if you want to suggest an activity or event, please do!

Saying Goodbye

Rabbi David and Mary's final services at Temple Shalom will be at the end of Passover: Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19 (service for the last day of Passover including Yizkor service). We so appreciate the time that Rabbi David and Mary have given to Temple Shalom. We have enjoyed having them lead services together: singing, adding new tunes and the banter that they have shared with us. We have learned from their sermons, adult-ed classes and as a mentor and teacher for those of us performing as service leaders. We thank them for their flexibility, humor, and willingness to participate in our many activities. At the end of April, Rabbi David and Mary will become Lifelong Associate Members of Temple Shalom. We wish them well in the next chapter in their lives and hope to see them at services via Zoom

Hope Sachwald, President
Temple Shalom

What's Happening at Temple Shalom April 2025

Friday 04/04/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Friday 04/11/25 Shabbat service. No Oneg due to Passover starting on 04/12

Friday 04/18/25 Shabbat service followed by a Kosher for Passover Oneg

Saturday 04/19/25 Shabbat service and service for the last day of Passover including Yizkor followed by a Kosher for Passover kiddish

Friday 04/25/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Friday 05/02/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Friday 05/09/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Friday 05/16/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Saturday 05/17/25 Shabbat service followed by a Kiddish

Friday 05/23/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Friday 05/30/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Saturday 05/31/25 Shabbat service followed by a Kiddish

Thank You Notes

Thank you to the Board for their flexibility in changing the Board meeting to Zoom during the Carolina Forest wildfires.

A big thank you to our congregants who prepared the Shabbat dinner, set up the room, donated flowers and candles, and provided music in honor of Rabbi David and Mary's anniversary and Rabbi David's retirement. Thank you to everyone who attended this very special celebration.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 6th @ 2:00 - Abby Berjansky from Lower Cape Fear LifeCare will be back to discuss "**Caring for the Caregiver.**" Please RSVP to Hope (Templeshalommbpresident@gmail.com) so we can prepare for snacks.

Saturday, April 12 – Passover Seder for those who have a reservation.

Saturday April 19 – service for the last day of Passover including Yizkor service.

Wednesday, April 30 – Yom Hashoah will be at Chabad again this year. The program will begin at 1:00.

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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. Special Event: **Behind the Bylines: "Forwarding the News" & the American Jewish Conversation** THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 | 3:00 P.M. ET / 12:00 P.M. PT As news breaks at lightning speed, the "Forwarding the News" team works to stay ahead of the headlines and contextualize what's driving the American Jewish conversation. Go behind the scenes of our daily morning newsletter with host and *Forward* senior writer Benyamin Cohen and Julie Moos, *Forward* managing editor for audience. This event is free to current *Forward* supporters. For all others, a minimum \$18 donation is requested. [https://events.zoom.us/j/80ZjvyWPdqX-Ngc24WGqrReB~AraM7_BPrAliTMsZQ5ER45Ko7sqErnTOa8rbAa3LiMTPPk44nZyWLsMMfA?utm_source=The+Forward+Association&utm_campaign=4a6431f65e-](https://events.zoom.us/j/80ZjvyWPdqX-Ngc24WGqrReB~AraM7_BPrAliTMsZQ5ER45Ko7sqErnTOa8rbAa3LiMTPPk44nZyWLsMMfA?utm_source=The+Forward+Association&utm_campaign=4a6431f65e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_02_23_Events_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-49c2464d8d-273171692)

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Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism Ambassador Circle exclusive discussion with Dr. Nachman Shai on April 7th at 1:00 p.m. EST. Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZzfzwd3bZhpQp_KkXXce3ByEP6rEb0nflYoMfxS5ThYgjjg/viewform

Music

Mi Shebeirach by Craig Taubman - Jazz Fest Shabbat 2013 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3ZRCxnLnT8>

L'Cha Dodi, Central Synagogue- Friday February 7, 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNiX91UYOjQ>

Zeh Dodi This is my beloved, this is my friend <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGyr6qIL97A>

Chad Gadyo (One Little Goat) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKzs0q6KuSg&list=PLwBOPND2_BdPwfHnkE_gEnczGtEvPAXXq&index=4)

[v=cKzs0q6KuSg&list=PLwBOPND2_BdPwfHnkE_gEnczGtEvPAXXq&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKzs0q6KuSg&list=PLwBOPND2_BdPwfHnkE_gEnczGtEvPAXXq&index=4)

VIDEO

"My life in the Hasidic Village is not what you'd expect" | Exclusive interview with Fradel Neuman <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoTzWaF7dU8>

When Jews Were Funny | Full Documentary - Marc Maron, Bob Einstein <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SakbMwtN7us>

The Inaugural Episode – Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8jUA7JBkF4&list=PL4-ApM1XKSA2QFwErqTW3nwrC9BILeokg)





[v=h8jUA7JBkF4&list=PL4-ApM1XKSA2QFwErqTW3nwrC9BILeokg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8jUA7JBkF4&list=PL4-ApM1XKSA2QFwErqTW3nwrC9BILeokg)

Israeli-born Jewish Author Noa Tishby on the Israel-Hamas War | FULL EPISODE | Uncomfortable Conversations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-2vaCT9ae0>






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NISAN 3 IYAR 2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27 29 NISSAN	28 30 NISSAN	29 1 IYAR	30 1 PM Yom Hashoah will be at Chabad 2 IYAR			

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IYAR 3 – SIVAN 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19	20	21	22	23  Service: 7:30PM	24
22 NISSAN	23 NISSAN	24 NISSAN	25 NISSAN	26 NISSAN	27 NISSAN	28 NISSAN
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29 NISSAN	30 NISSAN	1 IYAR	2 IYAR			



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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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!