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### A Letter from the President October 2025

In an article entitled, "Rosh Hashanah Celebrates the Gift of Free Will" Rabbi Avraham Kovel writes "When we approach this sacred day, we're not simply hoping to avoid punishment. We're celebrating the staggering truth that the entire universe—every star, every galaxy, every force of nature—exists to provide the stage for our free will choices." In his article, "Yom Kippur: The Regret That Brings You Closer" Rabbi Manis Friedman writes "...Yom Kippur is not about regretting what could have been — it's about regretting what should have been. Because that kind of regret isn't a dead end; it's a doorway." So, both of these statements got me to thinking; what are some ways that we can use our free will to open the doorway?

Rabbi Aaron has been reaching out to congregants with phone calls and visits with very positive responses. I am more likely to send a text or an email with an occasional phone call (usually a response to someone calling me).

It isn't that I don't want to talk to people or spend time with them; I just forget to open the door and initiate a more personal contact. A few weeks ago, a friend suggested that three of us go to lunch. I would have never thought about doing this without a specific reason: a celebration, a meeting, an out-of-town guest. Maybe, all of those years of not having time to eat lunch or grabbing lunch driving from one school to the next has had a negative impact on me. Anyway, we had a wonderful afternoon together and I was so pleased to have had this time with them. And I want to do it again!

Writing this, I have realized that most of my friends take the responsibility of reaching out to get together. My resolution for 5786 is to open the doorway and initiate opportunities to interact with and spend time with others instead of waiting for someone else to be the catalyst.

From Aish.com: "Rosh Hashanah isn't a year-end review of what you did wrong. It's your chance to pitch next year's vision — straight to the Boss Upstairs."

Hope Sachwald, President Temple Shalom



### 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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#### Rabbi's article

I thoroughly enjoyed leading Rosh Hashanah services this year at Temple Shalom.

I am so happy that many of you had already been to Shabbat services in July – September, so that when I looked out at the people sitting in the sanctuary, I saw many familiar faces. I also appreciated just how participatory the congregation is. It was so nice that Rabbi David Weissman joined us online. I hope it was a comfort for you to hear his voice; after all, he led High Holy Day services for many years at Temple Shalom. His beautiful chanting helped to create a memorable Rosh Hashanah experience for me.

Thank you to Hope for getting and organizing the many volunteers who participated. I thank Cookie and Mike for leading much of the music – they had a many High Holy Day melodies to learn and practice. Mike did a wonderful job as our Baal T'kiah –Shofar blower. And I thank the people who made sure that our building looked nice and was ready for the holidays.

I know there have been several deaths in our congregation during the past two years – people who were integral and beloved members of the Temple. So, I predict that emotions will be raw as you come to Yizkor services on Yom Kippur afternoon, but even though it may be difficult for you, I encourage you to come. I am adding some English readings and prayers which I hope that you will find meaningful as you mourn the recent or not so recent death of spouses, parents, siblings, and children, other relatives, and dear friends.

It is true that Yom Kippur is a serious day, full of emotions. It is good to be able to celebrate as a community – so I look forward to the last blast of the shofar on Yom Kippur and our congregational break-the -fast.

Even though the fall is jam packed with Jewish holidays (I wish the rabbis had spread them out a little more), it is good to move from the seriousness of Yom Kippur to the joyful and festive spirit of Sukkot. Sukkot in Hebrew is also called Z'man Simchateinu, our joyful time to celebrate. So, let's sit and dine in the Sukkah as we celebrate nature and thank God for the fall harvest and for the number of gifts we have been blessed with.

Thank you also to everyone who has hosted me at your homes these past 3 months. You have taken good care of me and fed me well.

Rabbi Aaron Sherman

### What's Happening at Temple Shalom October 2025

Wednesday 10/01/25 Yom Kippur evening service led by Rabbi Aaron Sherman

Thursday 10/02/25 Yom Kippur morning service led by Rabbi Aaron Sherman

Friday 10/03/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Monday 10/06/25 Sukkot evening service led by Rabbi Aaron Sherman

Tuesday 10/07/25 Sukkot morning service led by Rabbi Aaron Sherman

Friday 10/10/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Tuesday 10/14/25 Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret morning service led by Rabbi Aaron Sherman

Friday 10/17/25 Shabbat service followed by an Oneg

Note: There are no Saturday morning services in October due to the High Holy Days.

**Temple Shalom is selling the 2025 Attractions® Dining & Value Guides as a fundraiser.** The books are available to order now. The price is the same as last year, \$25 per book. Thank you to those who have already ordered!

#### SAVE THE DATE

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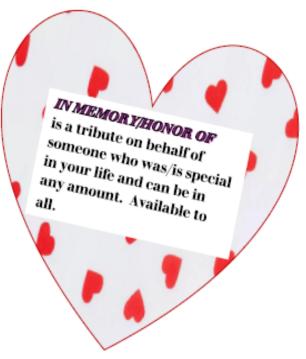
**CHAI CLUB** is a unique way to support Temple Shalom with a donation of \$18/mo. per individual. Pay monthly or annually. Best of all there are no club meetings or responsibilities.

TREE OF LIFE PLAQUES
(LEAF) commemorates special
events such as birthdays,
anniversaries, graduations, and
other life events we want to
celebrate. Cost: \$50.00 - small
leaf OR \$75.00 - large leaf.
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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; balance due prior to hanging of plaque and it takes at least 6 weeks. Available to and for members only.



MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE UNDER "DONATIONS"





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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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	amount. Available to all.
	CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE SHALOM is a unique way to support Temple Shalom with a donation of \$18
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