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Hanukkah Family Shabbat Dinner and Service



Temple Shalom invites you and your family to join us on
FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7
for Dinner at 6:30 pm, Service at 7:30 pm



Our Family Shabbat Service will be a special holiday service featuring all three of our choirs, Shir Joy, Kol Shalom and Adult Choir. This will be an exceptionally inspiring celebration and we encourage you all to attend.

Dinner will be catered by MANGEZI!
Menu: Brisket for Adults,
Chicken Strips for Children,
Vegetables, Salad, Dessert and Latkes!

See Dinner Sign up Form on Page 5

Don't forget
to bring your Menorah!



TEMPLE SHALOM

Life Long Learning

Let's Light the Holiday Candles

Light the shamash first and as you kindle the Hanukkah lights say or sing*:

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu	ברוך אתה יי אלהינו
meh-lech ha-o-lam	מלך העולם
a-sher ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz'vo-tav	אשר קדשנו במצותיו
v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner shel Hanukkah	וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

We praise You, Eternal God,
Sovereign of the Universe,
who makes us holy with mitzvot
and commands us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu	ברוך אתה יי אלהינו
meh-lech ha-o-lam,	מלך העולם
sheh-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tai-nu/l'i-mo-tei-nu	שעשה נסים לאבותינו/לאמותינו
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-zman ha-zeh.	בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

We praise You, Eternal God,
Sovereign of the Universe:
You showed wonders to our fathers/mothers
in days of old at this season.

On the first night only we add:

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu	ברוך אתה יי אלהינו
meh-lech ha-o-lam	מלך העולם
sheh-heh-cheh-ya-nu v'ki-y'manu,	שהחיינו וקימנו
v'higi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.	והגיענו לזמן הזה.

We praise You, Eternal God,
Sovereign of the Universe,
for giving us life, for sustaining us,
and for enabling us to reach this season.

*Candles are added to the chanukiah from right to left, but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

SHABBAT SERVICES

SATURDAY

December 1
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

December 7
Miketz
Genesis 41:1-52
6:30PM Hanukkah Dinner –
Social Hall
7:30PM Hanukkah Family Service -
Sanctuary

SATURDAY

December 8
9:00AM – Epstein Chapel
Junior Congregation
10:30AM – Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **Reuben Roth**
Son of Helen K. Roth
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

December 14
Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-45:27
Tot Shabbat
6:00PM Service – Epstein Chapel
6:30PM Dinner and Oneg –
Social Hall
6:30PM Adult Service –
Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

December 15
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

December 21
Vayechi
Genesis 47:28-48:22
6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel
8:00PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

December 22
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

December 28
Shemot
Exodus 1:1-2:25
6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

December 29
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

January 4, 2008
Va'era
Exodus 6:2-7:7
6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel
8:00PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

January 5
10:30AM – Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Lindsay Rawitscher**
Daughter of David and Rosalyn
Rawitscher
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

January 11
Bo
Exodus 10:1-11:3
Tot Shabbat
6:00PM Service – Epstein Chapel
6:30PM Dinner and Oneg –
Library
6:30PM Service – Sanctuary
Scholar-in-Residence
and Introduction of
Mishkan T'filah Prayerbook

SATURDAY

January 12
9:00AM – Epstein Chapel
Junior Congregation
10:30AM – Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Sarah Gallant**
Daughter of Heather Gallant
and **Rebecca Ray**
Daughter of
Kenneth and Lauren Ray
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service
5:00PM – Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Zoe Aronoff**
Daughter of David and Cris Aronoff

BABYSITTING

is available for ages
1 yr. – 5 yrs. at all
Friday Evening Services
except Tot Shabbat.

FRIDAY

January 18
Beshalach
Exodus 13:17-15:26
6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel
8:00PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

January 19
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service
5:00PM - Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **Seth Strohm**
Son of Odie Strohm

FRIDAY

January 25
Yitro
Exodus 18:1-27
6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

January 26
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

All Regular 6:30PM
Friday Services are preceded
by a Wine & Cheese Oneg
at 6:00PM.

All Regular 8:00PM Friday Services
are followed by a Dessert Oneg.

Adult Choir

Rehearsals:
Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm
December 4, 11
January 8, 15, 22, 29

Youth Choirs

Rehearsals:
Sundays
December 2, 9
January 13, 27

- ❖ *Shir Joy* (3rd-6th graders)
11:30am
- ❖ *Kol Shalom* (7th-10th graders)
1:00pm

I Was Just Thinking...



They have finally arrived. I am not sure which historical phrase more aptly captures the significance of the event. Maybe it's "The British are coming!" or "The Eagle has landed!" or something to that effect. In any event, they have finally arrived. Our new prayer books, "Mishkan Tefillah" have arrived and as we unpack them and get them ready for use, I would like to offer a few words of

explanation.

First, as many will recall, the Reform Movement, after many years of thoughtful debate and research on worship, put together a group to study more thoroughly the issue of liturgical change. In 1994, with a grant from the Lily and Cummings Foundations, the Movement created a study entitled, "Lay Involvement in Liturgical Change" a three year study. The study asked rabbis, cantors and lay people to critically examine their worship, to take notes and provide feedback. According to Rabbi Elliot Stevens, who wrote in *Reform Judaism* magazine in the summer 2006 issue

"...The research yielded some unexpected results. Themed services (from the Gates of Prayer) don't work because of worshipers' differing needs. Thus a children's service in Gates of Prayer might not be satisfying for older members or those without children; a "humanistic" service that doesn't mention God would likely not serve those seeking a more intimate dialogue with a present God. In addition, the long-established pattern of responsive readings is too limiting for those looking for greater participation. The project also yielded important recommendations. The prayer book should have faithful translations (as opposed to interpretive translations) as well as full transliteration of the Hebrew prayers; commentaries and background information should be added but not in such a way that they might detract from the worship experience; the prayer language needs to accommodate different theologies and offer gender-inclusive images of God; and prayer should allow for private meditation. Overall, the siddur's language should be elegant, poetic, and contemporary, and its design graphically pleasing and inviting. Finally, the prayer book should include an extensive selection of musical texts, recognizing that the "singing congregation" is far more common than a generation ago--indeed, participatory worship may be the greatest innovation in what we now see as a worship revolution."

In 1999, Rabbi Elyse Frishman was named as editor of the new prayer book and, for the next three years, congregations, like Temple Shalom, volunteered to pilot the early versions

of the emerging prayer book. It was agreed that Temple Shalom would not only pilot the book, but that we would purchase them as well. Through a very generous donation of love and kindness of Mel Sacks and his family, our books were purchased in loving memory of Mel's son, Richard.

Through a series of unfortunate delays, the prayer book took much longer than expected to arrive. In January of 2006, we agreed to re-pilot the prayer book as it seemed we were getting closer to actually receiving them. We spent three months collecting data and feedback and reintroducing the concept of a new prayer book to the congregation. After that experiment, and several more setbacks and delays, the prayer books have arrived and they are beautiful. Again, a most heartfelt thank you is sent to Mel and his family for not only their generosity, but their patience in seeing this project through to the end.

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What will a new prayer book mean for Temple Shalom? First, as a leader in our movement, we will be able to connect our worship with the hundreds of other congregations who will be worshipping from

the same prayer book. Forging a common liturgical language with our brothers and sisters in other congregations is a key element in creating meaningful community.

Second, I believe the new prayer book will allow greater access to prayer in general and the prayers of our tradition in particular. With the transliteration of the prayers we pray right on the page, worshippers will no longer have to turn to the "back of the book" to follow along. There is commentary on some of the pages and a kind of an index in the margins to help us understand where we are in the rubrics of the service. If one's eyes wander across the pages, one can find Hebrew, English, poetic readings, commentary and meditations that all help in fostering a meaningful prayer experience.

Finally, the new prayer book, in its entire splendor, does present a few challenges. There are no indicators to stand or sit. There are no italics indicating congregational reading. There are several more options for which reading will be done in what order. All of these differences (and I am sure there are a few more) may present some difficulties for some. There will be a necessary period of adjustment and getting used to the new format. I pray that the changes will be eventually welcomed and embraced.

I hope you will join us for services on **Friday, January 11th at 6:30 P.M.** to welcome in this historic moment in the life of our movement and in our congregation. May your prayers and the prayers of our new Siddur create a sweet sound of joy and praise that reaches the throne of God.

Rabbi Andrew Paley
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Hanukkah as the Festival of Sustainable Light



The primary Jewish watchdog organization in the areas of ecology and conservation is the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL). As we prepare to celebrate Hanukkah, COEJL suggests that freeing ourselves from dependence on Middle Eastern oil is a necessary response to terrorism, as well as a way to conserve energy, slow global climate change, and even save

money. Here are eight actions - one for each night, of course - that we might take this Hanukkah to help achieve energy conservation, slow global climate change and save money:

8 Days, 8 Actions

Day 1: Let there be sustainable light.

Change one regular bulb in your home to a CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light).

It is estimated that about three light bulbs burn five or more hours a day in the average US home. If those three bulbs were replaced with compact fluorescents in every home, it would eliminate about 23 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year! Don't be fooled by the seemingly higher prices of CFLs. They last ten times as long as standard incandescent bulbs and use only a quarter of the energy to produce the same amount of light- a modern Hanukkah miracle! (To find CFLs near you, contact your local hardware store or visit www.greenpages.org.)

Day 2: Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F).

Water heaters are the second largest energy users in the home, averaging 20% of all household energy use. With heaters set at the maximum 140°F, most of us need to dilute our hot water by turning on the cold tap anyway. By changing the setting to 120°F you'll not only save energy, but also avoid scalding your hands!

Day 3: Lower your thermostat 3°F.

Did you know that for each degree that you lower your thermostat in the winter, you could cut your energy use by about 3%? By lowering your thermostat just 3°F, you can reduce your energy consumption by nearly 10%. The same applies to raising your thermostat 3°F in the summertime; doing both can prevent, on average, the emission of nearly 1,100 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. You probably won't even notice the difference!

Day 4: Skip a car trip.

Transportation, specifically in automobiles, is responsible for about a third of American greenhouse gas emissions. What's worse, while the trend is to buy large SUVs or 8-passenger vans, we spend the majority of our time driving alone. Carpooling helps, and buying locally cuts down on unnecessary driving as well. Today, walk, run, skate, bike, or take public transportation instead of a car ride.

Day 5: Start a scrap paper pile.

More than 40% of all waste in US landfills is paper products. Temple Shalom now has community recycling

bins which has helped to save trees and produce biofuels from old paper fibers that can be used to generate cleaner energy. However, we are still too quick to toss sheets with only a few lines on them. Add another important step to the recycling process right in your home by starting a scrap pile with used pieces of paper (that only are printed on one side, for example). You can use the backs for printing drafts of documents, writing notes, making shopping lists, etc. And the paper gets double the life! Go one step further by buying recycled paper products and you've completed the recycling loop!

Day 6: Give your home a Hanukkah Gift from Energy Star.

Energy Star is a US program jointly run by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the US Department of Energy to label and promote energy efficient appliances and products. Because Energy Star is purely voluntary, companies can only obtain the right to use the Energy Star logo if their product is significantly more efficient than required by government standards. In addition to refrigerators, cooling & heating units, dishwashers, washing machines, etc. energy-efficient TVs, VCRs, and DVD players are available. If the average American were to equip their home with only products that have the Energy Star label, they'd lower energy bills-and reduce greenhouse gas emissions-by nearly a third! (For more info about Energy Star visit their website at <http://www.energystar.gov>)

Day 7: Write a letter to the President or Congress.

As you've experienced the past six days, we can all do a lot to lower energy consumption in our own homes. We also need to change our nation's energy policy to effectively reduce our nation's energy consumption. Write to the President, your representatives in Congress and local authorities to let them know what you've done at home and ask them to make changes in energy policy to promote conservation and the development of clean energy sources. See COEJL's Web site at www.coejl.org for sample letters.

Day 8: Have a candlelight dinner.

Roughly a quarter of the total electricity generated in the U.S.-\$37 billion worth-is used for lighting. This is more electricity than the continents of South America and Africa, combined, use for all purposes! Shut off all of your lights for an hour and enjoy your last evening of latkes with the full Chanukiah glowing. (You may want to light a few extra candles; it is traditional that we do not use the Chanukiah as a functional lamp.) It can be a romantic dinner or special holiday memory for your kids!

Rabbi Jeremy Schneider
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For further energy conservation tips & to calculate your home or business' consumption, visit www.safeclimate.net/calculator

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The Monthly Newsletter is Going Online!

Times change, and so is the method of delivery of our monthly newsletter. **Beginning with the February issue, we will be sending the monthly newsletter by email.** This will provide you with a more timely and dependable delivery and, at the same time, will help conserve precious natural, human and financial resources.

If you are currently receiving our weekly email, you will automatically receive the monthly newsletter by email. **If you are not receiving the weekly email,** please call Heidi Barishman at 972-661-1810 ext. 200, or send an email to her at hbarishman@templeshalomdallas.org and we will add or update your email address to make sure you will receive the monthly newsletter.

If you are unable to receive email, please write a quick note letting us know that, mail it to Heidi's attention, and we will send a printed version to you. Thank you!



IT'S THE 2ND ANNUAL TEMPLE SHALOM FAMILY HANUKKAH CELEBRATION!



Please Join Us For Arts & Crafts, Hanukkah Songs & Stories,
Games, Refreshments And Lots More

Who: Families with children in Pre-school - 3rd Grade*
When: Sunday, December 9, 2007
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Where: Renner Middle School
5701 W. Parker Road
Plano, TX 75093
Cost: FREE



Share in the fun with
Rabbi Andrew Paley ✦ Rabbi Jeremy Schneider ✦ Rivka Arad - Director of Life
Long Learning ✦ Bonnie Rubinstein - Director of Early Childhood Education

Please RSVP by December 1 at summerwithshalom@templeshalomdallas.org.
Please list the names of everyone who will be attending, including the ages of
your children. If you are not members of Temple Shalom,
please also include your address and phone number.

*Older siblings are welcome to join in the family fun!
This event is open to everyone in the community, so please spread the word!

For more information, call Temple Shalom at 972-661-1810.



Hanukkah Family Shabbat Dinner • Friday Evening, December 7

Please fill out the form below and send it and your payment to: Temple Shalom Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner, 6930 Alpha Road, Dallas 75240

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: _____

OF ADULT DINNERS: _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____ # OF CHILDREN'S DINNERS (AGES 4-12): _____ @ \$7.00 = \$ _____

CHILDREN 3 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER - FREE!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHECK _____ CASH _____ MASTERCARD OR VISA # _____ EXP. DATE: _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____

ADDRESS CC STATEMENT MAILED TO: _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION OFFICE AT 972-661-1362



LIFE-LONG LEARNING



ON THE HORIZON FOR 2008

As we approach the New Year of 2008, what could be a better time to set Life Long Learning, not only as our goal, but also to send a powerful message to our families and our children. And, Temple Shalom provides a tempting array of experiences to appeal to every interest.

And please note that we value not only your participation, but also your feedback. We appreciate people who speak their minds, and who want to make a difference and join our team.

Our team of clergy, educators, teachers, and youth advisors work diligently to bring Temple Shalom's learning opportunities to ever new heights, to raise the bar in every direction. And, I commend the parents who come in droves to demonstrate their partnership whenever we request their assistance in our family education programs.

We thank our members who have been taking advantage of our adult education programs to date. It is a pleasure to plan and create when we know you will partake of the learning opportunities provided.

Please, note that this will be the last bulletin that will reach you by mail. Future issues will be posted on the Temple Shalom website and via e-mail.

And now, mark the following events and dates on your calendar. They are designed to entertain, educate, and excite.

I look forward to seeing you and your family soon as partners in our Life Long Learning adventure.

Rivka Arad, RJE
Director of Life Long Learning

More Than A Few Good Men

Tuesday, December 4, January 8

11:30am-1:00pm

**Stromberg & Assoc., Two Lincoln Centre,
5420 LBJ #300**

Bring your lunch

All good men are invited to join Rabbi Paley for an inspirational and educational shmooze on the first Tuesday of each month. Grab lunch and bring it to the conference room in the offices of Stromberg and Associates. Bring a friend and enjoy discussing Jewish ethics and morality.

Torah Study for Bar-Bat Mitzvah Families

Saturday, December 8 – Rabbi Schneider will facilitate

Saturday, January 19 – Rabbi Paley will facilitate

3:00 to 4:00pm - Library

Come join in the learning experience with your child by studying Torah with our clergy and Director of Life Long Learning. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from those who teach your child. Refreshments will be served.

Jewish Vocabulary

Sunday, December 9, 9:00-10:30am - Library

Facilitator: Rivka Arad, RJE, Director of Life Long Learning

It's time to familiarize yourself with colorful words and phrases that will spice up your vocabulary. No previous knowledge of Hebrew or Yiddish is required! The warmth, informality, and humor of this class will condition your ear to recognize an increasing number of Hebrew and Yiddish words and expressions. You will be surprised how many English words and slang are derived from Hebrew and Yiddish.

Women's Torah Study

December 11, January 15, Noon to 1:30pm - Library

Bring your lunch!

Start your afternoon off with coffee and Torah; nourish your soul and your body. In the late 20th century, women's voices began to be heard in Jewish life as never before. Through their prolific writing, women have succeeded in reshaping our understanding of Torah and other Jewish texts. One Tuesday each month we take a few more steps along our journey into the world of Torah. These sessions will be studied from the perspective of women. No previous Torah study is required. Bring your mind and your heart and we'll learn together.

Rosh Chodesh Celebration

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30-8:30pm

Sources of Inspiration and Motivation

for Women in Biblical Times and Today!

Please join us for this special Women's Service and light dinner at the home of Shelli Taub. The program is sponsored by Life Long Learning and Temple Shalom's Sisterhood and led by Rivka Arad. Please send your RSVP to Karen Thompson at kthompson@templeshalomdallas.org or call 972-661-1362. Space is limited to 40 Temple members.

Cantor's Salons Celebrate Israel's 60th Birthday

This year all four Sunday afternoon salons will feature musical aspects of Israel's 60 years of existence. The first program will feature songs and dances of the *Chalutzim*, the Pioneers who settled in Palestine to make the desert bloom before Israel became a sovereign state. After a hard day's work trying to tame the land, these determined Jews needed some evening entertainment. Composers created all sorts of memorable tunes with lyrics that reflected their life in the Holy Land. Dance music was created around words from the Bible. *Dodi Li*, one of the most famous tunes for dance, gets its text from the Song of Songs; and *Hinei Ma Tov*, still a popular dance tune, gets its text from Psalm 133.

Join us **Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Epstein Chapel to enjoy "Songs and Dances of the Chalutzim."** Our very own Israeli dance captain, Howard Schwartz, will be on hand with a "dance company" from our religious school to demonstrate some of the steps they have been learning while coming to his classes.

This program is open to the community. RSVP to Patti Baker at pbaker@templeshalomdallas.org
Cost: \$10 per person per Salon.

Future Sunday Salons: February 17, March 30, May 4

Synaplex Shabbat

Saturday, February 16, 8:30am-4:00pm, Temple Shalom

What is a Synaplex Shabbat experience? It is a kaleidoscopic Shabbat of many flavors and colors! A Synaplex Shabbat is an innovative Shabbat experience where we have multiple programs and services going on simultaneously in various parts of our building (inside and outside!). We bring together families of every age and level of observance for the purpose of observing Shabbat together. You will be able to choose from a traditional service to cutting edge creative venues. There will be a varied menu of study, music, arts, and more to enable every member of your family to be part of our Temple Shabbat community.

Synaplex Shabbat is open to the community.

You Will Love Israel From The First Shalom!

Our first Temple Shalom Trip to Israel will be spiritual, sophisticated, and fun! You will find wonder at every turn. It is a land of contrasts, ancient sites, rich history, friendly people, and great food!

It is still not too late to join Rabbi Paley and Rivka Arad on an adventure that will create powerful Jewish memories that will inspire and transform you and your family.

Don't forget, this is Israel's 60th birthday, a year that will be in continuous celebration. Taking part in this celebration is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.

For information, please contact Rae Weiss at israeltrip@templeshalomdallas.org or Rivka Arad at rarad@templeshalomdallas.org.

ONGOING:

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Paley
Every Wednesday, Noon-1:30pm, Library

Shabbat Torah Study led by our clergy
Every Saturday, 9:00-10:15am, Library

Judaica Study Class
Every other Saturday, 9:00am, Room 136

B'nai Mitzvah Retreat At Greene Family Camp

Friendship, fun, and education were the priorities of our first Temple Shalom B'nai Mitzvah Retreat, and all who participated will have treasured memories for years to come.

The pictures speak louder than words in portraying the pleasure of this special time for families preparing for their simcha. We extend many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the weekend.



LIFE LONG LEARNING
in partnership with
Temple Shalom Brotherhood and
Temple Shalom Sisterhood
Presents

'JEWS AROUND THE WORLD'
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008

9:00-11:30AM

TEMPLE SHALOM SOCIAL HALL

NO CHARGE

Featuring: THE COUNTRY OF BRAZIL

Facilitated by Deborah Fisher, Assistant Planning and Allocations Director
of the Jewish Federation in Dallas

- Native of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
- Formerly involved in Jewish activities in Rio
- Knowledgeable about the Jewish history of Brazil
- One of the leaders of the Federation's Mission to Brazil & Argentina in March, 2008

This presentation will include:

- Stories of Jews in Brazil
- Sights of Brazil
- Sounds of Brazil
- Tastes of Brazil

If you would like additional information about the program,
please contact Bob Weinfeld at 972-934-7775 or
Rivka Arad, Director of Life Long Learning,
rarad@templeshalomdallas.org or 972-661-1362

For more information on any of these events,
contact Rivka Arad, Director of Life Long Learning,
at rarad@templeshalomdallas.org.

PRESCHOOL

Safety 9-1-1

Safety 9-1-1 was a great success again this year. Everyone not only had fun, they had many opportunities to learn how to stay safe in the water, from fire, in the car and much more. Many thanks go to the wonderful PTO members of our preschool. All families and teachers were involved. Special thanks goes to Olivia Sargon-Glasgow, Deanna Koenigsberg, Jennifer Whittier, Rachel Starr and Shari Sandberg. Their hard work and excellent organization made the event a success. We also thank SHFTY members who donated their time making sure each booth was manned and safe.

Again, the highlight of the event was the Dallas Police Helicopter which circled the grounds before landing and again upon taking off. This year the children were able to climb aboard this very new helicopter. Dallas Council member Linda Kroop attended our event and was thrilled that this helicopter as well as the fire engines, police offices, fire fighters and fire safety house were here to teach the children about safety and to feel comfortable with fire fighters and police officers.

We thank everyone who supported Safety 9-1-1 with donations and participation. Our net profit of \$3500 has been used to purchase new tricycles for the preschool playground as well as digital cameras and printers for each classroom. Yasher Koach Preschool PTO!

Bonnie Rubinstein

Mark your Calendars!

Friday, February 8 is the date for prospective students and their families to visit the preschool and join us as our guests for dinner at Tot Shabbat in the evening. I know it is hard to begin thinking of summer camp and the 2008-2009 school years but February 8 is the start of new student registration. Current preschool families and Temple Shalom members will be able to register for camp and school beginning January 18, 2008. Be on the lookout for the registration form for camp and school on the website beginning mid-January.

Sukkot

Everyone had a good time sharing dinner in the sukkah. It was a special time to dwell, to eat and to shake the lulav and etrog in the sukkah.



Preschoolers line up waiting to perform the mitzvah of holding the lulav and etrog



Left: Red E. Fox with Colin & Jennifer Whittier and Mara Sandberg. Top Right: Caden Westman, Lily and Jennifer Whittier and Brian and Gavin Liebnick. Bottom: Dallas Police Department's new helicopter.



Spend Shabbat with other Tots at Temple Shalom!



Tot Shabbat at Temple Shalom is the **2nd Friday of every month**. After a Shabbat service tailored to kids, join the Rabbis, Cantor, and other families with young kids in lighting the candles, saying the prayers, and eating dinner.

Bring your own dinner, however please no pork or shellfish. Following dinner will be an interactive kids program and Oneg.

Bring the whole family every month! *All children having a birthday will receive a special blessing that month.*

6:00 p.m. – Services in the Chapel

6:30 p.m. – Dinner, Program, and Oneg

December 14, 2007 -

What do we like about Shabbat?.....

CHALLAH (let's bake our own)

January 11, 2008 -

We love Israel – crafts with the SHFTY gang

February 8, 2008 -

Catered Dinner – Prospective preschoolers welcomed

Learn some Israeli dances.

March 14, 2008 -

It's Purim time!

April 11, 2008 -

Do you have enough Matzah for Passover?

May 9, 2008 -

Catered Dinner – No cooking for Moms this Mother's Day Shabbat!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shalom Chaverim,

As I meet and get to know the students in the Religious School, I have come to discover that their favorite Jewish holiday is Hanukkah. When asked the obvious follow-up question of "Why?" the answer is usually the predictable one of gifts, food and fun (in no particular order). For me, having grown up in the southern hemisphere where Hanukkah falls during our Summer vacation and takes simple and almost insignificant place on the Jewish calendar, I am intrigued as to how a once-simple holiday has become irresistible to kids in the United States. As parents, we need to take advantage of our children's wonder of this holiday and take the opportunity to rededicate (as Hanukkah literally means 'dedication') ourselves to keeping the lights of our heritage aglow.

The holiday of Hanukkah takes place primarily in our homes; however, make sure that you don't miss out on our community's Hanukkah events; where we light candles on Chanukiahs (an 8 branched menorah) for eight nights. What a great opportunity to spend time together as a family and with friends to cherish our wonderful history and survival as a people. Whatever age and stage you find yourselves, there are Hanukkah stories that retell the story of the Jews', led by a group known as the Maccabees, victory against their Syrian-Greek oppressors and the recapturing of Jerusalem and the Holy Temple. Take this opportunity to create candle lighting ceremonies, making your own Chanukiahs, decorations, food, games, gifts and special mitzvahs for this time of the year. As oil is so symbolic to the Hanukkah story, the food we eat is laden with oil. Take some time to cook latkes, sufganiyot (jelly donuts) or Hanukkah symbol-shaped cookies with your children. The memories that we create with food are unforgettable. Hanukkah would not be the same without dreidels and gelt. So, make sure you have all that you need to create a Hanukkah filled with spiritual inspiration, nourishment and love.

As the secular new year dawns in January, we mark the Jewish calendar with the festival of Tu B'Shevat, a Jewish Arbor Day, on January 22nd. This holiday turns our attention toward Israel, the approaching spring, and our awareness of our environment and the planting of trees through the Jewish National Fund (JNF) in Israel.

There is a Talmudic story of a man by the name of Honi HaMe'agel. One day Honi saw an old man planting a carob tree. Honi asked how long it would take for the tree to bare fruit. The man replied, "Seventy years." Honi asked the man if he ever expected to eat the fruit from the tree he was planting. The man answered, "I enjoyed the fruits of the trees which my parents and grandparents grew. As they planted for me, so I plant for my children." Planting for the future is a lot of what parenting is about. Most of what we do today has no immediate or obvious effect. Yet, the influence of our every day actions with our children will have great bearing on their future and on the future of the generations yet unborn. So, plant the seeds in your homes in the ways of Torah, as it is called "a tree of life to them that hold fast to it."

B'Shalom,
Peta Silansky,
Religious School Principal
psilansky@templeshalomdallas.org

CALENDAR NOTES:

December

Sun.: 23rd & 30th: no Religious School – winter break
Tues. & Wed.: 25th & 26th:
No Midweek Hebrew School – winter break

January

Tues. & Wed.: 1st & 2nd:
No Midweek Hebrew School – winter break
Sun.: 6th: no Religious School – winter break
Sun.: 20th: no Religious School – MLK weekend

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Save the Date for these Fun Events!

December 2	Gelt Grams go on sale!
December 5	SHFTY @ Café Schmooze
December 9	SHFTY Social Action and Schmooze with the Rabbi
December 28	Chaverim Movie and Mitzvah
January 6	NKB Mitzvah Madness
January 9	SHFTY Tough Talk with the Rabbi
January 11	SHFTY Hosts Tot Shabbat
January 25-27	NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave at Temple Emanu-El

Check out the Youth Section of the Temple Shalom website for flyers, RSVP forms, and details on all of these events!

Mitzvah Opportunity: Camp Hooray Needs You!!!!

We are excited to announce that Temple Shalom will be coordinating Camp Hooray for the ninth consecutive year. Camp Hooray is a non-religious camp for underprivileged fifth-grade children from RISD Academy and Carolyn Bukhair Elementary School, both located in Richardson. *Camp Counselors can be in tenth grade and up.* See all the details on page 15. What a GREAT way to spend your Spring Break!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Torah Study 9:00am Library Service 10:30am Chapel Got Shabbat! Hanukkah & Havdalah 4:30pm Adult Lounge
2 Jews Around The World 9:00am Social Hall K-6th Grade 9:00-11:20am 7th-10th Grade 11:30am-1:00pm Volunteer for MediSend 9:00am Offsite Shir Joy 11:30am Kol Shalom 1:00pm Scrabble & Game Party 4:00pm Social Hall	3 Temple Board Meeting 7:30pm Library	4 1st Candle More Than a Few Good Men 11:30am Offsite Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm	5 2nd Candle First Day of Hanukkah Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm SHFTY at Café Schmooze	6 3rd Candle	7 4th Candle Hanukkah Dinner 6:30pm Service 7:30pm	8 5th Candle Torah Study 9:00am Library Junior Congregation 9:00am Chapel Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Bar Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Service 10:30am Chapel Torah Study for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Families 3:00pm Library Young Adults Hanukkah Party 8:00pm Offsite
9 6th Candle Brotherhood Breakfast 8:45am Blood Drive 8:30am Social Hall Jewish Vocabulary 9:00am Library K-6th Grade 9:00-11:20am 7th-10th Grade 11:30am-1:00pm Social Action Cooking 9:00am Kitchen Shir Joy 11:30am Kol Shalom 1:00pm Family Hanukkah Celebration 3:00-4:30pm Offsite Shalom Silver Hanukkah Party 6:30pm Social Hall SHFTY Event	10 7th Candle Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm Library	11 8th Candle Women's Torah Study 12:00 noon - Library Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm	12 Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm	13	14 Tot Shabbat Service 6:00pm Chapel Dinner 6:30pm Social Hall Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Adult Service 6:30pm Chapel	15 Torah Study 9:00am Library Service 10:30am Chapel
16 K-6th Grade 9:00-11:20am 7th-10th Grade 11:30am-1:00pm Shir Joy 11:30am Kol Shalom 1:00pm	17	18 Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm	19 Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:00pm Library	20	21 Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm Service 8:00pm Dessert Oneg	22 Torah Study 9:00am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Service 10:30am Chapel
23 No Classes No Choirs	24	25	26	27	28	29 Torah Study 9:00am Library Service 10:30am Chapel
30 No Classes No Choirs	31	No Plano Midweek Hebrew	No Midweek Hebrew		Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm	

Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Visit our calendar website at <http://70.248.39.38:81/BrowseEvents.aspx>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Temple Closed Happy New Year! No Plano Midweek Hebrew	2 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Paley 12:00pm Library No Midweek Hebrew	3	4 Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm Service 8:00pm Dessert Oneg	5 Torah Study 9:00am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136
6 No Classes No Choirs NKB Event	7 Temple Board Meeting 7:30pm Library	8 More Than A Few Good Men 11:30am Offsite Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm	9 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Paley 12:00pm Library Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Women's Rosh Chodesh 6:30pm Offsite SHFTY Event	10	11 Tot Shabbat Service 6:00pm Chapel Dinner 6:30pm Library Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Scholar-in-Residence & New Prayerbook 6:30pm Sanctuary	12 Torah Study with Scholar-in-Residence 9:00am Library Junior Congregation 9:00am Chapel B'not Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Service 10:30am Chapel Bat Mitzvah 5:00pm Sanctuary
13 Scholar-in-Residence 9:00am Social Hall Social Action Cooking 9:00am Kitchen K-6th Grade 9:00-11:20am 7th-10th 11:30am-1:00pm Parent/Toddler on Wheels 9:30am Plano Shir Joy 11:30am Kol Shalom 1:00pm	14 Sisterhood General Meeting 6:30pm Social Hall	15 Women's Torah Study 12:00pm Library Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm	16 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Paley 12:00pm Library Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:00pm Library	17	18 Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm Service 8:00pm Dessert Oneg	19 Torah Study 9:00am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Service 10:30am Chapel Torah Study for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Families 3:00pm Library Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm Sanctuary
20 No Classes No Choirs	21 Temple Closed Martin Luther King Day	22 Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm	23 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Paley 12:00pm Library Midweek Hebrew 4:30pm	24	25 NFTY-TOR Conclave Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm	26 NFTY-TOR Conclave Torah Study 9:00am Library Service 10:30am Chapel
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Young Adults of Temple Shalom Chai-Lites

While the weather has cooled a bit, the Temple Shalom Young Adults are heating up Dallas. We shook our lulav and etrog under the sukkah at our second annual Salsa in the Sukkah party, and officially kicked off our monthly Davening & Dining series at Dave & Buster's in October and Caravelle in November. These events were huge successes with dozens of attendees, many of which were new faces. Our social action projects to date have included the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night walk, serving meals to the homeless at Project Stewpot in Downtown Dallas, and serving lunches to around 100 homeless for the Merry Mitzvah Project at the Austin Street Center in conjunction with young adults from Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Shearith Israel, and the Federation's YAD.

The most exciting item we have to report is that both of our Young Adult Leaders: Rich Reister and Anna Miller, along with Rabbi Schneider, are attending the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in San Diego, CA December 12-16th. There they will network with other young adult groups and attend several presentations to bring fresh, new young adult programming to our Temple!

For more information, or if you know someone between the ages of 22-39 and would like them to receive "Chai-Lite's," the Young Adults electronic newsletter, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Schneider at jschneider@templeshalomdallas.org.

Young Adults "Vodka & Latka Hanukkah Party"

Saturday, December 8th
at 8:00 p.m.

RSVP to Rabbi Schneider
jschneider@templeshalomdallas.org

For a detailed list of upcoming events and photos from past events, please visit our webpage at www.templeshalomdallas.org. If you or someone you know would like to get involved with the Temple Shalom Young Adults, or perhaps just join us for an event, please contact Rabbi Schneider at the above e-mail or 972-661-1810x208.

-Temple Shalom Young Adult
Leadership

Shalom Singles

It's hard to believe that the **Shalom Singles 39-59** and **Shalom Sr. Singles** began just three months ago! As of October, the Shalom Singles have 214 Jewish singles on our mailing list! Both groups got off to a fast start as news traveled quickly around the Metroplex, that Temple Shalom had two new, much needed singles groups.

New names continue to come in every day and the Shalom Singles 39-59 group has met and mingled at Services, big mixers, dinners, etc. December/January plans include a Wine Tasting Party, dinners, movies and, possibly, bowling and sports events.

The Sr. Singles are also growing and planning brunches, dinners, house parties and plays.

For more information on current programs, please check our web page at templeshalomdallas.org. Click on "About Us" and then on Singles.

Take that first step to making new friends and enjoying new activities; resolve to make 2008 one of your best years ever! Just send your e-mail address and phone number to singles@templeshalomdallas.org and get the ball rolling!

SHALOM SILVER Hanukkah Party Sunday, December 9 6:30-9:00pm Social Hall

A fun evening is planned with round robin gift exchange (not more than \$10.00, appropriate for both male and female), games, learning Israeli dancing, and story & memory time. Come with a favorite story pertaining to Hanukkah.

It is a Pot Luck Dinner (see choices below) – Shalom Silver will provide the "Potato Latkes". Call Judy Utay at 972-231-3781 with your favorite food item before December 7th. Please do come, it will be fun!

Last Name:

A-F Salads, could include Jellos

G-L Veggies

M-R Desserts – please include
Jelly filled donuts

S-Z Entrees – Brisket, Chicken, Turkey

Put More Fun in Your Life - JOIN A HAVURAH!

A Havurah is a small fellowship group of people (of similar age and/or interests) who get together regularly for Jewish study, holidays, speakers, discussions, outings, and whatever other activities that particular group desires. Havurah means friendship; hopefully by meeting regularly, each group will bond and stay together for many years.

We are currently re-energizing the Havurah program at Temple Shalom. We plan to have Haverot for young couples, young families, interfaith couples, empty nesters, Parents Without Partners, a singles group for 40s and 50s, and whatever other groups for which there is interest. We have a new Havurah group for singles 60+. Watch for details of meetings in Plano, Dallas and other areas.

We welcome your ideas too; so pick up the phone or send an e-mail, but get the ball rolling! Enhance your life with new friends and new interests. JOIN A HAVURAH!

For further information, please contact Lonna Rae and Jerry Silverman, Co-Chairs of Haverot at 214-636-4799 or lrstx@tx.rr.com.

If interested in either singles group, please contact Judy Troyan Parker at 972-386-5969 or heyjud38@aol.com.

The Temple Shalom Nominating Committee is considering candidates for nomination to the Temple Board. Any member who is interested in being considered for a board position should fill out the form below and send same to the chair of the nominating committee, Debbi Sorrentino, by January 15, 2008.

Following are the expectations and responsibilities of this board position.

TEMPLE SHALOM BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of a member of the Board of Trustees is to develop the strategies, policies and procedures for the operation of Temple Shalom, and to monitor its finances, programs and performance, in support of Temple Shalom's mission and goals.

Members are expected to attend as many of the following as possible in order to be able to effectively participate in trustee discussions. Board members should participate in accordance with their capabilities and interests.

1. ATTENDANCE

Board Members are expected to attend:

- Monthly Board meetings, and other Board and congregational meetings.
- Congregational services and activities.
- Committee meetings as appropriate.

- Participate actively and take a leadership role in at least one committee.
- Represent the Board on the pulpit at least twice a year.
- Financially support the Temple in accordance with their means.
- Help raise funds for the Temple.
- Be prepared for and participate in discussions at Board meetings.
- Encourage participation in Temple activities.
- Encourage non-members to join the Temple.
- Represent the Temple in the community.

2. INVOLVEMENT

Board members should:

- Acquire knowledge of Temple mission, goals, bylaws, procedures and published financial statements.

TEMPLE SHALOM BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name _____ Email _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Address (Street, City, Zip) _____

Personal Information: (Circle) Marital Status: M S W D (Circle) Age: 21-35 36-50 51-65 66+

Number of children ____ Check if currently enrolled in TS Preschool? ____ TS Religious School? ____

Temple Member _____ years

Education: High School ____ College ____ Which Degrees? _____

Profession/Occupation/Special Skills _____

Employer _____ City _____

Previous service to Temple Shalom: (list most recent first) Use additional page if necessary.

Chair or Member	Name of Committee or Project	Dates

Other Community Service Activities (list most recent first) Use additional page if necessary

Chair or Member	Name of Organization or Project	Dates

Submitted by _____ Phone _____
(self submission is acceptable)

Optional: Feel free to attach a written statement with any other information that may be useful to the nominating committee.

DEADLINE: January 15, 2008

Email or send to: **Debbi Sorrentino, Nominating Chair, 5960 Willow Ross Way, Plano, TX 75093 dksorren@hotmail.com**



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Past President:
Mel Sacks

President's Message

Our Second Annual Toast N' Roast Dinner honoring Mel Sacks was a huge success with 150 people in attendance. I want to share with you what was expressed during the evening many times by many people. The outpouring of warmth and love for Mel truly displayed a very strong aspect of what becoming a member of our Brotherhood represents. Our Temple Shalom Brotherhood not only provides important support for our Temple programs but, more importantly, provides camaraderie, fellowship, mentoring and sharing a common bond of brotherly love within our membership. If you still have not joined us to become part of our "Minyan of Men" please contact Jim Davidson, our membership chair, myself, or any member of our board, and we can share with you personally what being a member of our Brotherhood truly means.

We will be celebrating another great aspect of our Brotherhood's programming on Sunday, December 9, when we host our annual Temple Shalom Softball League awards breakfast. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship and more fun. Also take the opportunity to donate blood that day.

All of my executive committee and board members join me in wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy 2008. We are all working very hard to help plan the remainder of our programming for 2008.

Please feel free to contact me, or any member of our board, if you have any questions, suggestions for programming or anything else that concerns you. We welcome everyone's input to help build an even stronger Temple Shalom Brotherhood. Sincerely,

Marty Mintz
Temple Shalom Brotherhood President

Temple Shalom Brotherhood and Temple Shalom Brotherhood Softball League Invite You To The 33rd Annual Shalom League Softball Awards Breakfast

**Sunday, December 9
8:45am - Social Hall**

Tasty FREE Breakfast for All Attending
Several Door Prizes

Bob Davis, Softball Commissioner,
will present all of the Spring and Fall Season Awards.

Our Panel of Speakers will be:

Wayne "Twig" Terwilliger

Played 2nd Base in the Major Leagues for 9 seasons
with the Cubs, Dodgers, Senators, Giants and Athletics.

He also, played for 6 teams in the Minors.

He managed 12 minor league teams during his 59 years
in professional baseball, and coached for 4 years
when Ted Williams was a manager.

Dan Smith

Drafted in the 1st round by the Texas Rangers in 1990.

Named Texas League Pitcher of the year in 1992.

Played on the Rangers with Nolan Ryan.

Jeff Cogen

President of the Texas Rangers.

Danny Fine

VP of Sales Promotions with the Texas Rangers.

For additional information,
call Bob Weinfeld at 972-934-7775.

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 9 • 8:30am – 12:00noon
Adult Lounge / Social Hall

Our numbers have been somewhat low for the last few blood drives and we really need everyone willing to participate. If you wish to schedule a time, please email Michael Kaplan at Michael@kaplantc.com

Board Meetings Wednesdays December 19, 2007 • January 16, 2008 7:00pm - Library

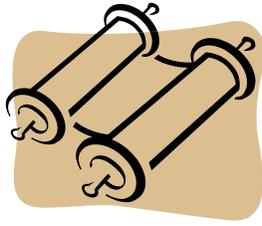
The new Bylaws will be voted on at the December meeting, all members are urged to attend this important meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and help us plan for the coming year.

Membership 2007/2008

Membership in Brotherhood offers the men of Temple Shalom the opportunity of fellowship in a wide range of activities. If you haven't joined, please feel free to contact Jim Davidson at 972-390-7411, jd4earl3@sbcglobal.net; or Mel Sacks at 972-612-1756, melstudy@aol.com to discuss what Brotherhood has to offer you.

Interest Matching Program

Have an interest, but no one to share it with? Brotherhood has started a program so members can find other members with similar interests. There is no limit to the interests a member can register, just send them along with your name and email address to AllenLanderman@gmail.com. You'll get the names of other Brotherhood members that share your particular interest.



Junior Congregation

**Saturday, December 8 &
January 12
9:00-9:45am –
Epstein Chapel**

The Junior Congregation Shabbat Service is geared to youth 4th grade and older, but open to everyone. The service takes place on the second Saturday of every month and is led by Cantor Croll and our youth.

**Cook for the Needy
December 9, 2007
January 13, 2008
9:00-10:15am**

One Sunday a month volunteer cooks meet in the Temple kitchen to prepare food for the less fortunate at The Stewpot. We need you! You don't have to RSVP, but if you have questions or would like to be placed on the monthly reminder list, please contact Gail Hartstein at 972-378-0663 or ghartst715@aol.com.

Mark your calendar with the dates for the coming months: 2/17, 3/9, 4/13, 5/4.

Jewish Family Service Breast Cancer Survivors Support Group

Place: Jewish Family Service
5402 Arapaho Road,
Dallas
When: 2nd Monday of each
month at 7:00pm
Contact: Sheri Portwood,
LCSW at
972-437-9950

MITZVAH MENU

Look for the "Mitzvah Menu" flyer in the Temple foyer and in many other places throughout the Temple. It is also available on the Social Action pages of the Temple website at <http://templeshalomdallas.org/p-184.aspx>. Volunteer and donation opportunities abound within it for all members of the congregation and we are ready and willing to listen to what YOU would like to see in future issues. Contact editors Gail Gilbert, (972) 387-1234, agil1234@sbcglobal.net and Jerri Grunewald, (972) 735-9309, redjug@swbell.net with your comments and suggestions today!

Blankets and Towels for the Homeless Drop Off Thru Sunday, December 2nd

The Social Action Committee is collecting new or gently used towels and twin blankets for the Austin Street Centre. For 23 years, Austin Street Centre has been helping the homeless and poor of Dallas. They provide emergency shelter, food, showers, medications and counseling free of charge. For more information on the shelter look at their website www.austinstreet.org

There is a box outside of the religious school office to put your donations.

If you would like to be on the committee to plan future programs at Austin Street Centre, please email Ilene Zidow at ilene.zidow@verizon.net.

Medisend Sunday, December 2nd Sunday, February 24th 9:00am – 12:00noon 9244 Markville, Dallas

Volunteers are needed to sort donated medical supplies for third-world countries. Volunteers must be age 18 years or older. To sign-up or for more information, please contact Chuck Cera at 972-701-8830 or 214-914-8531. You may also sign-up to individually volunteer on Mondays, 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Mitzvah Opportunity: Camp Hooray Needs You!

We are excited that Temple Shalom is coordinating Camp Hooray for the ninth consecutive year. Julie Gothard and Adam Kaplan are co-chairing this very important and enriching social action event. Excitement is building to make this a meaningful experience for both campers and volunteer staff. Volunteers are needed to help with all phases of the camp's planning which is going on now until March. Camp counselors can be in tenth grade and up. We also need adult supervisors for the 3 days of camp activities. If you are able to participate only 1 night for supervision, that is ok, too. Any help we get is welcome and appreciated.

Camp Hooray is a non-religious camp for underprivileged fifth-grade children from RISD Academy and Carolyn Bukhair Elementary School, both located in Richardson. The overnight camp is 3 days and 2 nights at Greene Family Camp in Bruceville which is just south of Waco. This year Camp Hooray will take place on March 17th-19th.

The camp provides these children with a fun, enriching experience which builds relationships and fosters self-esteem. Activities at the camp include tower climbing, rope courses, theatre workshops, archery, cooking, song sessions, arts and crafts, a zip line, basketball games, and silly olympics. Also, motivational speakers provide successful, positive role models.

Camp Hooray is a wonderful experience for all who participate. Please help us make a difference in these kids' lives. If you are interested, please contact Julie Gothard at 972-403-1994, jrgothard@verizon.net or Adam Kaplan at 972-248-4762 akaplan12@gmail.com.

Items for the Needy

We collect various items which are given to The Stew Pot (outreach to the impoverished, mentally and physically challenged in Dallas). All donations can be left with Joy in Rabbi Paley's office and will be truly appreciated: old eye glasses and unused travel size toiletries.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Calendar

Save the Date for these Special Events!

December

- 9 Pre-Inventory Sale at Traditions
- 10 Board Meeting

January

- 9 Rosh Chodesh Celebration-
6:30-8:30 pm at
Shelli Taub's home
- 14 Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Bunko Night
- 27 IntraFaith Event at Tiferet Israel

February

- 1-3 Sisterhood Retreat in Tyler, TX
- 11 Board Meeting
- 12 Book Review - "The History of Love"
by Nicole Krauss (11 a.m.)

March

- 2 Women's Health Fair (1-4 p.m.)
- 10 Board Meeting
- 26 Spring Event with guest speaker
Jennifer Weiner

Traditions

YOUR Premier Judaica Shop

**First Night of Hanukkah is
Tuesday, December 4**

Pre-Inventory Sale begins December 9

Stop at Traditions for all your gift-giving needs – Hanukkah, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, birthday, or Thank You. Many items are purchased directly from Israel including Roman glass jewelry, leather goods and laser cut crystals. Invitations are 20-25% off retail prices.

If you do not see what you need,
our buyers will do their best to find it!



December and January Shop Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:30 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:30 am to 7:00 pm

Friday: 10:30 am to 6:25 pm

(open after the 8:00 pm service for viewing only on the first and third Fridays)

Sunday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Closed December 23, 25, 30

(and from 5:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, 12/26)

Closed January 1, 6, 21



Membership Update: Current membership: 265

The Annual Paid Up Supper was held on Tuesday, October 23rd. It was a great night with delicious Italian food from Amore and beautiful songs from Italy courtesy of Cantor Croll. Thank you to Jolene Weisblat and Juliann Bureson as well as the rest of the membership committee for all their hard work on this terrific event.

Calling all prospective Sisterhood members....we want you to be a part of this wonderful group...there will be another "paid up" event for members joining between now and the end of the fiscal year. Please send your dues to Kate Cook, 2908 Beauchamp Dr, Plano 75093 or contact Kate Cook at 972-473-7457.



Rosh Chodesh Celebration Wednesday, January 9 6:30-8:30 pm

See details on page 6

Intra-Faith Luncheon

January 27th is the Intra-Faith Luncheon hosted by Congregation Tiferet Israel. The theme is Think Green. Please join us for a great time! If you have any questions or would like to attend, please call Elaine Solomon at 972-377-8555.

CALLING ALL LADIES!

**Want to get away?
Then save the date for the
Sisterhood weekend retreat!
February 1st – 3rd
in Tyler, Texas**

We look forward to a great weekend of eating, shopping and, of course, game playing. Call Betty Roth at 972-733-3030 or Elaine Wolff at 972-625-5400 for more details or to help.

HOME SWEET HOME.....BUT WHERE IS THAT?

By Jo-Ann Saunders, M.S., Educator/Consultant, hereforashorttime@sbcglobal.net

Dallas has been my home for 30 years now and I love it. I don't even remember when I stopped calling Columbus, Ohio, the city in which I was born and raised, "home," but I do know it was a very long time ago.

I haven't been real good about going back to Columbus since my parents moved away (to live on a golf course in Florida), over 15 years ago. I do go back to my high school reunions every five years, but that's about it. As much as I loved growing up there, I really haven't missed not being there.....until this past week.

We attended a wedding in Cleveland a week ago and, since we were only two hours away, we decided to make a little vacation of it and go back to Columbus. Two of my siblings, my closest cousin and my best high school friend still live there. With so many loved ones there, why haven't I gone back more often?! I have no idea!

YOU know the saying- you don't really appreciate what you have until it's gone. Well, I haven't been back to Columbus in the fall (my reunions are always July 4th) for years and years. OMG!! THOSE TREES!! So beautiful! So abundant! And they were at their PEAK with the fall foliage! We took the scenic non-freeway route from Cleveland to Columbus (through Amish country). We had been to New England to see the foliage a couple of years ago, but this was every bit as beautiful, if not more!

Once in Columbus, we drove through familiar neighborhoods, past favorite schools and hangouts and the trees were just..... EVERYWHERE! Had they always been? Of course they had! But when that's all you know, when you see it every day, you don't have a clue as to how incredible nature can be, literally, right in your own backyard.

My sister and older brother never moved away. I wonder

if they take the beauty of their everyday environment for granted? My younger brother also moved away years ago (to Florida) and when we spoke on the phone, he told me that he, too, really misses the trees. Steve, my significant other, grew up and went to college out in W. Texas where trees and rolling hills are definitely not part of the landscape! You can imagine HIS awe! Not only with nature, but with the ambience that goes hand in hand with being at a Big Ten school.

EVERYONE, whether we were on campus or not, was wearing something that had Ohio State on it, from the moment we landed at the Columbus airport to the day we met my niece, a lawyer, for breakfast. She told us that every Friday at her job is OSU day, where they have to wear either the school colors of scarlet and gray or something with OSU on it. I whispered to Steve, "You are in BUCKEYE COUNTRY now, BOY!"

So, my purpose in writing about all this is to see if any of this rings true for you, too. Where is home for you? Where you grew up or where you live now? When did that change? How often do you go back? Are you glad to be gone or do you miss it? I have always told people that Columbus was a great place to grow up, but I've loved experiencing life elsewhere as an adult, and that's still true. But the older I get, the more I realize that my hometown was one really incredible place in which to grow up and I am who I am because of my formative years in the Midwest. I just have no idea why I stayed away so long, but no more! I now plan to go back at least once a year- most likely, in the fall. The roots of those beautiful trees are part of MY roots and will forever be a large part of my heart and soul..... no matter where I call home!

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As a caring community, we would like to reach out to our members. When there is an **illness, hospitalization, death, birth, etc.** please contact Joy in Rabbi Paley's office at 972-661-1810 x201 or jjaddison@templeshalomdallas.org. The Rabbis, Cantor and volunteers are here to help during times of need and celebration. **We can only get this information from you.**

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**The Alan Marcus Jacobus
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January 11-13, 2008**



**January 11, 6:30pm, Friday evening service,
"Reform Judaism Moving Right is Right!"**

**With great anticipation, we will also be introducing our new
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**January 12, 9:00am, Saturday morning Torah Study,
"Women are from Genesis, Men are from Leviticus!"
Do Women and Men Read the Bible Differently?**

**January 13, 9:00am, Sunday morning family education,
"After the Ecstasy...The Diapers: Ten Tips for Jewish Spiritual Parenting"**

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein currently serves as the Director of Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, a full-time adult education institute in Toronto. She has been a guest lecturer at universities and Jewish and Christian organizations throughout North America, Israel and Great Britain, including numerous radio and TV appearances, and is highly sought after as a public speaker.

Rabbi Goldstein is one of seven women featured in the Canadian National Film Board documentary, "Half the Kingdom." Her articles have appeared in the *Journal of Reform Judaism*, *Sh'ma*, *Lilith Magazine*, *Grail*, *The Journal of Canadian Women's Studies* and others. Her first book, *ReVisions: Seeing Torah through a Feminist Lens*, was published by Jewish Lights in the fall of 1998 and won the Canadian National Jewish Book Awards in the field of Bible. Her other books are *The Women's Torah Commentary*, and *The Women's Haftarah Commentary*.

She is also the author of a self-guided adult study textbook on Women and Judaism called *Seek Her Out*, published by the URJ Press. She is currently at work on her new book which explores the "new" Jewish feminism.



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