

TEMPLE SHALOM

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Please Join Us For These Special Services

*Friday, May 15
6:30pm - Epstein Chapel
Installation of 2009-2010
Temple Shalom Officers and Board of Trustees
and Recognition of our Volunteers*



*Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Thursday, May 28
Services: 7:30 - 8:30pm
Keynote Speaker: 8:30 - 10:00pm
Rav Hanan Schlesinger
Director of Community Education
and Community Rabbinic Scholar*

Judaism: a Non Religious Religion

Here in America we tend to think of religion as focused in the heart; a leap of faith that establishes a spiritual relationship with God. Religious people are defined as believers. The Torah, however, thinks differently; it asks for a leap of action, such that your body and your limbs play as much a role, if not a greater one, than that of the heart or soul. Belief in God may not even find a place at center stage. So what kind of a religion is this anyway? This presentation will deal with these questions through the fresh analysis of a number of biblical passages and a small handful of rabbinic sources.

Rav Hanan Schlesinger serves as the Kollel's Director of Community Education. Rabbi Schlesinger was born in the United States but has spent most of his life in Israel after immigrating there at the age of twenty. He served in the Israeli army while attending the joint military-seminary program at the Har Eztion College of Jewish Studies, where he spent over eight years of study. Rabbi Schlesinger also engaged in Master's level studies in Jewish Philosophy at Hebrew University and briefly served there as a junior faculty member. His other faculty appointments include positions at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, the Yakar Learning Center, the B'aer Miriam College of Judaic Studies for Women, the Elul Center for Jewish Education, the Nishmat College of Advanced Jewish Studies for Women, Midreshet B'erot Bat Ayin, and the Bat Ayin Educational Center.

*Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor
Friday, May 29
10:30am
Epstein Chapel*

SERVICES

FRIDAY

May 1

Acharei Mot - Kedoshim
Leviticus 17:8 – 19:14

6:30PM – Epstein Chapel
Sisterhood Board
Installation Service

SATURDAY

May 2

10:30AM – Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah of **Marlee Herman**
Daughter of

Ron and Avery Herman

10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

5:00PM – Sanctuary

B'not Mitzvah of

Grace and Helen Enda

Daughters of

Stephen and Gail Enda

FRIDAY

May 8

Emor

Leviticus 22:17 – 23:22

Tot Shabbat

6:00PM Service – Epstein Chapel

6:30PM Dinner - Library

7:30PM – Sanctuary

Confirmation Service

SATURDAY

May 9

10:30AM – Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of **Nicholas Free**

Son of Steve and Jill Free

10:30AM – Epstein Chapel

Shabbat Service

5:00PM – Epstein Chapel

Bar Mitzvah of **Samuel Bennett**

Son of Eric and Robin Bennett

FRIDAY

May 15

Behar - Bechukotai

Leviticus 10:12 – 11:32

6:30PM – Epstein Chapel

Temple Shalom Board Installation
& Volunteer Appreciation Service

SATURDAY

May 16

10:30AM - Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah of **Kayla Cesari**

Daughter of

Robert Myers & Nancy Cesari Myers

10:30AM – Epstein Chapel

Shabbat Service

FRIDAY

May 22

Bamidbar

Numbers 2:1 – 3:13

6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

May 23

10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Shabbat Service

THURSDAY

May 28

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Services: 7:30 – 8:30pm

Keynote Speaker: 8:30 – 10:00pm

Adult Lounge & Epstein Chapel

FRIDAY

May 29

SHAVUOT

Shavuot Morning Service

with Yizkor

10:30AM – Epstein Chapel

6:30PM Service – Epstein Chapel

SATURDAY

May 30

10:30AM – Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of **Marc Kirsch**

Son of Gail Kirsch, Michael Kirsch z"l

10:30AM – Epstein Chapel

Shabbat Service

5:00PM – Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of

Jacob Mailman

Son of Deborah Litwak,

Steven Mailman z"l

Wednesday, May 13 Temple Shalom Annual Congregational Meeting

Catered Chinese Food Dinner 6:15pm

Meeting: 7:30pm

Cost for dinner: \$10/person

RSVP for the dinner with your check by Friday, May 8.

By now, you should have received your annual meeting information in the mail. If you have not, please contact Heidi at 972-661-1810 ext. 200. Dinner reservation form is available on the Temple website. Please join us for dinner and a look back at the year and an exciting preview of the year ahead!

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

The Confirmation Service
will be followed by a
Dessert Reception.

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

Jewish History Display

Jim and Stephanie Comfort have filled the movable walls in our Adult Lounge with photos of historical postcards. Be sure to stop by when you are in the building.

I Was Just Thinking...



Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Memorial Day and Independence Day, fall in the period of the counting the Omer, the holy period between Passover and Shavuot. During these weeks, we ritualistically count each day as it goes past, in a state of semi-mourning for ancient losses, and on Yom

Hazikaron, we grieve anew the tragic loss of young Israeli lives in the decades' long Israeli-Arab conflict. Traditionally, Jews do not get married during the Omer -- but an exception is made for Yom Ha'atzmaut, a day too joyful to allow such sorrow.

But, we must ask if Israel is truly "atzma'it," "independent," when the entire country still lives in fear of violence, when the very notion of a peaceful existence is seen as fanciful by some -- when the idea of trying to talk to one's enemies is rejected as dangerous? How can our joy not be tempered?

In the search for an answer, I am reminded of the haftarah for the Shabbat of Passover, which speaks of the prophet Ezekiel's vision of "the dry bones." (Ez. 37:1-14). This vision is often cited as a proof text in a theological discussion on resurrection -- but, for the past several years I have understood the text as a sign of hope for the moribund peace process.

Ezekiel has a vision of a valley of dry bones, and wonders if they can live again. He then witnesses God's work of returning flesh and skin to the bones, bringing them back to life. Perhaps, God is telling us that, while God will provide the energy to return the flesh and skin, we humans must summon forth the "ruach," the "energy, breath or spirit" of the bones in order for them to live -- an understanding that it could be a metaphor for the hard work of making peace in the Middle East.

In each moment, there is a divine inspiration that we can choose to accept or ignore. In the diplomatic process, we have an opportunity to revive the dry bones of peace -- or to let them gain flesh and skin

through meaningless talk and empty gestures, but remain without the breath of true commitment and, therefore, without life. What will we choose this time?

The valley of dry bones that is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains without hope of life as long as we don't seize opportunities to breathe in new energy. As we observe Yom Hazikaron, it would be right to mourn not just the courageous soldiers who lost their lives in service to their country but to also grieve the many lost opportunities to create a lasting peace that would have ended the need for such sacrifice. Let us light a yartzheit candle not just for the lives lost, but also for all the times we failed to save lives by making peace.

And then, let us rise up and celebrate Israel's life and independence, honoring all of the amazing moments

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in the past 61 years, moments that can make us proud to be Jews. It is crucial that we allow for celebration, that we give credit and honor to what Israel has given to the world and to us, for we cannot and must not remain in the darkness of the yartzheit candle if we are to seek peace and grow hope.

But, it is equally crucial that, as we celebrate, we also summon forth our inner will to recommit ourselves, our friends, our family, our neighbors, all people, to the hard work of peace, and to use our celebration to inspire us to breathe new life into this quest. The time is now.

In verse 11 of Ezekiel's vision, we read the words, "avda tikvateinu," "the hope is gone," from the House of Israel. It is these very words, with an added "od lo," meaning "never again" that became the heart of Israel's national anthem, "Hatikvah" -- because we must never lose hope, never lose our breath, our energy for peace.

Will it be easy? Certainly not. Are their major obstacles in our way? Absolutely. May the dry bones of the years of war grow new flesh, new skin and may we be the breath of life that brings shalom, true and lasting peace.

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Believe in Judaism? Try “Doing” Jewish.



Did you watch the clip of Susan Boyle singing on **Britain's Got Talent**? In case you missed it, a 47-year-old frumpy woman walks out onto the stage and the audience literally begins laughing at her for her appearance. Despite the quick judgments, Susan Boyle belts out with all her heart and passion the most amazingly moving piece from *Les Mis*. In the end, she, literally, brought the entire room to their feet in applause. If you watched this clip, did you laugh thinking she'd make a fool of herself? Did you expect her to fail? What had the greatest impact on me was watching the initial expressions on various audience members faces, and therefore, like a mirror, realizing how I was reacting! This got me thinking about our internal emotions and our external actions.

Brandeis University social psychologist, Bethamie Horowitz recently completed a 4-year study that examines how our identities are formed and how our patterns of Jewish identity have changed over time. She studied American-born Jews in the greater New York area between the ages of 22-52.

Unlike other earlier surveys which measured Jewish identity by outward practices, Horowitz asked questions designed to probe both the internal identity of her respondents, as well as the changes which occurred to them Jewishly over time, both in regard to ritual practice and subjective identity, a process she referred to as their Jewish journeys.

What's interesting about this survey is that out of the entire survey, a full 70% of respondents reported low or declining ritual observance, such as regular Shabbat candle lighting, keeping kosher, etc. Yet nearly as many, 63%, said that their level of subjective Jewish attachment, that is, the importance of being Jewish in their lives, was high or had been increasing. These are people Horowitz describes as experiencing “Interior” Jewish journeys.

Now for me, this is great news. In the free market of ideas and values that is American secular culture, that 63% of young Jews report an increasing sense of the importance of Judaism, is a remarkable accomplishment. We're all “thinking Jewish.” We're proud of our Jewish identities. But having that identity, those feelings, is only the beginning. Unless we are doing something to take those feelings and move them outward, it's not enough. *Being Jewish happens through doing Jewish*, through our interaction with the world. If we really want to realize our full potential, then we need to find a concrete way of living out our values.

But I sense a resistance to moving in this direction. I think there are three primary reasons.

Change comes hard for us. We get very set in our ways. We're comfortable with the routine of our lives and we resist change for its own sake. Only when we are pushed by an outside stimulus, or when that internal dissonance becomes too great, can we really motivate ourselves to change. But a commitment to the fundamental idea that people can change is core to Jewish belief.

I think the second reason why many of us are uncomfortable with taking on a life of greater observance is that a lot of us are stuck in the idea that this is an all or nothing proposition. If we think about undertaking some part of Jewish living, for example Shabbat or keeping kosher, it daunts us because there is just too much to do, too many rules to follow and, if you can't do it right,

then you really shouldn't do it all, because anything less would be inconsistent, inauthentic and, God-forbid, hypocritical. Right? Wrong!

Judaism recognizes that living a Jewish life is a life-long process, that each day and each year has the potential for bringing us a little bit farther along on this path, where the ultimate aim is to live a life in growing connection with God and community.

Author Gil Mann wrote a wonderfully titled book, *How to get more out of being Jewish even if: a. You are not sure you believe in God, b. You think going to synagogue is a waste of time, c. You think keeping kosher is stupid, d. You hated Hebrew school, or e. All of the above!* (You should buy the book for the title alone). In this book, he grapples with the idea that living a committed Jewish life requires an all or nothing commitment. The book is written in a dialogue format:

Q: So are you telling me that you observe all (the Jewish) laws?

A: No, not even close. But I think about the laws I do know. I often try them or parts of them, and I'm interested in learning more. Most of what I've learned has made me proud of our tradition -- even though I recognize I'm not observing a lot of Jewish laws.

Q: Don't you feel like a hypocrite?

A: No, I feel like a serious Jew. I actively struggle with what I think is the right thing to do, the wrong thing, and in between. I like the idea of trying to become a better person. I really like the Jewish idea that we humans have tremendous potential for good.

Mann goes on to describe himself as an actively serious Jew, deliberately defying conventional denominational labels. To be actively, seriously Jewish, we can be at any point on the spectrum of Jewish practice. What's required is a willingness to continue learning, continue experimenting with what works and what doesn't in our lives, and an openness to change and growth.

The third thing, I think, that keeps us from being open to change, is the sense that it's inauthentic. Rabbi Harold Schulweis points out that this creates a paradox for us. “The only religious notions we consider authentic are those we cannot believe or observe, and the only ones we can believe are those we think to be inauthentic.”

After you finish reading this bulletin article, I'd like you to commit to yourself one way in which you would be willing to make your interior Jewishness; exterior. It could be something like lighting candles with your family every Friday night, even if you're just sitting down to a pizza or take-out dinner. It could be refraining from eating certain kinds of foods --give up pork or shellfish, or don't bring it into your home. * Perhaps you'll choose to take five minutes every morning to reflect on the blessings and the needs in your life, offer your own internal prayer. Maybe you'll pick up a prayerbook and begin to experience the Jewish notion of daily prayer. It doesn't even need to be in the area of Jewish ritual. You might commit to researching and contributing to a new charitable cause. Read a book a month on Jewish subjects. Buy a Bible and read the week's Torah portion at home every week.

Ultimately, my prayer for all of us is that we take that positive feeling of being Jewish and act it out by doing Jewish, step by step, whether it is giving the Susan Boyles of the world *dan l'chaf zachut*, the benefit of the doubt, or *kavod*, respect -- take the next step in “being proud to be Jewish” by “doing Jewish.”

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LIFE LONG LEARNING

Shabbat Torah Study **Ongoing - every Saturday** **8:45-10:15am - Library** **No RSVP Necessary**

Start your Shabbat morning with lively learning led by Rabbi Paley or Rabbi Schneider as we explore the weekly Torah portion. Enjoy the camaraderie with friends. Bagels and coffee provided 8:30-9:00am.

Judaica Study Class **Every other Saturday** **May 9, 23**

9:00-10:00am - Room 136

The class consists of 15 to 20 people who study books which are significant to an understanding of Judaism. Books are selected by the members of the class who are encouraged to lead a discussion of the bi-weekly assigned readings. The class is open to anyone wishing to participate. Contact Morton Prager at 972-661-3999 for more information.

More Than A Few Good Men **Tuesday, May 5**

11:30am-1:00pm -- Bring your lunch
Stromberg & Assoc., Two Lincoln Centre,
5420 LBJ #300

All good men are invited to join Rabbi Paley for an inspirational and educational shmooze on *the first Tuesday of each month*. Bring a friend and enjoy discussing Jewish ethics and morality.

For more information on any of the Life Long Learning classes or activities, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Schneider at jshneider@templeshalomdallas.org.



Rabbi Paley was invited to be the Clergy of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives and give the invocation to open the April 2nd session. He, Debbie, Molly and Sammy were warmly welcomed by Representative Carol Kent.

Mazal Tov! You Are All Invited!

Did you miss the opportunity to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah when you were 13 years old? Well, I am happy to report that you did not miss the opportunity at all. Thirteen years of age (sometimes 12 for girls) is the *first* possible chance in Judaism to be called to the Torah – to accept the responsibilities that come with being a Jewish adult. But you can still have the Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony at any age.

This could not be truer for a more courageous group of adults who will stand up and become Adult Bnei Mitzvah on June 13, 2009. This group of adults has spent an entire year learning Hebrew, mastering the liturgy in the prayer book, studied weekly Torah Portions, and gained the confidence of standing up in front of our congregation to lead us in prayer. These adults have learned about the power of community – of coming together over shared ideas and experiences. But, most importantly, they have learned more skills to live a Jewish life for themselves and with their family.

Interestingly, just two weeks prior, we will celebrate the Festival of the Giving of the Torah – Shavuot. Shavuot literally means “weeks.” It is the completion of a seven week journey. The Torah tells us it took precisely forty-nine days for our ancestors to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai where they were to receive the Torah. The counting of these days (known as the Counting of the Omer) is intended to remind us of the link between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. It reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah. What a great time of year to acknowledge 10 more adults who have committed themselves to their Jewish Journey.

The entire congregation is invited to Saturday morning worship services on June 13th, at 10:30am as a strong group of Temple Shalom members will lead us in prayer, be called to the Torah for the first time, and teach us more about ‘doing’ Jewish. Join us!

Are you interested in Becoming an Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Just email me!

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May 25th Is A Special Day for Special Needs Families

On Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day), 9:30am – 2:00pm, at the JCC, the Special Needs Initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and Yachad will offer a day of speakers, presentations and resource information for families in the Jewish community who have a member with special needs. The day will be full of programming and activities for everyone in the family!

Reservations can be made by calling Melissa Bernstein at (214)239-7134. Advance registration is required by May 15. Spaces are limited. For questions or sponsorship opportunities for this unique and groundbreaking family and professional conference, please contact Rabbi Jay Weinstein at 972-661-0127 or jw15@aol.com.

PRESCHOOL

The Helen E. Risch
Preschool Scholarship Endowment Fund
of the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation
has awarded
Temple Shalom
a 2009-2010 Preschool Scholarship.

Please consider joining our efforts
to strengthen Jewish continuity
by enabling families to place their children
in preschool environments committed
to teaching Jewish values and Jewish traditions.

Call the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation (214.615.5260)
or Steve Lewis at Temple Shalom (972.661.1810 x202) to
discover ways to financially assist preschool families.

TOT SHABBAT AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Come join us for Tot Shabbat the 2nd Friday of every month! Our Rabbis and Cantor have tailored a special Shabbat service just for our kids followed by dinner, Oneg, and an interactive after dinner program for the whole family to enjoy! You bring your dinner (May has a catered dinner); let the Temple provide the rest! Children, parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome! Please call Rhonda Bier at 214-802-0409 with any questions.



Tot Shabbat
2nd Friday of the month
6:00pm – Services in Epstein Chapel
6:30pm – Dinner, Oneg, and Fun Activity
in the Library

May 8: Catered Dinner & Mother's Day activity – the kids will make their own special surprise for all of our wonderful moms!

TEMPLE SHALOM

TEMPLE SHALOM PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
Oh, the Games we Play!
(For ages 12 months through 5 years)



- 1. June 1-12: Balls, Balls and More Balls!** Kidokinetics comes to Temple Shalom with all kinds of balls to promote a fun way to fitness.
- 2. June 15-26: Do, re, mi-1,2,3!** That's how easy math can be. Lynn Baskind brings her puppets who will introduce us to many fun math games.
- 3. June 29-July 10: Music Makers!** Music Together teacher, Gila Vinokur will join us for singing fun with shakers and other percussion instruments as we make our own Temple Shalom Band. (Camp is closed Fri, July 4)
- 4. July 13-24: Outside Game Time!** Let's learn some of the fun games from years past: Hopscotch, Mother May I, Running Races, Obstacle Courses, Trikes and Bikes. Ms. Rhonda from Powerkids will join us outside for some rip roaring fun each Monday and Thursday.

CONTACT Bonnie Rubinstein:
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School Registration

2009-2010 Religious School registration forms are available online at www.templeshalomdallas.org. Please print and complete the forms for your kindergarten-12th graders and return them to the Education Office as soon as possible.

Please note that the Registration Fee is per child.

\$25 per child by June 30

\$50 per child July 1

\$75 per child August 1

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Thompson at kthompson@templeshalomdallas.org or 972-661-1362.

SHALOM SILVER CHANGING OF THE GUARD

For a number of years now, my dear friend, Shelli Taub has been bringing Temple Shalom seniors together for a wide variety of fun events. With a lot of assistance from Judy Utay and from Les, Shelli has planned many pot luck suppers, trips, speakers, singers, comedians and much, much more! While providing these good times, Shelli has also built great cohesiveness and camaraderie among us seniors.

We all owe Shelli a huge "THANK YOU" for all of her enthusiasm and work on our behalf. Now as Shelli moves on to other pursuits, Judy Utay, Ken and I will do our best to continue providing fun events for all of us 55+ seniors to enjoy! However, it takes a village to plan these activities month after month. We need your help!

We are forming a committee to help in this endeavor. We'd like to hear from anyone, who is interested in helping us plan future events. Let's work together to continue the wonderful traditions, that Shelli has built up!

Sincerely,
Judy Parker
heyjud38@aol.com

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES



Help A Soldier Call Home

Temple Shalom is participating in "Cell Phones for Soldiers." We have drop boxes for your convenience in the Temple Administrative and Religious School offices. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Temple member Randi Alter, randi.alter@gmail.com, 972-256-3200 or the website <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/index.html>.

Cook for the Needy Sunday, May 3 9:00-10:15am

One Sunday a month volunteer cooks meet in the Temple kitchen to prepare food for the less fortunate helped by 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.

Help Serve Lunch to the Homeless

The Stewpot is part of the Homeless Assistance Center in downtown. Three blocks from the Stewpot's location, this center serves lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Temple Shalom continues to serve lunch on the first Tuesday of the month, year round. Because the center is serving more people, we need additional volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Arlene Kreitman at 972-233-3754. <http://www.templeshalomdallas.org/p-184.aspx>.

Get the 411 on All Things Jewish

Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas has a new Jewish Life Information and Referral Service. Call (214) 368-INFO or toll-free 1-866-5680-ASK (1-866-568-0275) or email jewishinfo@jfgd.org to find out about synagogues, Jewish holidays, community events, education, senior services, kosher food, mohels, ways to live generously, and more.

Remember the Temple in Your Will

Temple Shalom is committed to preserving the future of our congregation for generations to come. Bequests of all sizes are important resources for the Temple, and we encourage you to be a link to the future by remembering the Temple in your will. Your lasting tribute is your commitment to the survival of our religion, our Temple, and our people.

A bequest can easily be established by adding a simple codicil to your will. Additionally, many other options exist to leave a legacy for Temple Shalom. A brochure with more information is available in our main foyer, or by contacting the administrative offices. For more information, please contact our Executive Director Steve Lewis at 972-661-1810 ext. 202.

Your planned gift will serve the future of our congregation and community. Thank you for helping assure the strength and health of Temple Shalom for generations to come.

Do A Mitzvah Be A "BUG" Volunteer & Mentor

Through Neighborhood Service Council, of which Temple Shalom is a member, Spring Valley United Methodist Church offers *BUG – Bringing Up Grades*, a free after school program for children in the Coit/Spring Valley area. Volunteers are needed to help K-6th Graders with homework, reading skills, and to encourage creativity. These children need positive role models and mentors. There is a waiting list of 40+ students. Anyone over age 18 who wants to invest three hours, one day per week, to help expand these children's horizons will be welcome with open arms. BUG also needs van drivers, soccer coaches, data entry, and greeters. Contact Shawn or Ginger at 972-239-3501 or shawn@nscikids.org, or Temple member Dan Krause at 972-644-2299, for more information or to sign up.



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 of old eye glasses and unused travel size toiletries can be left with Joy in Rabbi Paley's office and will be truly appreciated.

Jewish Family Service Breast Cancer Survivors Support Group

Place: Jewish Family Service,
5402 Arapaho Rd.,
Dallas

When: 2nd Monday of each
month at 7:00pm

Contact: Sheri Portwood,
LCSW
at 972-437-9950

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Torah Study 8:45am Library Bat Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Service 10:30am Chapel B'not Mitzvah 5:00pm Sanctuary
3 Religious School 9:00am-1:00pm Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00am Social Hall Social Action Cooking 9:00am Kitchen	4 Temple Board 7:30pm Library	5 Shalom Babies 9:15am Room 118 Social Action Feed the Homeless 11:30am Offsite More Than a Few Good Men 11:30am Offsite	6 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library	7	8 Tot Shabbat Service 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Oneg	9 Torah Study 8:45am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Bar Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Service 10:30am Chapel Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm Chapel
10	11 Sisterhood Board 7:30pm Library	12 Shalom Babies 9:15am Room 118	13 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Annual Meeting and Dinner 6:15pm	14	15 Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service with Temple Board Installation & Volunteer Appreciation 6:30pm	16 Torah Study 8:45am Library Bat Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Service 10:30am Chapel
17	18	19 Shalom Babies 9:15am Room 118	20 Sisterhood Lunch Bunch 11:30am Offsite Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Preschool Musical Program 5:30pm Brotherhood Elections 7:15pm Library	21 Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh 6:30pm Offsite	22 Last Day of Preschool Closing 12:00pm Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm	23 Torah Study 8:45am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Service 10:30am Chapel Brotherhood Texas Hold'em 7:00pm Social Hall
24	25 TEMPLE CLOSED	26	27 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Brotherhood Installation 6:00pm Chapel	28 Tikkun Leil Shavuot 7:30pm	29 Temple Offices Closed Shavuot Service with Yizkor 10:30am Chapel Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm	30 Torah Study 8:45am Library Bar Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Service 10:30am Chapel Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm Sanctuary
31	Special Day for Special Needs Families 9:30am-2:00pm JCC					

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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Brotherhood Babble

The year has disappeared faster than my hairline, and it is already time for Brotherhood elections. I hope you will join Brotherhood for elections on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:15pm in the Temple Library. They say every vote counts, so come cast your ballot – as they say in Chicago, vote early and vote often. We have arranged to import butterfly ballots from Florida just for this occasion, so come hang a chad with us.

On Wednesday, May 27, from 6:00-8:00pm, we will be hosting a **free dinner** for all Brotherhood members *and their families* as we install our 2009-2010 officers and announce the Brotherhood Man of the Year and other special awards (RSVP required). No person has ever left this free dinner feeling they did not get their money's worth; we guarantee it is worth every cent. We will be celebrating the amazing year we have had, including hosting: Monthly Breakfasts with entertaining and informative guest speakers including Dr. Bobby Brown of the World Champion NY Yankees and Shellie Kofler of KERA; record setting blood drives, Cigars and Scotch in the Sukkah; September 11 Memorial Service and Speaker; Toast and Roast of Cantor Croll; Fortieth Anniversary Dinner Dance; an awesome Purim Carnival; Junior Member Miniature Golf Tournament; Wiffle Ball Contest versus SHFTY; and another Yom HaShoah Candle program, just to name a few; and there's even more to come this month.

So join us for perfectly priced grub as we rejoice in our achievements, recognize our generous volunteers, and gear up for another great year.

B'Shalom,
Dennis J. Eichelbaum
Temple Shalom Brotherhood President
DJE@edlaw.com



Brotherhood Breakfast Sunday, May 3 9:00am – Social Hall News and Schmooze

Guest Speaker: Jack Fink, CBS11 Television

Join us for breakfast as we visit with Jack Fink, CBS11 and TXA21 News Reporter. Mr. Fink will discuss various current events and how they affect our community...from the Dallas City Hall Scandal to the recent Presidential Election, as well as his live coverage of Hurricane Ike.

**It's almost here...the flop...
the turn...the river**



BROTHERHOOD TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Coming May 23

Temple Shalom Social Hall

7:00pm

\$25 Buy-in for \$3,000 in Chips, \$10 "Re-Buy"

Refreshments, Prizes, Cash Bar,

Plenty of Fun

For more information, contact Andrew

Goodman at dr.agoodman@yahoo.com



Wednesday, May 27

6:00-8:00pm

Brotherhood Dinner and Installation

All members of Temple Shalom Brotherhood and their families are invited for dinner and the installation of new officers, as well as the announcement of the

Brotherhood Man of the Year and other Awards.

Dinner is free for Brotherhood Members and their families.

RSVP Required: dje@edlaw.com

Deadline to RSVP May 22.



BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 7:15pm
ELECTIONS! ALL INVITED.
Temple Library

Don't forget your notebooks and the security code! Don't be late... we're on a mission from God.

USHERS

Ever want to be one of those cool guys who distributes books then picks them up at the end of the service? Did you always want to be the first person to say Shabbat Shalom to people as they enter for Shabbat worship? Volunteer to usher at Shabbat Services by contacting Les Taub at 972-233-2181 or ltaub972@aol.com. Volunteers are also entitled to the perk of selecting and reserving their choice of prayer books for that service, so don't delay, volunteer today!



Shop Tom Thumb/ Central Market and Donate to Temple Youth!

Did you know that you can perform Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) by grocery shopping? You can help temple youth programs by shopping at Tom Thumb or Central Market! Every time you shop at Tom Thumb, Temple Shalom Brotherhood earns money. Just get a Rewards card, and have our Number credited with your purchase. Our Number is: Tom Thumb #1549. If you prefer Central Market, stop by the PreSchool and obtain a pre-printed card, and every time you shop there the Pre-School earns money. Everyone donates to their schools; only Temple members donate to our Temple.

Career Resources in the Community

The Dallas community has resources to assist people in finding jobs during these economic times. As a service to our Temple community, we are listing them here for your use.

Jewish Family Service Networking Groups

These groups are "drop-in," open to the public and offered at no charge.

- 1. For people unemployed for 1 year or longer**
When: Weekly, Monday from 9:30am to 11:00am
Where: Jewish Family Service, 5402 Arapaho Rd, Dallas
Facilitator: Don Carter, Jewish Family Service Employment Specialist
Identify transferable skills for new career options, learn how to successfully network.
- 2. For people unemployed for less than 1 year**
When: Weekly, Monday from 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Where: JFS
Facilitator: Don Carter
Understand the job market, prepare, organize and execute a successful search, identify transferable skills for new career options and manage the trauma of losing a job.
- 3. For Recent College Graduates Seeking Employment**
When: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3:30pm -5:00pm
Where: Jewish Community Center, 7900 Northaven Rd, Dallas
Facilitator: Allison Harding
Develop networking strategies, understand the job market and execute a successful job search.
- 4. For People 55+ Seeking Employment**
When: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Where: Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas, Dallas
Facilitator: Allison Harding
Address the question of, "What do I do now?" as a job seeker with extensive employment history and/or life experience. Learn networking skills.
- 5. Employment Resource Group**
When: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Where: JFS
This group features employment speakers, followed by an opportunity to network.

JFS posts job leads on their website at www.JFSdallas.org. Employers can send information about job openings to JobLeads@JFSdallas.org. Please contact JFS for further information about our Job Search Resource Center, open daily from 9:00am -3:00pm, at 972-437-9950.

JFS is also offering expanded job-lead access, workshops, community triage and consultations. For further information, including days and times, go to www.JFSdallas.org or contact Deborah Leibensberger, LCSW at (972) 437-9950 or dleibensberger@JFSdallas.org.

www.CareerDFW.org

This website has been created by Jeff Morris, Temple Shalom member, to provide comprehensive information to those unemployed or under-employed in the DFW area. Included are calendars, useful websites, career and professional groups, and other information to assist you in finding your next opportunity.

For more information, contact Jeff at 214-543-0555 or webmaster@careerdfw.org.

GRATITUDES

ADULT EDUCATION

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Vince & Lilli O. Cirillo
Murray & Carole Rice

Birth

Caleb Isaac Addison Jim & Stephanie Comfort

Birthday

Alan Henig Les & Shelli Taub
Gene & Louise Yoss

Memory

Paul Bunin Jim & Stephanie Comfort
Jack & Julia Mazow

ANN & JACK STEIN

MEMORIAL FUND

(Music Enhancement)

Memory

Joe Berger Rabbi Murray & Bobbie Berger

BEAUTIFICATION/FLOWER FUND

Memory

Jesse Friedman Richard & Jean Berlin

CANTOR CROLL'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Honor

Cantor Croll Rodney & Cristie Schlosser

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Michael & Marcia Kotick

Memory

Bertha Friedman Richard & Jean Berlin

CARING CONGREGATION

Honor

Barton "Bud" Glaser Toby Stone

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Sandy & Ruth Herman
Bob & Jean Weinfeld

Speedy Recovery

All Sick Children Aleksandra Zhukovska
Carolyn Cooper Fred & Olivia Baskin
Dennis & Julie Eichelbaum
Barton "Bud" Glaser Bob & Jean Weinfeld
Barry Schragger Bob & Jean Weinfeld
Karen Stock Bob & Jean Weinfeld

Memory

Paul Bunin Jerry & Lori Kreitman
Ruth Disken Jimmy Disken & Janet Katz
Joyce Rosenfield
Gertrude Kreitman Jerry & Lori Kreitman
Bill Lasher Bob & Jean Weinfeld
Mark Slotkin Jack & Audrey Efseroff

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Rosalie Sternberg

Memory

Hyman Smith Richard & Linda Smith

EPSTEIN CHAPEL

Memory

Meyer Blinderman Reva Cohen

GENERAL FUND

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Joan Essenfeld
Connie Plouffe
Sheldon & Riza Wittlin
Shel & Martha Young

Speedy Recovery

Carolyn Cooper Larry & Celia Schoenbrun
Barton "Bud" Glaser Larry & Celia Schoenbrun
Karen Stock Larry & Celia Schoenbrun

Memory

Albert Felsenthal Irv & Cindy Munn
Byrna M. Funk Marshall & Michelle Funk
Bill Lasher Larry & Celia Schoenbrun
Sam Radnitz Paul & Raelaine Radnitz
Herman Zwerner Ruth Zwerner

GREENE FAMILY CAMP

Memory

Ben Chesny Rose Yosovitz
Bev Chesny Rose Yosovitz

JULIA MICHELE WARREN SCHOLARSHIP

(Greene Family Camp)

Birth

Caleb Isaac Addison Alice Warren

Speedy Recovery

Muriel Rabiner Alice Warren

Memory

Anna Blumin Jerry & Lenora Levin
Gertrude Brown Mark & Louise Gold
Alex Wohlgemuth Alice Warren

MUSIC FUND

Memory

Ruth Disken Toba Reifer
Jean Klatsky Paul & Phyllis Klatsky

RABBI PALEY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Honor

Rabbi Paley Andy & Cheryl Halpern
Rodney & Cristie Schlosser

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Joan Glauberman & Gail Kirsch
Marion Kaplan
Gary & Ellen Schwartz

Memory

Sonja Applebaum Robert & Betsy Applebaum
Iris Carol Ascanazy Marcia Ashton
Ruth Disken Ellen Brown
Fannie Glick Lillian Ostroff
Samuel Glick Lillian Ostroff
William Glick Lillian Ostroff
Celia Harris Ann Harris
Harry Harris Ann Harris
Minette Katz Morton & Frances Schneider
Bill Lasher Michael & Stephanie Hirsh
Deborah Levy Manny & Penny Flecker
Ronda Levy Manny & Penny Flecker
Samuel Levy Manny & Penny Flecker
Alan Marx Louis Marx
Lindsay O'Daniel Xandrea Zigel
Shirley Passer Sheldon & Linda Widman
Joseph Toranto Richard & Barbara Toranto

RABBI SCHNEIDER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Larry & Linda Elkin

Memory

Goldye Taper
Alan, Rose, Jason & Sydney Taper

SISTERHOOD

Woman of Valor

Juliann Burreson Ralph & Debbi Sorrentino

Speedy Recovery

Carolyn Cooper Stuart & Andi Rosenfield & family

Memory

Cecile Guida Jim & Julie Guida
Eleanor Lippman Henry & Lucille Klein

SOCIAL ACTION

Birthday

Jim Comfort Susan Hoffman

Memory

Aaron Klein Ted & Anne Leiman
Beatrice Leiman Ted & Anne Leiman
Otto Schuster Lory Kohleriter

TEMPLE SHALOM ENDOWMENT

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Larry & Barbara Glazer
Joel & Judy Lasky

Memory

Bessie Lewis Frucht Stuart & Brenda Brand
Clara Frucht Stuart & Brenda Brand
Harry Susman Joyce Susman
Roxie Susman Joyce Susman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Lee & Lee Veeder

Memory

Martin Rosenberg Elaine Spitz
Sally Walters Gail & Marc Kirsch

YOUTH EDUCATION GENERAL FUND

50th Anniversary

Les & Shelli Taub Jack & Inga Borenstein
Martin & Eileen Goldstein
Larry & Ellen Tave

Memory

Bill Lasher Dennis & Julie Eichelbaum
Murray & Carole Rice
Jerry Lippman Bob & Anita Samuel
Christina Meredith Ken Parker
Anna Paskal Bob & Anita Samuel



**Temple Shalom
is a "Caring
Community"!**

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 jaddison@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.**

TEMPLE SHALOM OMBUDSMAN

If you have a question or concern about Temple policy, process, etc., and would like confidential assistance in having your query answered, please call Myron or Marsha Schwitzer at 972-233-8529.

The Memory of These is a Blessing...

Temple member **Semen Kharmats**, husband of **Emiliya Berezovskaya**;
Ruth Disken, mother of **Janet Katz**;
Irving Klein, uncle of **Debbi K. Sorrentino**;
Stanley D. Leslie, father of **Avery Leslie O'Neill**;
Eleanor Lippman, mother of **Anita Samuel**;
José Nicolaievsky, step-father of **Alex Singer**.



Congratulations to...

Member **Cory Brenner** and **Kerrie Grubbs** on their marriage;
Jay and Lynn Staub on the marriage of their son, **Blake Staub**, and **Laura Ley**;
Joshua and Eva Havens on the birth of their daughter, **June Cole Havens**;
Greg and Diana Krevo on the birth of their daughter, **Madeline Rebecca Krevo**;
Mark and Lori Rickoff on the birth of their grandson, **Drake Ayden Shesler**;
Jeff Morris on being recognized in the Business Section of the Dallas Morning News for his CareerDFW.org web site;
Eden Bernstein, grandson of **Stanley Bernstein**, on qualifying to wrestle in the Maccabi games in Israel. He is the first high school student to have this honor.

Temple Shalom's Membership Committee

Welcomes You to Our Congregation!

Call us to find out how you can get involved.

Meredith Marmurek, Chairperson

marmurek@msn.com

972-964-1922

Join a Havurah Today and Make Friends

That Will Last a Lifetime.

Celebrate, Socialize, Learn Together

The word Havurah is Hebrew for fellowship. Individual Havurot are small groups that have similar goals, with Judaism as the binding thread.

Right now, new groups are being formed at Temple and we would love to add you to the mix. Each group determines for themselves what their emphasis will be and how often they will meet. Whether it is social, study-oriented, or community service, the choice is up to you.

No matter what you choose, a Havurah is a great way to meet new temple members and form lasting friendships, which will ultimately add something to each of our Jewish lives.

For more information or to join a Havurah, please contact:

Marcia and Ted Gold
972-618-7088
m.gold18@verizon.net



WiFi is at Temple Shalom!

Wireless internet access is now available at temple in the Adult Lounge and in the Library. A "key" is required to access the connection. Please contact the office for the code (this is for temple members' use only), and you can go online the next time you're here!

Welcome New Members

Dror and Alyssa Cohen
Matt and Mandy Erickson
Esfira Firshteyn
Ellen Grabsky

Contact information for our new Temple Family Members is in the on-line Temple Shalom Directory.

TEMPLE SHALOM

Senior RabbiAndrew M. Paley
Asst. Rabbi.....Jeremy A. Schneider
Rabbi Emeritus... Kenneth D. Roseman
Cantor Don Alan Croll
Exec. DirectorSteve Lewis
Director of Early Childhood
EducationBonnie Rubinstein
Director of High School and
Youth Programs..... Barrett Harr
PresidentMeredith Richardson
Vice President..... Stephen Enda
Vice President.....Lory Kohleriter
Vice President..... Ken Portnoy
Secretary Jerri Grunewald
Financial DirectorAric Stock
Treasurer Rodney Schlosser
Past President.....Raelaine Radnitz





The Confirmation Class of 2009 / 5769
and their families cordially invite The Congregation
to the Confirmation Service and Reception
Friday evening, May 8, 2009 / 14 Iyar 5769
7:30pm – Sanctuary

Joseph Baker
Garrett Cohen
Dak Cohen
Jacob Cowen
Laura Davidson
Ari Disraeli
Bari Payton Eichelbaum
Jill Frey
Lydia Rose Gerard
Joshua Samuel Thomas Gordon
Maxwell Isaac Grunewald
Valerie Elaine Katz
Jonathan Mantel
Melanie Notinger
Candace Postel
Alexandra Pucciarelli
Aaron Stahm Robinson
Nathaniel David Rosen
Andrew Rubinett
Caroline Margaret Schreiber
Jacob Sklar
Heather Victoria Solov
Morgan Susman
Aaron Seth Ward
Sierra Weiss-Cox
Reese Kohn Wood

Debra and Jerome Baker
Rhonda and Todd Cohen
Francine Cohen, Ronald Cohen z”l
Kerry and James Cowen
Gail and James Davidson
Eileen and Phillip Disraeli
Julie and Dennis Eichelbaum
Laurie and Bruce Frey
Dana and Quin Gerard
Ruth and David Gordon
Jerri and Fred Grunewald
Monica and Peter Katz
Karen Mantel, Marshall Mantel z”l
Frances and Alan Notinger
Patti and Larry Postel
Betsy and Victor Pucciarelli
Rhonda and Roger Robinson
Linda and Michael Rosen
Marcia and Arthur Rubinett
Nancy W. and Howard E. Schreiber
Janet and Richard Sklar
Babette Farkas and John Solov
Monica and Jeff Susman
Amy and Marcus Ward
Karen Weiss and James Cox
Beth Kohn Wood and Don Wood