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March/April 2022 - Adar I/Adar II/Nisan 5782



Presidents Message

I typically spend Friday night shushing my young sons and growling at them to *sit still* during the Shabbat service. Rabbi Mandel recently invited the students to a Friday night service at Touro Synagogue, and I brought my boys. The Rabbi encouraged the children to join him on the bima and I took a seat in the balcony, unable to scold, prod, or shush. I watched the boys imitate the Rabbi, fully engaging their bodies in the movement and ritual of the service. They arranged and rearranged their oversized tallit on their small shoulders. Siddurs propped on the bima, they trailed their fingers along the Hebrew lines, shuckling rhythmically. Even though Rabbi Mandel's service was predominantly in Hebrew and not edited for children, my boys weren't bored or fidgeting. Lacking self-consciousness, the boys allowed themselves to feel the beauty of the prayer and the community's care through the movement of their bodies.

Why don't more of us shuckle or wear tallit during prayer? Probably because, like me, you're embarrassed. *I'll look silly! Everyone will see that I don't know what I'm doing!* Like you, I complain that services are uninspiring, but my self-consciousness keeps me from feeling the love and caring that the moment offers. If we want deeper connections and more meaningful spiritual lives, we need the open hearts and vulnerability that we had as children.

I relearned vulnerability in the most unlikely setting - the office. On my first day I asked a staff member how to succeed and she replied simply, "trust us." I trust colleagues with my fears and insecurities and have been met with the deepest caring. They've taught me the radical kindness of making a person feel seen, heard, and valued - the preconditions for growth. They've shown me that vulnerability is the birthplace of belonging and courage, creativity and accountability. At its best, being vulnerable creates a safe space for others to grow.

Temple Shalom facilitates our connection to each other and G-d. The music and rituals of the worship service are designed to elicit our vulnerability, but having the experience we desire requires us to do the work. We have to show up with open hearts, ready to help each other feel love, joy, and belonging.

We recently read in Parahsat T'rumah. *V'asu li mikdash v'shachanti b'tocham*- and they shall make me a sanctuary and I will dwell in them. Or, in the gospel rendition,

*O Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you*

This year, I'm going to show up, wear a tallit, wrap myself in God's sanctuary, and lean into the discomfort of vulnerability so I can be a sanctuary for others and be part of creating the deeply meaningful experience we crave.

Shalom

Abigail Anthony

Temple Shalom is an embracing, supportive, vibrant community which is committed to observing Conservative Judaism in a contemporary and progressive tradition and which is devoted to the continuation of Jewish values, education and culture. Temple Shalom honors the diversity of its members and is dedicated to their spiritual, intellectual and religious growth.



Schedule of Services at Temple Shalom March-April 2022

Temple Shalom strongly recommends wearing a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Friday evening, March 4th at 6:00 pm

Family Shabbat with Cantor Scheff

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, March 11th – 7:00 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Sunday Morning, March 13th – 10:00 AM

Megillah Reading with Rabbi Kripper

Costume party and Celebration

Friday evening, March 18th - 7:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, March 25th at 7:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

Rabbi Daniel Kripper will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Saturday morning, March 26th @ 10:00 AM

Shabbat Morning Service with

Rabbi Loel Weiss & Cantor Scheff

Kiddush to follow

Friday evening, April 1st at 6:00 pm

Family Shabbat with Cantor Scheff

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, April 8th 7:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, April 15th – Erev Passover

No services

Friday evening, April 22nd at 7:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Saturday morning, April 23rd @ 10:00 AM

Shabbat Morning Service with

Rabbi Daniel Kripper & Cantor Scheff

Yizkor Services will be observed

Wednesday evening, April 27th @ 7:00 PM

Yom Hashoah Services

The Cantor will lead the worship

Friday evening, April 29th at 7:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed



THE CANTOR'S CORNER



Shalom Ukulam. Hello everybody.

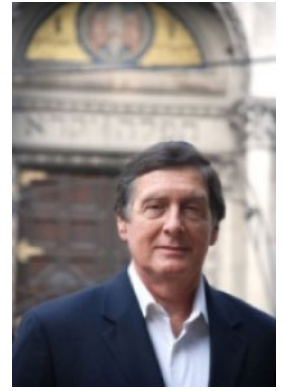
In the coming weeks we will celebrate! We will celebrate freedom and memories, joy and sorrow. I still hear the words of Martin Luther King seeking freedom and justice. Very soon we will celebrate the Megillat Esther and the story of how our people were saved by Esther and Mordechai, from extermination at the hands of the evil Haman. We no sooner recover from the joys of Purim, and then we celebrate the escape from slavery in Egypt and our return to our homeland. As we celebrate the Seder, we pray for freedom for all. One of the important lessons from both the Purim and Pesach stories are that we are reminded that we are not free, unless all people are free. We are reminded of this by Martin Luther King's teaching, as well as the lessons of Purim and Pesach. We also then Remember. We remember our loved ones through the Yizkor service at the conclusion of Pesach, and then for those who died, Al Kiddush HaShem, for the sanctification of G-d, in the Shoah. It is an awful lot to celebrate. Please join us in celebrating with our Temple Family in our spiritual home. Let us live as free people and celebrate our faith together like free people. Let us continue to be a light to the generations. Purim, Pesach, and Yom HaShoah. Please check our weekly email for the specifics of all of the activities and services in the next two months.

B'Shalom and see you in Shul.

Fred



Rabbi's Message



Adar and the zenith of joy

Adar is the happiest, most joyous month of the Hebrew calendar. In fact, its motto is “When Adar comes, joy is increased.”

The abundance of joy in Adar is primarily due to the presence within the month of Purim. That holiday commemorates the salvation of the Jews from a genocidal plot by the wicked Haman, whereby he hoped to destroy the Jewish People.

As the Megillat Esther itself suggests, “The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor”.

In a leap year like the current one, this saying is applied to the second Adar, whose star shines brighter because of its proximity to Pesach and its miracles.

And how does Adar's joy increase?

Specific acts to achieve this are not mentioned in the tradition, but it is expressed primarily in the elimination of sadness and worries.

More than festive actions, it refers to a state of relief, calm and ease.

It does not seem like an easy task to achieve this state of mind considering the difficult circumstances that have gone through all over the world in the last two years.

Fortunately, there is renewed hope for a brighter future, for a sense of “new normalcy” and a peace of mind.

On a personal level, Adar was a transition month marked by the challenges of moving and the adapting of a new environment, a new weather and a new culture.

Amid this process, meeting the people of Temple Shalom has become a great source of delight and a blessing.

It is a privilege for me to do my bit in helping to the continuous renewal of this longstanding synagogue.

Dear friends, your warmth and hospitality have certainly helped me to increase this sense of joy that Adar brings us!

My Blessings to you all!

Happy Purim and Pesach sameah!

Rabbi Daniel Kripper



Keep Kids Cyber Safe during Covid-19

A virtual presentation by Lindsay Lieberman, Esq.

These days, everyone is spending more and more time on their screens - for school, work, entertainment, and socialization.

Many parents and grandparents wonder, "how can we keep our kids safe from the potential dangers that exist in cyberspace?"

Join us to find out!



Thursday March 3, 2022 at 1:00PM

Lindsay is an attorney who specializes in cyber abuse and sexual misconduct. Lindsay was a New York City sex crimes prosecutor and a senior associate attorney at a leading sexual privacy law firm. Lindsay consults with companies and organizations on sexual misconduct prevention and response and cyber abuse.

RSVP to templeshalomrhodeisland@gmail.com for zoom link

You can reach Lindsay at info@lindsaylieberman.com



The Story of Purim in a Nutshell

The Persian Empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all the Jews were its subjects.

When King Ahasuerus had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his orders, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in his eyes and became the new queen, though she refused to divulge her nationality.

Meanwhile, the Jew-hating Haman was appointed prime minister of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), defied the king's orders and refused to bow to Haman. Haman was incensed, and he convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews on the 13th of [Adar](#), a date chosen by a lottery Haman made.

Mordechai galvanized all the Jews, convincing them to repent, fast and pray to G-d. Meanwhile, Esther asked the king and Haman to join her for a feast. At a subsequent feast, Esther revealed to the king her Jewish identity. Haman was hanged, Mordechai was appointed prime minister in his stead, and a new decree was issued, granting the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies.

On the 13th of Adar, the Jews mobilized and killed many of their enemies. On the 14th of Adar, they rested and celebrated. In the capital city of Shushan, they took one more day to finish the job.





PURIM 2022

SUNDAY MARCH 13

10AM

COSTUME PARTY, MEGILLAH
READING, & CELEBRATION WITH
RABBI DANIEL KRIPPER

**Bring your donations to support new
Afghan families in Newport**

We Share Hope is prioritizing:
Bags of: chickpeas, basmati rice, regular lentils, red lentils,
green lentils, and bagged or canned kidney beans, mung
peas, and split peas

60th Anniversary Year



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Food Drive to Support

Afghan Families New to Rhode Island

Drop-off at Temple Shalom
Before or during Purim

We Share Hope has prioritized the needs:

First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
Bags of: Chickpeas Basmati Rice Regular Lentils Red Lentils Green Lentils Bagged or Canned: Kidney Beans Mung Beans Split Peas	Sugar Green Tea Cooking Oil Olive Oil Crushed Tomatoes (<i>no added seasonings</i>)	Dried Fruits/Nuts Green and Red Raisins Almonds Pistachios Walnuts Dried Apricots



Timeless Wisdom for Modern Life
Class 2:

Forgiveness & Apology

A virtual Pirkei Avot class with Rabbi Daniel Kripper

Wed. March 23 1:00PM



Rabbi Kripper was ordained at the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary Marshall T. Meyer, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Former Dean and Professor of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires and served as rabbi at Jewish congregations both in Latin America and the United States.

Rabbi Kripper provides spiritual leadership at Temple Shalom.

Join us as we examine how ancient spiritual teachings provide a guidepost for becoming mensches.

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for zoom link

Mark you calendar for Class 3 & 4 on Wednesday, April 13th and Wednesday, April 27th.



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*Shabbat
with
Rabbi Loel Weiss*

*Saturday March 26th, 2022
10:00AM*

Kiddush to follow



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The eight-day festival of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan, **April 15 - April 23, 2022**. Passover commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus.

In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means “to pass over”), because G-d passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve.

After many decades of slavery to the Egyptian pharaohs, during which time the Israelites were subjected to backbreaking labor and unbearable horrors, G-d saw the people’s distress and sent Moses to Pharaoh with a message: “Send forth My people, so that they may serve Me.” But despite numerous warnings, Pharaoh refused to heed G-d’s command. G-d then sent upon Egypt ten devastating plagues, afflicting them and destroying everything from their livestock to their crops.

At the stroke of midnight of 15 Nissan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), G-d visited the last of the ten plagues on the Egyptians, killing all their firstborn. While doing so, G-d spared the children of Israel, “passing over” their homes—hence the name of the holiday. Pharaoh’s resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, in fact, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus many more women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as G-d’s chosen people.

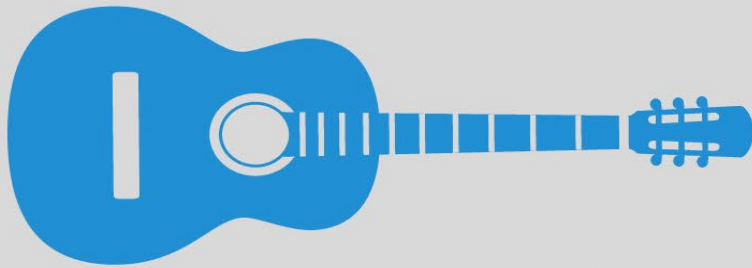




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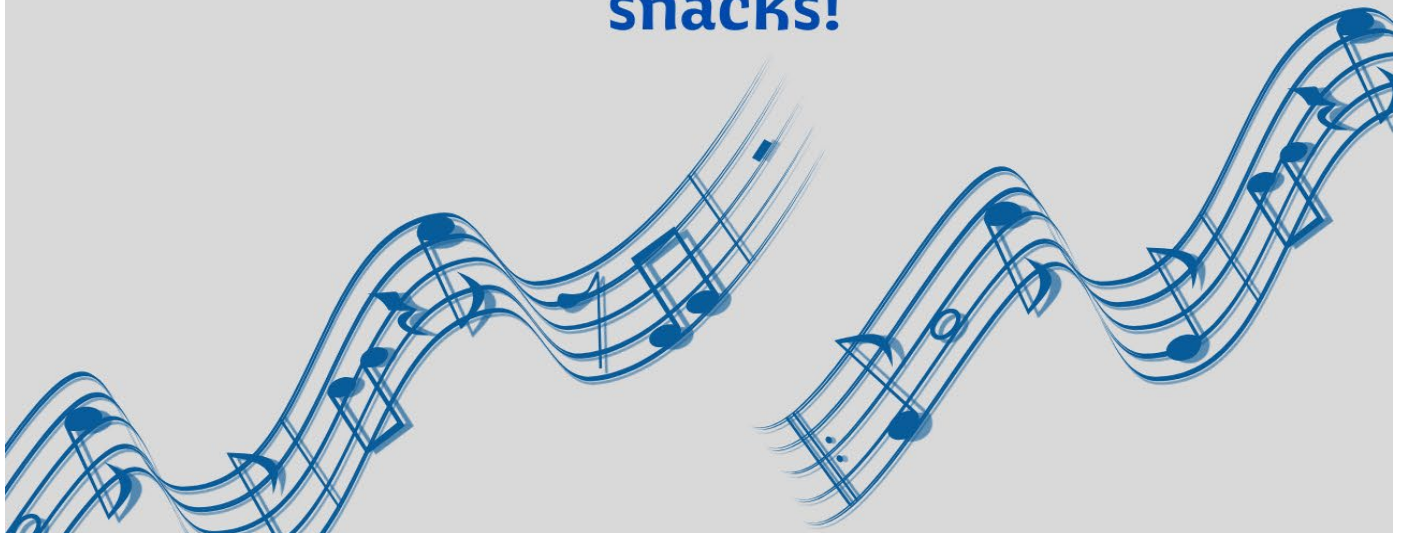


Torah Tots Sing-along!



Sunday, April 24
10:00AM

**Join us for music, dancing, and
snacks!**





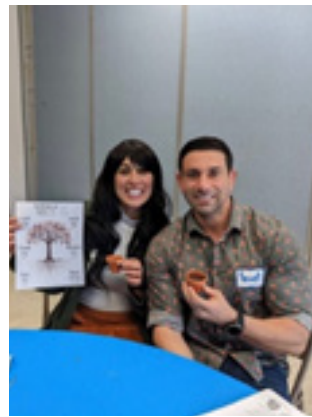
Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00PM

Israel's Knesset (parliament) established Yom Hashoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, as a memorial to about six million Jewish people who were slaughtered by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945. It is observed on the 27th day of the month of Nisan. The full name of the day is *Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah*, which means the "Day of (remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism".

Please plan on attending this meaningful service as we will remember with an evening of Prayers, in word and song.

Temple Happenings



Tu B'Shvat photos



Purim Katan

SHALOM FUND

Mazel Tov to **Anne Berman & Charlie Patrissi** on the birth of her grandson, August

By Linn & Steve Freedman

Mazel Tov to **Arlene & Robert Hicks** celebrating their 50th anniversary

By Dale Blumen

Mazel Tov to **Carrie & Fred Scheff** on the birth of their granddaughter, Acantha

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Mazel Tov to **Helene & Ed Scheff** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Acantha

By Dale Blumen

Mazel Tov to **Benjamin Gyimah** on his Bar Mitzvah

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Get Well to **David Nathanson**

By Dale Blumen

Get Well to **Bruce Meiowitz**

By Abigail Anthony & Ethan Brown

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Whatever the occasion, birthday, anniversary, get well, condolences; a Shalom Card says it perfectly. Cards are \$5 and all donations help support the Temple. For information about participating in the Shalom Fund call Ruth Ziegler – 846-5858 or email – ruthziegler29@gmail.com



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MISHABEIRACH LIST

At weekly services a prayer is offered for those who are ill and fighting disease. During this prayer for recovery the names of those in need are mentioned. We request that names to be included on the list be submitted to the Temple prior to *Shabbat*, email Cantor Scheff at fredsilio93@gmail.com and, that the names, which we already have be updated on a regular basis.

HELP OUR SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP GROW

The temple would like every member to assist them in their goal of increasing the membership of our congregation. In order to accomplish our goal, we ask that you inform the Temple office of all families who have moved into your neighborhood, as we would like to welcome them to our community

Contributions of many meaningful items can be dedicated at the Temple.

TO REMEMBER IS TO KEEP ALIVE

According to Jewish tradition, we honor our loved one's memory by reciting *Kaddish* and by lighting a *Yahrzeit* candle on the anniversary of their death. Temple Shalom offers opportunities to fulfill this *Mitzvah* by arranging contributions and dedicating Memorial Plaques to perpetuate the memory of a loved one.

A **Memorial Plaque** is a constant reminder and a timely symbol of a cherished devotion to those we wish to remember. On the anniversary date of the *Yahrzeit* a light is kindled next to the nameplate. In accordance with Jewish tradition, whenever *Yizkor* is observed, a light should be kindled and *Kaddish* recited. . The next time you are at Temple, look at our *Yahrzeit* Plaques, each with its own light, on the walls within the Sanctuary. All lights on the walls will be lit for the four annual *Yizkor* Services.

The present contribution for a **Memorial Plaque is \$550.00**. For additional information please contact the Temple

Located in the Temple Social Hall, the **Tree of Life** provides an opportunity to share life's special occasions with your Temple family. Loved ones, friends and members of the congregation are able to create permanent remembrances of their joyous events so that future generations can look upon our yesterday as having been filled with hopes, dreams and accomplishments. **Leafs** can be ordered with a donation of **\$125.00** per leaf. You will enjoy visiting the Temple and finding your leaf on the tree.

Commemorate a special occasion, show your appreciation or remember a loved one by purchasing a chair plaque to be installed on one of our sanctuary chairs. Our chair plaques make a perfect gift, too! **Chair plaques** can be ordered with a donation of **\$250.00** per plaque.

Community News

Please inform the Temple of any community news you wish to share

Welcome New Members:

Jessica & Thomas Gleason

Sara & Yosef Perfido

Mazel Tov to:

Carrie & Fred Scheff on the birth of their granddaughter, Acantha

Helene & Ed Scheff on the birth of their great granddaughter Acantha

Get Well to:

Norman Zucker
David Nathanson

Bruce Meirowitz
Arlene Zatz

Condolences to:

Wendy Golden on the passing of her mother, Ruth Holtzman
Dale Martellino on the passing of her mother, Ruth Esserman

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Helaine Hartman
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Arlene Hicks
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YAHRZEITS

Within the Jewish world there is an annual opportunity specially made for remembrance of those who are no longer with us in life. On the anniversary of their departure, family and friends recite the *Kaddish*.

The following *Yahrzeits* will be observed at Temple Shalom on the Friday closest to this date.

According to the Hebrew calendar the following *Yahrzeits* will begin at Sunset and continue thru the following day.

May the observance of this day and the memories of your loved one be a source of comfort, strength, and inspiration

April 2022

Apr 6	Frances Scheff
Apr 7	Barbara Helmbrecht
Apr 8	Bernice Kuperinsky
Apr 10	Zelda Fisher
Apr 16	Sonia Nathanson
Apr 19	George Cohen Sol Ilowitz
Apr 30	Alan Steven Kuperinsky

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