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November/December 2020 - Cheshvan/Kislev/Teves 5781

Presidents Message

My oldest son Ben recently started reading bedtime stories to his younger brother. With one parent suddenly freed from this endless task, our evenings are calmer and I have the slightest bit more energy to attempt the rituals I imagine joyous Jewish families achieve regularly. I searched YouTube for Hashkevinu, hit play, and watched our youngest son dance for the first time. Lay us down to sleep in peace, Adonai our G-d, and raise us up, our King, to life; spread over us the shelter of Your peace.

Sam swayed back and forth and eventually drifted to sleep while I thought about a sukkah of peace. A sukkah of peace is what I want for my children. Their lives should not be free from struggle, fear, pain, and sorrow, but I want my children to have peace in their hearts. I want them to be at peace with themselves, and use their self-assuredness to lift up those around them. I want them to draw strength and hope from the understanding that they are part of a 3,000 year old tradition and that their ancestors faced a frightening and uncertain future and did not let their hearts harden.

As the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Yitzak Rabin draws near, I have been listening to Shir LaShalom, Song of Peace. So go and sing a song of Shalom, don't whisper timid prayers. Go out and shout a song of Shalom, so everyone can hear...Don't just say "A day will come," go out and bring that day! This is an especially poignant message during the Days of Awe. Too often, I let my fear and anxiety manifest as cynicism instead of vulnerability, love, and work. This year, please join me in prayer and action to make peace a reality. Peace in our hearts and peace in the home. Peace in our country and peace among nations. Peace among all people and peace between humankind and all the world's creatures and natural resources. Let the sound of the shofar stake a claim on your imagination and be a reminder of the strength within us to bring that day.

Abigail Anthony



Schedule of Services at Temple Shalom

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020

All services will be held virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live.
Please monitor the Temple Shalom website, email, and social media for to services.

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Friday evening, November 6th at 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, November 13th at 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, November 20th at 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, December 4th at 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, December 11th at 5:30 pm

Shabbat Hanukkah

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

Friday evening, December 18th at 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat –

The Cantor will lead the worship

Yahrzeits observed

THE CANTOR'S CORNER



The days are growing shorter and the leaves are changing colors to their warm autumn hues. It reminds us that in spite of all that goes on in our world that the seasons are following in their prescribed order. We are just a few short weeks from Thanksgiving. We have decided in this COVID time to do a virtual video Thanksgiving. I have extended an invitation to the Aquidneck Island Clergy Association members to share a brief poem, story, Psalm, or quote of thanksgiving. I, with IMMENSE help, produced a video to be aired in our usual manner, on Thanksgiving Eve. After receiving a beautiful blanket from my colleagues last year, I was reminded that we are all a part of a giant Quilt of faith and that each of our houses of worship and all those therein are squares in the quilt. It is my hope that we can get a hint of that this year, as we all share our moments from our own houses. I look forward to sharing this gift with the entire island wide community.

Only a few weeks after Thanksgiving we will celebrate Hanukah. I wish I could say, definitively what we are doing, but it will depend on conditions as we get closer. Please know that we are working on a celebration of LIGHT. Let us remember the Miracles of Ancestors that were made for us by Hashem at this time of the year. Of course, don't forget Shabbat, our weekly festival. Please join us each week and with the fluidity of things these days, please keep in touch with our weekly emails. See you in Shul.

B'shalom

Fred



Prayers for the New Year

We begin every year with repeated calls, liturgical reminders and actual horn blasts, to engage in an intensive cycle of introspection, t'shuvah. These calls to self-reflection cannot be relegated to a single month or two per year. What would it be like if we blew off self-reflection, seeking forgiveness, and uncovering our true selves, for ten months of the year? We would lose our moral and individualistic bearings. Our relationships would deteriorate. Clearly we must seek a balance between worldly activity and this inner work. What does self-reflective engagement with the world look like? Of course, it looks different for every person, but perhaps the quality of relating or dialogue, is a necessary ingredient. When we maintain relations with our inner-selves, and/or G-d, we remain in the world while connected to something transcendent. There is a small voice within us that calls out when we have become unbalanced, and once again need to look inward. These small calls, quieter than the shofar, when heeded, can prompt us to return.

In my life I've spent long periods of time focused on my inner life, but at this point in my life, and perhaps this point in time historically, I feel pulled outward to engage. I am struggling between this need to engage more fully, and my natural tendency to focus inward. On Rosh Hashanah I offered some personal prayers for the coming year, as a salve for my nonacceptance of where we find ourselves right now. I'm returning again to these prayers, with a remembrance and rededication, to the reality I see in the world today, and inner balance...

I pray that all beings who suffer are relieved of suffering, have shelter and enough to eat.

I pray that all people for whom selfishness clouds their understanding, realizes our interdependence.

I pray that all people who seek to do harm to others, sees themselves in those they call other.

I pray those who seek to control their fellows who wish them no harm, will find humility.

I pray that all people who believe lies know the truth.

I pray our society fully awakens to and rectifies historical racial injustices.

I pray our society fully awakens to our ecological impact, and seeks to live in balance.

I pray for the sake of the next generation, that the darkness today is that of a womb, pregnant with new possibilities.

Please join me in praying for a better world, and a greater capacity of heart to embrace it.

Shanah tovah!

Daniel Berkman

46TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICE

On **Wednesday, November 25th** at 7:00 PM members of the Aquidneck Island Community will virtually greet the Thanksgiving holiday. This will be the 46th consecutive year the Congregation and our neighbors gather for this service.

Several clergy from the area will be joining us to help us celebrate this joyous occasion. We look forward to having many members of our congregation present. This is a service not to be missed and starts your Thanksgiving weekend with a good feeling. *Please check your email for zoom meeting information.*



TEMPLE SHALOM
Middletown, RI

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
10 AM

**CEREMONY IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS AND
SERVICE MEMBERS**

Join us in expressing our deepest gratitude
through song, prayer, reflection, and sharing.

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Chanukah

Chanukah, “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers begins on **Thursday, December 10th.**

The most famous story about that rededication comes from our Talmud, where we read that, when the Maccabees walked into the Temple, they found only enough oil to light the *menorah* (lamp) for one day – but miraculously, that small amount of oil lasted for eight days, which is exactly how long it took to get new oil.

Today, our celebration of [Hanukkah](#) lasts eight days, in honor of the miracles that occurred so many years ago. We light eight candles on the *hanukkiah* (one candle the first night, two the second night, and so on) and we eat *latkes* (potato pancakes) and other foods fried in oil. We spin the dreidel, whose letters remind us “*Nes Gadol Haya Sham*,” “A great miracle happened there.” We give and receive chocolate gelt (coins) and often exchange gifts, too.

With every Hanukkah candle we light, we illumine the most important messages of all: that we must always work to find light in the darkness, and we must always work to keep the light of religious freedom burning for all people, for all time.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, December 13th – Outdoor Hannukah Celebration- Time TBD



Temple Shalom’s Foreign Policy Lecture Series Continues – Beyond Imperialism,

Exploring the Strategic Significance of Crimea to Russian Security

In September, Evan Shallcross helped the Temple Shalom community understand Russian foreign policy, in particular, its decision to annex the Crimea. He led us in a wide ranging, interesting discussion of contemporary global affairs.

Evan Shallcross is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy currently assigned to the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, RI. He is pursuing a Master’s degree in International Relations at Salve Regina. He has served onboard two U.S. Naval warships - USS GARY (FFG 51) as First Lieutenant and USS ESSEX (LHD 2) as Assistant Chief Engineer. His operational experience is in counter transnational organized crime (CTOC) in the East Pacific.



FRAMEWORKS, FACTORS, AND ACTORS: INTRODUCING FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

Ken Sandler is a LtCol in the U.S. Marine Corps currently assigned as Military Professor at the Naval War College where he teaches National Security Affairs. His background is supervising organizational telecommunications networks and has served in variety of positions in the U.S. and abroad. His deployments include Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Mediterranean Sea. He is a graduate of Ohio University, George Washington University, and the Army War College.



**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10
8:00PM**

EMAIL
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FOR ZOOM LINK

Join us for a conversation with
Keith Stokes
on the History and Evolution of
Religious and Racial Freedom
in Rhode Island

Mr. Stokes is presently Vice President with the 1696 Heritage Group. The 1696 Heritage Group is a historical consulting firm dedicated to helping persons and institutions of color to increase their knowledge and access to the light of truth of their unique American heritage. The firm draws on extensive knowledge and experience in ethnic American historical research, interpretation, program and product development.



Thursday November 5th 8:00PM

Email TempleShalomRhodelsland@gmail.com
for Zoom Link

**Temple Shalom's
Book Group Discussion**

**HERE ALL
ALONG**



FINDING MEANING,
SPIRITUALITY, AND A
DEEPER CONNECTION
TO LIFE — IN JUDAISM

(After Finally Choosing to Look There)

Sarah Hurwitz

Thursday, December 3, 8:00pm

Zoom link to follow

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Rose Macarons



Rose Macarons is a small bakery founded by Chelsea Rose in 2016. Originally self-taught, she started baking in Virginia Beach when she got obsessed with the idea of making macarons—the elusive and often tricky almond flour and meringue based sandwich cookies that originated in France. After moving to Rhode Island with her Navy spouse, dog and new baby boy in 2018, her business evolved and she shared a kitchen space with Newport Cooks and a few other Rhode Island food businesses. In 2018 the business operated as a pre-order and mail-order, with local pick up or shipping across the US. In 2019, Rose Macarons regularly had a booth set up at the Aquidneck Growers market and Chelsea took classes at Johnson and Wales University in the Baking and Pastry Arts program.

Chelsea Rose and Temple Shalom congregant/Treasurer and local baking enthusiast Ellen Shallcross started working together in January of 2020 and have become an unstoppable macaron baking force! This summer, amidst the COVID-19 situation, Ellen connected Chelsea with Temple Shalom and they formed a partnership to license the Temple Shalom kitchen as a commissary kitchen with the state, and now Rose Macarons is licensed to operate out of Temple Shalom as well! While Ellen has to leave Rhode Island soon (Ellen is also a Navy spouse, and their family will be relocating by the end of this year), Chelsea looks forward to offer a variety of baked goods to the Temple Shalom community—including macarons and challah!

Chelsea hopes to offer classes to the public, have bakery pop-up sales, and provide treats for Temple Shalom events in this partnership.

If you would like to try Rose Macarons, or inquire about placing a special order, visit their website at rosemacarons.com.



Rosh Chodesh is a special celebration at the beginning of each Hebrew month marked by a new moon and long recognized as a holiday for women to gather for celebration, study and social action.

In September, our Rosh Chodesh group gathered in Emily Amick's backyard around a campfire to celebrate Havdalah. We honored the end of Shabbat with the blessings over the wine, the spices, and the candles, and delighted in starting the new week together around the fire. We roasted marshmallows, ate s'mores, sang camp songs, and listened to Emily Anthony's beautiful violin playing.



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In October, Our Rosh Chodesh Women’s Group enjoyed a fascinating discussion with Kate Barry Esq. of Weil, Gotshal, and Manges about the legal, socioeconomic, and racial injustice issues underlying inequality in today’s Covid-19 world.

As the pro bono manager at Weil, Kate works with nonprofits, legal service providers, and civil rights organizations to identify opportunities for lawyers to provide high-quality pro bono assistance on a wide range of issues including, asylum & refuge, civil & constitutional rights, human rights, economic & community development, children’s rights and criminal justice reform.



Stay tuned for our next Rosh Chodesh events. We seek your input and ideas for future Rosh Chodesh meetings. templeshalomrhodeisland@gmail.com



Temple Happenings

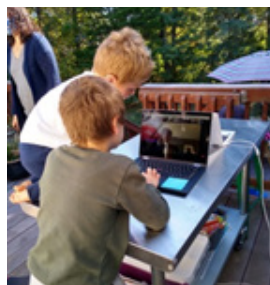
SIMCHAT TORAH — Cantor Fred Scheff led us in a joyous celebration of the conclusion of the annual Torah portion readings and the beginning of a new cycle. We sang and danced and enjoyed sweet treats to mark the happy occasion



VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Hannah Sandler & Olivia Kabak



Ben & Toby Brown

Max & Oliver Shallcross plant winter rye



GOAT HIKING



Temple Shalom’s Torah Tots celebrated the end of Sukkot with a special adventure at Simmons Farm. Sukkot celebrates the farmers’ harvest but also commemorates the biblical story of the Jews’ escape from Egypt, where they wandered for 40 years through the desert, living in temporary shelters. We channelled our ancestors’ experience and hiked through Simmons Farm alongside goats! It was quite biblical and really fun.





Sukkah Building and Celebration



Drawing by Hannah Sandler Sukkah



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For information about participating in the Shalom Fund call Ruth Ziegler – 846-5858 or email – ruthziegler@cox.net

CONSERVATOR NEWS

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 fredsilio@cox.net, 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

SAFETY and SECURITY - We received a \$3,000 grant from the Jewish Alliance Emergency Relief and Recovery Fund for technology.

To date new steel doors and a new video monitor system has been installed.

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 present contribution for a Memorial Plaque is \$550.00. For additional information please contact the Temple. Contributions of many meaningful and needed items can be dedicated at the Temple.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi Loel & Patti Weiss on the marriage of their granddaughter

Get Well to:

Nina Cohen
David Nathanson
Arlene Zatz

Condolences to:

The Ross family and the Touro Synagogue community on the passing of Bea Ross

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received from:

General Donations

Emily Anthony
Alex Rose
Paul & Dale Martellino

Yahrzeit Remembrances

Martin Cohen
Doris Fischer
Arlene Hicks
Gerald Seigel

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

Thank you to all of those who have already made their gift to our annual Yom Kippur appeal. As we shared in our letter, typically, Yom Kippur appeals reach out to the congregants and to ask them to support the things the synagogue needs. This year, we are asking you to support the one thing we all need; to come together again. Our synagogue leadership has been hard looking at the logistics and challenges of reopening again. Not only the capital expenses of items like the plexi

glass barrier, to keep our spiritual leadership safe, but the ongoing operational costs of additional cleaning and all too familiar hand sanitizer and masks. Despite the challenges in the world today, our Temple Shalom Family is thriving! Our membership, services and virtual program participation grows. We welcomed Daniel Berkman to our bima to provide words of reflection and guidance to our community and our volunteer leadership continues to plan for our future. Please join us today in making a gift to the 2020 Yom Kippur appeal to support our efforts to come together again. It remains our goal to have 100% member participation, and we know with your help, we can reach it!

Emily Anthony

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William Zeidenberg

Ruth Ziegler in memory of Manny Ziegler

Naomi & Norman Zucker

YAHREZEITS



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, & inspiration.

November 2020

Nov 1	Samuel Gold
Nov 5	Mamie Katzman
Nov 9	Helen Levy
Nov 16	Virginia Werner Barnett Fisher
Nov 22	Mildred Goldberg
Nov 26	Gussie Zatz

December 2020

Dec 1	Morris Mines Gladys Kaplan
Dec 2	Herbert Kaplan
Dec 3	Ruth Ostrow
Dec 5	Pia Lipet
Dec 9	Ida Wolf
Dec 10	Maurice Nathanson
Dec 13	Edward Friedberg
Dec 15	George Zucker Sadie Spector
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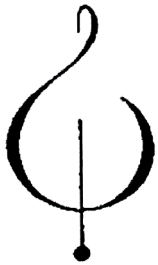
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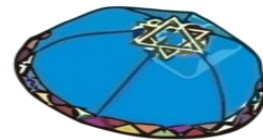


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