Temple Shir Shalom



Shofar

The Newsletter for Alachua County's Reform Jewish Congregation

December 2019

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Saturday, December 7, 2019

6:00pm—8:30pm (not too grown-up!)

at the home of Alyssa Zucker & Joyce Kosak (less than a mile from Temple; address and directions upon reservation)

\$10.00|person
call Temple for reservations
or pay online at
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and ask about babysitting available at Temple!



Religious School Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 15
The fun starts at 9:00 am
Children of all ages are welcome!

Temple Office Hours

 Monday
 10:00 am-4:00 pm

 Tuesday
 9:00 am-1:00 pm

 Wednesday
 by appointment

 Thursday
 10:00 am-4:00 pm

 Friday
 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Hours listed are approximate; it is best to call ahead. Appointments at other times can often be accommodated.

From the Rabbi...

Dear Friends.

An hour before the start of our Shabbat service on November 15, a group of fifteen Temple members held the first meeting of a new "Green Team" Task Force approved by the Temple Board. This group will work to decrease our congregation's carbon footprint, and to inspire individual Temple members and other local religious institutions to do the same. On the 15th, participants joined a webinar produced by the Jewish Climate Action Network that helped us initiate the setting of carbon reduction goals for Temple Shir Shalom, and to understand and implement the recommendations of a recently concluded GRU energy audit of our physical facility. Recently joined Temple member Ellen Siegel will chair the Task Force, which is open to every member of the congregation. If this is something you would like to become involved with, please contact Ellen Siegel (boodog301@bellsouth.net).

Almost all of us have some worries about climate change; some of us are deeply knowledgeable, and therefore, for the most part, pessimistic. Yet our only hope to avoid the worst is to act—to act together, to act with faith in our hearts, to act vigorously. Let's make Temple Shir Shalom an inspiration to our community and a model for what a small religious institution can do. We certainly cannot save the world by ourselves; but the world certainly cannot be saved without institutions like ours.

Rabbi Michael Joseph

Contact the rabbi: Rabbi Joseph is always available by appointment. He can be reached at the Temple office, or by cell phone (352-562-9723), or by e-mail (rabbijoseph@ shirshalom.net). He is usually at Temple on Tuesday mornings, and Tuesday through Thursday afternoons. It is a good idea to call before stopping by!

Temple Board meetings and minutes

Temple Board meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm; all Temple members are welcome. Board minutes are available upon request to all members from the Temple Office.

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Temple Shir Shalom thanks you for your support

Thanks to these members and friends of Temple Shir Shalom for their October 2019 donations (please

note that acknowledgements may lag up to two months behind donations)

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in memory of Richard Bensen

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in honor of Ben Joseph & Cara's engagement

in memory of Margaret Geering in memory of Benjamin Eisenstadt

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October Oneg Hosts

Julia & Chuck Egan
Nancy & Gaby Bitton
Ellen Siegel
Shifra Armon & Bill Little
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Trivia Night contestants pondering an answer on Saturday, November 16. Many thanks to Kim Feigenbaum and the Fundraising Committee for organizing this event, and to Eric and Sharon Ascher for being our Trivia-calling professionals. The crowd of 50+people had a wonderful time!

It could be you having this much fun!



Save the date for Temple's
Contra Dance "Leap Into Spring"
Fundraiser
Saturday, February 29, 2020

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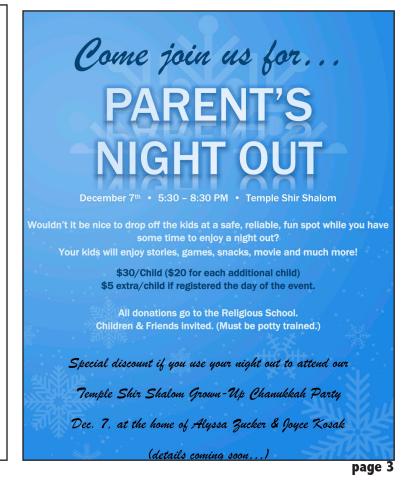


Temple member Barbara Rothstein has generously offered to hand-craft Tzedakah Boxes for anyone who donates \$18 to the Temple Sisterhood. If you would like to order a Tzedakah Box, please contact Marcia Storch:

storchmarcia1965@gmail.com



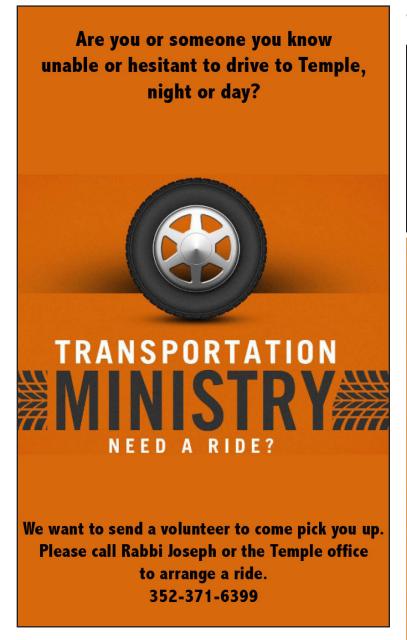
Temple Shir Shalom and its members played a leading role in the JCNCF Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 17. Here volunteers at Temple fill "gift bags" for the people and animals served by St. Francis Pet Care which provides veterinary care and services to responsible but homeless or very low income pet owners.





For many years, Temple Shir Shalom has been an important supporter of the Pineridge Community Center and Afterschool Program, helping with children ages 7-13. This year ten students are in the program—and we want

to show them our love with a holiday party on Monday, December 16 at 3:00 pm. If you would like to help out in-person or by donating gifts , a "Sign-Up Genius" will be posted soon. We try to make sure everyone receives new pajamas, a sweatshirt or jacket, and an activity gift (i.e. arts & crafts, games, puzzles, but no video games).





The next PJ Library Playgroup get-together will be on Sunday, January 12, 9:30am--11:30am. Check the Facebook event page for location!

Temple Sisterhood

Temple Shir Shalom's Sisterhood is an energetic group of women who provide spiritual, inspiring, educational and fun activities to the women of TSS. Everyone is welcomed to attend any or all of our events. No dues required, but we do encourage donations. Join us on our journey to create connections, make new friends, and build our Temple community.

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