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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.

Nominating Committee formed

In accordance with Article XI, Section 11.3 of the By-Laws for Temple Shir Shalom, a Nominating Committee has been formed to report a slate of 2019-20 trustees and officers to the Temple Board in advance of its March meeting. Also, in accordance with Article XI, Section 11.4 of the By-Laws, nominations for any elective office may be made by a petition of twenty (20) members of the congregation in good standing. These nominations must be filed with the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting of the congregation (May 5, 2019). There shall be no nominations from the floor. Inquiries should be directed to the Temple secretary, Marcia Storch, at storchmarcia1965@gmail.com. The Nominating Committee consists of Alyssa Zucker, Marcia Storch, and Craig Gorme.

Save the Date!
Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday, May 5, 2019



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for toddlers and the grownups who love them

Sun.	Jan. 6	9:00 am	w/Religious School
Sat.	Jan. 26	11:00 am	Shabbat service
Fri.	Feb. 22	5:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sat.	March 9	11:00 am	Shabbat service

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Long time Hot Dog Lady Kim Feigenbaum (right) found a great-looking colleague (Joyce Kosak) at the January 13 Hot Dog Sale. Joyce is the co-chair of our Membership Committee. Kim (and Joyce) will both be top dogs at our next Hot Dog Sale coming up later this spring.

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.



Sisterhood gets hip at the Hipp

Our Temple Sisterhood has reserved a block of thirty seats for only \$18.00 each at the Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm matinee production of "Miracle on South Division Street" at the Hipp. After the show, those who wish will head over to Liquid Ginger for an early dinner together. For tickets, call the Hipp directly at 352-375-4477 and tell

them you are part of the Shir Shalom group. "Miracle on South Division Street" is the story of Clara, the matriarch of a Buffalo, New York family, who happily runs a soup kitchen and tends to the family heirloom – a twenty-foot shrine to the Blessed Mother which adjoins the house. According to Examiner.com, "Best comedy of the year! A great hook that will keep generations laughing. You have to see it to believe it."

Memorial Board price increase

Among the many ways one might choose to remember a deceased love one is to purchase a bar on one of our Memorial Boards that hang in the Sanctuary. This guarantees that the name of your loved one is read every year at the yahrtzeit date, and also at our Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Service. This is a promise to you for as long as there is a Temple Shir Shalom of Gainesville—and your donation helps ensure that will be a very long time! **Starting on March 1, 2019, the price for a memorial bar will increase to \$300.00.** This is the first price increase in well over a decade.

December Oneg Hosts

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Honorable Menschen

A series of profiles of distinguished Temple members and friends. "Menschen" is the plural form of the Yiddish word "Mensch," meaning "a real human being" in the very best sense of the words. This month, written by the honoree herself, Jamie Menczer:



I followed my passion—horses—and moved to Florida from Massachusetts in November 2016. Not just any part of Florida, but Marion County, Horse Capital of the World, a place where I could fulfill my dream to further my horsemanship. Along with all the usual stuff that one moves with, I brought my two horses, as well as my cat.

The reason for transplanting myself was that Robert, my husband of 42 years, had died three years earlier and everywhere I went in New England was filled with memories. I realized that I wanted a place to make new memories rather than be constantly overwhelmed with old ones. I needed a place where I could start afresh.

Well, I found the perfect place to live in Williston where I look outside my windows and see my horses out in the field. (I'm looking at one of them right now as I write.) There is an active horse community that I've become part of. But after a while I felt something was missing. A spiritual connection.

A search on the Internet showed me two Reform congregations, one in Gainesville and one in Ocala. I contacted them both, and received one email back from each. And then the next week I received another email from Rabbi Joseph, followed next by a handwritten note inviting me

Ritual Committee update

Note: Many thanks to Toby Hunter, who has recently become chairperson of the Ritual Committee. Following is Toby's description of the work of the committee.

The Ritual Committee is an advisory committee that works with Rabbi Joseph in all matters relating to the observance of holidays and celebrations at Temple Shir Shalom.

This year, the Committee has focused on the policies regarding the preparation for, and celebration of, b'nai mitzvah at Temple Shir Shalom. The Committee has strongly endorsed policies to ensure that each family of a student who is planning a bar/bat mitzvah is engaged in the congregational life at Temple Shir Shalom.

When Rabbi Joseph speaks to a family about plans for an upcoming bar/bat mitzvah, he will discuss those policies to be sure that the family has a good understanding of the importance of participation in Temple activities, including Shabbat services and Religious School. To assist with this important process, the Ritual Committee has established a subcommittee of b'nai mitzvah mentors. We meet with prospective b'nai mitzvah families, offer guidance regarding the expectations and obligations of having the event at Temple Shir Shalom, and help to answer questions the families might have. This ensures that obligations will be met and that all plans are in accordance with Temple policy.

The Ritual Committee urges all members who have children approaching their bar/bat mitzvah within the next several years to go on our website and read the latest version of the policies and procedures. This will give you an idea of what to expect in the coming year(s). Those parents with students who will turn 13 within the next year or so can expect to hear directly from Rabbi Joseph as well. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact the office or me directly (tobyhunter18@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns about an upcoming bar/bat mitzvah.

Honorable Menschen, continued

to come in. My first Friday night service I was warmly welcomed by Randy and Maureen. And as I continued to attend services I was embraced by the community and the wonderful Sisterhood. Attending Adult Education classes led to Torah Study and now I've begun an exploration of Judaism with fresh eyes.

I have found my new home, filled with new friends, spirituality, and an opportunity to create new joyous memories.

And not only that...

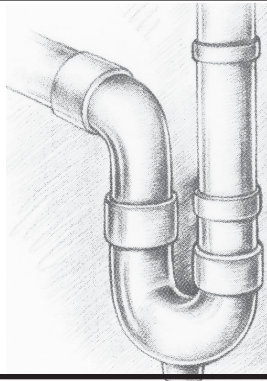
many thanks to Jamie for her ongoing improvements to the Temple Shir Shalom website (www.shirshalom.net). Please note especially the new Event Photos section under the Calendar & Events tab.

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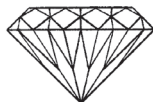
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