#### Temple Shir Shalom



## **Shofar**

## The Newsletter for Alachua County's Reform Jewish Congregation

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#### A Message from Sisterhood

The Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood, founded on the strength and creativity of the women of our congregation, seeks to create connections, foster friendships, and enrich the spiritual lives of all Temple members and friends. Sisterhood membership is automatic for all Temple members who identify as women, and is open to women in the community who agree to make a donation. In fact, because there are no Sisterhood "dues," we encourage donations from everyone who would like to participate or support us. You can donate online through the Temple Shir Shalom website (www.shirshalom.net), or through the Temple office.

The Temple Sisterhood Steering Committee is open to anyone who would like to share ideas and suggestions. Please contact Marcia Storch at storchmarcia1965@ gmail.com for more information—and especially if you are interested in helping with the Temple Directory!

#### **Events for Fall 2019**

Rosh HaShanah Nosh: Monday, September 30 Art Night in November: date TBA Bunco every 3rd Thursday starting in October 2019 Contact Marcia Storch for more information.

#### Temple security update

Once again, thanks to the Jewish Council of North Central Florida for grant monies to assist Temple Shir Shalom enhance the security of its building and grounds. This time, the JCNCF grant will allow Temple to upgrade it's outdoor lighting, both to deter intruders and to make it easier and safer for Temple members and friends to go to and from their cars. This is yet another step in the goal of the Temple Shir Shalom Board to make Temple a safer and more welcoming place for all who come in good will.

In addition, Rabbi Joseph has used the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to purchase for the congregation a professional level Public Access Bleeding Control first aid kit. **Special notice to medical professionals:** this kit will be kept inside to rabbi's lectern in the Sanctuary.

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

#### **Proposed Slate for Officers and Trustees**

In accordance with Article XI, Section 11.3 of the By-Laws for Temple Shir Shalom, selections of the Nominating Committee were reported to the Board of Trustees which accepted the Committee's recommendations in advance of the Annual Meeting. The proposed slate for Officers and Trustees is:

President: Marcia Storch	1st VP: Alyssa Zucker
Treasurer: Henry Luban	2nd VP: Amy Carson
Past President: Adela Beckerman	Secretary: Julia Egan
Trustees 2018-20	Trustees 2019-21
Kim Feigenbaum	Linda Abeles Benson
Craig Gorme	Nancy Bitton
	Lynne Holt
	Howard Malatzky
	Jamie Menczer
	Lee Schwartz
	Sonya Stahl

In addition to the slate recommended by the Board, 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 election. These nominations were first emailed to members of the congregation on February 26, 2019 and were filed with the Secretary on that date. There shall be no nominations from the floor. Inquiries should be directed to the Temple secretary, Marcia Storch, at storchmarcia1965@gmail.com.

**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.

### Temple Shir Shalom thanks you for your support

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

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

#### **General Fund**

Gabriel & Nancy Bitton

in honor of Dillan Wernecke's bar mitzvah

Julia & Charles Egan for Sustaining Membership

Florence Elliot Fox Vendeland & Jerry Elliott

in memory of Colin Elliott

Kenneth & Patricia Heilman

in honor of Adrienne DeNoyelles, Sonya Stahl,

Paul Richards

Barry & Elaine Jacobson

for family yahrzeits, Sustaining Membership

Steve & Randy Kraft for Sustaining Membership

Linda Lewis & Clifford Levin

Allen & Myrna Neims for Sustaining Membership Vera Rabino

in honor of Adrienne DeNoyelles, Sonya Stahl,

Paul Richards

Judy Simms & Juan Cendan

in memory of Phil Freedman

Marc & Leslie Suskin

Mark Werner & Yana Banks for Sustaining Membership

Marc & Lisa Zumberg for Sustaining Membership



Temple Shir Shalom has become the proud host of local Boy Scout Troop 611, in an agreement ratified by the Temple Board at its April 2019 meeting. The Scouts will be meeting at Temple on most Sunday evenings, and rallying for camp outs on occasional Friday afternoons. As per the agreement, the Scouts will be helping out with various "clean-up" type projects around our building and grounds. Over the last decade or so, the Boy Scouts have become an organization open to both boys and girls (in gender-separate troops), and inclusive of LGBTQ persons. If you look closely at the photo above, you will spot Temple Shir Shalom members Noah Siegel and Nathan Gorme!

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Shifra Armon & William Little in memory of Harold Armon Diane Gordon, in appreciation of Torah Study group Craig Gorme, in honor of Nathan's bar mitzvah Ann Hyman

Michael Malles, in honor of baby naming of Julian Henry & Marcia Storch, in memory of Dolores Newman

#### **Full Time Rabbi Fund**

Irene Kellner

in honor of Adrienne DeNoyelles, Sonya Stahl, Paul Richards

in memory of Phil Freedman

#### Tree of Life

Adela Beckerman & Leonard Fontana in honor of Jake and Ann's b'nai mitzvah

#### **March Oneg Hosts**

Nancy & Gaby Bitton Margaret & Phil Efron Keri & Dan Wernecke **Temple Board** Maureen Cales & Keith Spencer

Connie & Robert Stern

#### **Temple Office Hours**

10:00 am-4:00 pm Monday Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm Wednesday by appointment Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm 9:00 am-1:00 pm Friday

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