Temple Shir Shalom



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The Newsletter for Alachua County's Reform Jewish Congregation

March 2019

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The congregation is invited to celebrate with Dillan Wernecke and family as Dillan becomes a bar mitzvah at our Shabbat service on Saturday, March 16 starting at 10:30 am. Dillan is the son of Dan and Keri Wernecke, and the older brother of Carter and Joshua.

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 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.

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.

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

Thanks to the JCNCF

Many thanks to the Jewish Council of North Central Florida for awarding a "Micro Grant" of \$360.00 to Temple Shir Shalom to add proper exit devices to the doors of our main entry vestibule. These exit devices are just one part of significant security improvements planned for the Temple building in the next several months. In addition to physical improvements, Temple is committed to maintaining a visible police presence during Religious School hours and other times of assembly.

Temple Shir Shalom thanks you for your support

Thanks to these members and friends of Temple Shir Shalom for their January 2019 donations (please note that acknowledgements may lag up to two months behind donations)

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in honor of Nathan Gorme's Bar Mitzvah

Full Time Rabbi Fund

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in memory of Ken Kellner in memory of Robert Kellner

Memorial Bars

Adela Beckerman & Leonard Fontana, in memory of Adela Bodner Wasserman Herzberg

Engraved Bricks

Burton & Janet Silverstein in memory of Jacob M Silverstein

Dear Friends.

Noah Siegel, who will become bar mitzvah at Temple Shir Shalom on July 6, 2019, asks your help with a beautiful mitzvah project to help school children in Honduras. Please consider helping Noah perform a great mitzvah!

Rabbi Michael Joseph



For my mitzvah project, during a family vacation I plan on visiting a school in Roatan, which is an island belonging to Honduras.Honduras is the poorest country in Central America, where 40% live on \$1 a day, and the remaining 60% live on \$3 a day or less. The average Honduran receives only 6.5 years of formal schooling. We are going to donate to Arnoldo Auld Public School, which is in Gravel Bay, Roatan. They have 600+ children there, in grades K-6. Please help me collect the above items so I can take them with me when I visit the school.

Noah Siegel

January Oneg Hosts

Marcia & Henry Storch Jamie Menczer Nancy & Gaby Bitton Craig Gorme

Kim Feigenbaum & Alan Geering

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 2019







SHABBAT PURIM FRIDAY, MARCH 22 7:00 PM

RABBI JOSEPH'S SERMON:

"HOW CAN PURIM INFORM OUR RESPONSE TO ANTISEMITISM?"

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, Julia Egan and family:



Julia Egan is a new Board member and an active participant in the Shir Shalom community. With her husband Charles, and their three children, Julia is a regular at Friday night Shabbat services and often on Saturdays, as well. Julia is a member of our Religious School Committee, and has served as a substitute teacher for the Religious School. Julia has a strong background in education. She has a bachelors degree in French and International Studies, and a teaching certificate from USF. She taught at Riveridge Middle /High School in Pasco County and Wellington High School in Palm Beach County, and recently finished coursework for recertification for teaching French, grades k-12.

Julia met her husband, Charles, when they were students at USF. She and Charles decided to stay in Florida after graduation and situated themselves in a South Florida location. They now have three children: Victoria, a 2018 bat mitzvah, Susie, who is ten-year-old, and Charlie, who is seven-years-old.

Julia has a long history of volunteer work owing to a strong sense of the importance of "giving back." After her first child was born and she decided to be a stay-athome mother, Julia joined the Mom's Club. This diverse group of new mothers served as a valuable social setting for Julia and her newborn. Julia volunteered to assist

with a range of Mom's Club tasks, eventually becoming Board president.

Julia also volunteered with the Shalom Babies programs at the Boynton Beach JCC and the West Palm Beach JCC. She visited families that just had a baby, bringing them gift baskets with Judaica-themed baby gifts and letting them know about programs in the community for parents and very young children. She was very successful in recruiting families to participate in these programs, and regularly attended these programs herself with her first child, Victoria.

When Victoria, was 2, she and Charles began participating in Chabad programs. They became "go to" people who could be counted on to help with program planning and coordination, and more basic tasks like shopping for events. Charles, for example, shopped for Friday night dinners and Julia helped plan the Jewish Women's Circle monthly meetings and an annual gala.

Julia was also on the Early Learning Committee (ECC) at the Glantz JCC Early Learning Center. She served as a volunteer-at-large for ECC sponsored events and co-chaired the annual Chanukah gift drive for children in foster care with Jewish agencies.

About six years ago, after her second child, Susan, was born and she was pregnant with her third child, Julia and Charles decided to move to Ocala. They wanted to live in a small town and Charles saw opportunities for professional growth with companies in north central Florida. The family joined Temple Beth Shalom in Ocala. Julia was on many committees such as the Ritual Committee and was involved in Sisterhood and the Book Club. She was also Education Chair, Oneg Coordinator, and taught PreK/K and a 1st grade classes at different points in time. Julia served on the Board as a trustee and eventually as a Second Vice President.

Julia and her family have become an integral part of the Temple Shir Shalom community. The two younger Egan children, Susan and Charlie, attend Religious School. The oldest child, Victoria, and Charles are active volunteers for different Shir Shalom activities.

The **Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood** is not your mother's Sisterhood—it's members are also Temple Board members, fund raisers, social action mavens, keepers of our building and grounds, financiers, educators, ritual specialists, b'nai mitzvah mentors, event planners, and more. Please contact Marcia Storch (storchmarcia1965@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.

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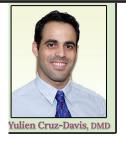
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