



From the President...

Dear Friends:

As happy as I am to be with you in Gainesville throughout December, I am also a bit sad to be missing the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in Chicago, attended by over 5,000 North American Reform Jews. Much of the conference is being live-streamed, and I heard this song called "I Have a Voice" by Cantor Elana Arian, whose words I pray we can live by in this new year:

I will open my eyes
I will not look away
I will use this gift I've been given everyday.
I have a voice
My voice is powerful
My voice can change the world.
I will give of myself
I will reach out my hand
I will use this heart I've been given to take a stand.
I have a voice.
My voice is powerful.
My voice can change the world.
I will use this strength I've been given
To be a light.
I have a voice.
My voice is powerful.
My voice can change the world.

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.

אני
שומר
אחי
**I AM
MY BROTHERS
KEEPER...**

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm:

January 15 and 22

February 5, 12, and 19.

RIGHT?

Rabbi Joseph's Winter 2020 series of adult education classes will focus on the theme of communal responsibility, and specifically this: what is our responsibility to our community for injustice and shortcomings which we did not ourselves commit? We all acknowledge a level of community responsibility when we pay our taxes for schools and roads, for instance, for police and courts. But what is our responsibility for poverty in our community? For racism or homophobia or gender discrimination? How hard do we have to work to overcome the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow? Once we buy ourselves fuel-efficient cars or install a few solar panels, how much deeper is our responsibility for climate change? We will examine these questions from the point of view of Jewish text and tradition, trying to help us set a proper course for ourselves individually and as a Jewish community. This series WILL NOT be about contemporary politics and policy, but it WILL be about our obligations in the contemporary world.

Temple Shir Shalom thanks you for your support

Thanks to these members and friends of Temple Shir Shalom for their November 2019 donations

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

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November Oneg Hosts

Heath Silberfeld
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Alyssa Zucker & Joyce Kosak
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Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Shir Shalom is a wonderful way to share a happy occasion with our congregation, or even to share the memories of our beloved who have died. If you have a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or yahrzeit, please consider hosting an Oneg. There are simple guidelines, and if you would like a co-host, Marcia Storch will help you find one. There is a Sign Up Genius on the Temple website under "Membership, Onegs, and Policies."

Thank You Thank You Thank You

**To those who donated holiday gifts and wrapped them for
Pineridge Center students and
Ronald McDonald House residents**

To the members of our wonderful new Green Team

**Alyssa Zucker and Joyce Kosak
for opening their home for our Temple Chanukah party**

It could be you having this much fun...

at the Temple Shir Shalom

“Leap into Spring” Contra Dance Evening Saturday, February 29, 2020



5:00pm concert—5:30pm dancing—7:00pm dinner

\$75.00/person; RSVP by Feb. 20 to Temple office

Contra dancing is social dancing that is fun for everyone, with no partners necessary. The music is live, and the dances are explained, walked through, and called. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes (especially shoes), and come ready for a fun, adventurous, and delicious evening.

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Sponsorship opportunities:

This is Temple's most important fundraiser of the year. Please consider becoming a sponsor!

Platinum: \$1000.00, includes four event tickets	Silver: \$500.00, includes two event tickets
Gold: \$750.00, includes two event tickets	Bronze: \$350.00, includes two event tickets

Join Temple's "Green Team" Today!

When our wonderful new Temple member Ellen Siegel asked Gainesville Regional Utilities to perform an energy audit of Temple Shir Shalom, she was shocked to learn about our wastefully high energy consumption—and the enormous bill that comes with it! Recognizing that changes could be made to reduce both our energy consumption and costs for Temple, Ellen decided to create the TSS "Green Team."

Our Green Team is invested making a difference on several fronts, including but not limited to installing energy-saving smart thermostats, educating the congregation on climate change action, and initiating interfaith efforts to reduce carbon footprints throughout Gainesville.

While the Green Team is already taking steps towards these goals, we need your help! Are you hoping to make TSS environmentally friendly? Are you committed to taking tangible action to stop climate change? Do you want to preserve the planet for your children and grandchildren? Then join your fellow congregants at the TSS Green Team today! Please contact Ellen Siegel at boodog301@bellsouth.net for more information and to sign up for our email list.

Jane Stanley
Green Team Communications Coordinator



Seen at our Religious School Chanukah Party

Many thanks to Ross Van Boven, faculty members, and parents who worked together to create a wonderful Chanukah experience for



our Temple children on Sunday, December 15.

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.



**Shabbat service and
Oneg honoring new
Temple members and
friends**

**Friday, January 10
7:00 pm**

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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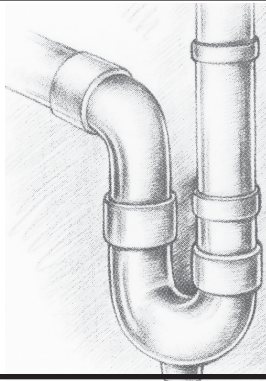
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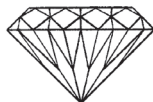


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