Temple Shir Shalom



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The Newsletter for Alachua County's Reform Jewish Congregation

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From the president...

As we enter into the 5780 Days of Awe, I would like to send holiday wishes from Hank and me. This is a time when we can reflect on the past year, what was good for our congregation, what was not good for our congregation, and how can we make the upcoming year engaging, fun, and spiritual for all of us. As the new president of Temple Shir Shalom, I hope to encourage and welcome those in our community who want to be part of a Reform congregation that appreciates, listens, and represents you. To sustain our Jewish community, we invite you to make Temple Shir Shalom your spiritual home as it is ours. Please participate with us in worship, learning, social action, and good friendship. Your connection is very important to us. On behalf of the Board, I wish you all a L'Shana Tova, and wish for you and your family a year of good health, continued or new found happiness, and peace throughout the world.

With Gratitude, Marcia Storch

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 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.

High Holiday Schedule September-October 2019 — Tishri 5780

Saturday	Sept. 21	8:00 pm	Selichot service
Sunday	Sept. 29	11:30 am	Tashlich service
		8:00 pm	Rosh HaShanah evening service
Monday	Sept. 30	10:00 am	Rosh HaShanah morning service
		12:30 pm	Rosh HaShanah Nosh
		1:30 pm	Rosh HaShanah family service
Sunday	Oct. 6	11:00 am	Cemetery memorial service
Tuesday	Oct. 8	8:00 pm	Yom Kippur evening service
Weds.	Oct. 9	10:00 am	Yom Kippur morning service
		1:30 pm	Yom Kippur family service
		3:30 pm	Yom Kippur afternoon service
		4:30 pm	Yom Kippur yizkor service
		5:30 pm	Yom Kippur concluding service
Sunday	Oct. 13	6:30 pm	Sukkot service & potluck supper
Monday	Oct. 21	6:30 pm	Simchat Torah celebration

Security improvements thanks to JCNCF

Thanks to several small grants from the JCNCF, the Temple Board has continued to improve security at Temple Shir Shalom by installing new doors and door hardware on our front and foyer entrances. These doors now allow easy egress from the building in the event of emergency, while remaining locked from the inside as their default setting. The foyer entrance will now be locked much more of the time; please get used to ringing the (also recently upgraded) doorbell to be let in.

2019-2020 Sisterhood opening programs

Co-sponsor Open House: August 18
Rosh Hashanah Nosh: September 30
Co-sponsor "Who Will Decide If You Can't?": Sept. 15

Happy times, lots of appreciation and fun. Contact Marcia Storch if you would like to be involved!

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Temple Shir Shalom thanks you for your support

Thanks to these members and friends of Temple

Shir Shalom for their July 2019 donations (please note

that acknowledgements may lag up to two months behind donations)

General Fund

Steven & Beverly DeKosky for Sustaining Membership James & Ellen Gershow

Gary & Ervene Katz, in memory of our parents

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in memory of Michelle Sternshein, John Prager's sister Heath Silberfeld

in honor of Andy & Sharon Hirshik's 50th anniversary

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Brigid Caroline Bollweg in memory of Miriam Quintana Goldberger-Racket family, in memory of Arlene Goldberger Edward & Toby Hunter

in memory of Morton Insler

in memory of Marsha Insler

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David & Harriett Pawliger, in memory of Michelle Sternshein

Full Time Rabbi Fund

James & Ellen Gershow, in memory of Phyllis Joseph Andrew & Sharon Hirshik

in honor of Rabbi & Debbie Joseph

on the occasion of Ben and Cara's engagement

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in memory of Miriam Quintana

in memory of Sidney Storch

Religious School Fund

Harvey Goldstein

in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's 50th anniversary

Grounds

Vera Rabino in memory of Elizabeth Licht

Engraved Bricks

Jacalyn Levine in memory of William Ratnoff

Tree of Life

David & Harriett Pawliger

in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's 50th anniversary

Welcome new members

Over the summer, Temple Shir Shalom has been fortunate to enroll a number of new members. Please go out of your welcome to welcome them to their new congregation:

Jackie Levine Lisa Levine

Seth & Michelle Jacobs (Katherine, Avery and Reese) Randy & Paula Shochet (Madison, Ben)

Genevieve Curtis

Corin Warriner (Dorian, Calvin)

July Oneg Hosts

Kaye & Marc Linden
Jennifer & Kevin Siegel
Lynne & Robert Holt
Ann-Marie Magne and Lee Schwartz

Torah study with Rabbi Joseph... and a special guest!

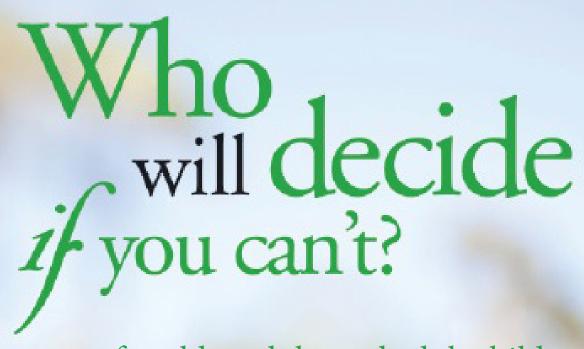
A new "season" of Torah study with Rabbi Joseph kicks off on Tuesday, September 3 at 9:30 am with an examination of one of the strangest books in the Bible, the Book of Daniel. Full of fantastical stories, impossibly detailed prophecies, and apocalyptic musing, Daniel has long been a puzzle to both Jewish and Christian commentators. As an extra-special treat this year, our study of Daniel, estimated to take six or seven weekly sessions, will be co-led by Rabbi Joseph and Father Les Singleton, Vicar of the Church of the Mediator in Micanopy, and a frequent participant in Torah study at Temple Shir Shalom.

Torah study with Rabbi Joseph meets from 9:30 am-10:30 am on most Tuesdays throughout the academic year, though it is always best to check the Temple website calendar for details. The class is free and open to the public, and no Hebrew or Bible study background is assumed. Please come join us!

Memorial for the Newberry Six



Rabbi Joseph helped organize an important community event on Sunday, August 18, a memorial for the Newberry Six, African American residents of Newberry, Florida who were lynched by a terrorizing mob on August 19, 1916. Above, community members gather for the ceremony at the Pleasant Plain United Methodist Church in Newberry, where several of the victims are buried. Speakers at the ceremony included Rabbi Joseph, Mr. Wyard Dennis, who is a survivor of the victims, and Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn, an historian at the University of Florida. Rabbi Joseph will be speaking about the legacy of local violence against minorities on Rosh HaShanah morning.



a program for older adults and adult children

Sunday, September 15 10:00 am–12:00 pm free and open to the public

Making advance directives effective is not an easy task. What do you really want? Will your children or others who care for you heed your wishes? Who will speak for whom, and under what conditions? What if someone changes their mind? How do we make sure the doctors really listen?

Learn how to make advance directives effective with Jim Wagner Ph.D. Emeritus Assistant Professor, Medical Ethics, U.F. College of Medicine (Retired) and Eloise Harman, M.D. Pulmonary/Critical Care, Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center.

The first hour of our program will provide detailed information about advance directives and what makes them effective. The second portion will focus on the physician's role: what the physician generally looks for and wants to know about end-of-life treatment preferences.

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Are you or someone you know unable or hesitant to drive to Temple, night or day?



We want to send a volunteer to come pick you up. Please call Rabbi Joseph or the Temple office to arrange a ride. 352-371-6399

NEED A RIDE?



Above, Temple Board member Sonya Stahl speaks with a prospective new member at our annual Open House, held this year on Sunday, August 18. Sponsored by the Board and the Membership Committee, the Open House is a wonderful "opening event" for Temple's program year, bringing together new, veteran, and prospective members and friends of Temple Shir Shalom. If you know somebody who could use a congregation, please bring them by Temple to visit. And remember that High Holiday services are open to all.



Please start your collecting for our 2019 Annual High Holiday Food Drive

Most Needed Items:

- Canned tuna, chicken or other meats, peanut butter, baked
 - beans, canned beef stew, chili, etc.
- * FRUITS & VEGETABLES: Canned vegetables, canned fruits, 100% juice
- in boxes or cans
- * DAIRY: Canned, evaporated, or powdered milk, shelf-stable regular and sov milk
- * OTHER: Boxed pasta, rice, cereals, canned soups, macaroni & cheese, jelly
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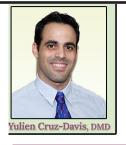
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