Temple Shir Shalom



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The Newsletter for Alachua County's Reform Jewish Congregation

August 2019

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From the president...

As we see the summer ending and High Holiday preparations beginning, I want to express my sincere appreciation to those who have entrusted the guidance of Temple Shir Shalom to our energetic Board of Directors and me. Each President and Board of Directors enters their term with their own views and opinions, but our goal is to always act in the best interests of the Temple as a whole. This will be our most important job.

Temple Shir Shalom is in a good place. We are increasing our membership. We are becoming an even more inclusive and welcoming community. We are continuing our social action commitment as a Brit Olam congregation. Under the direction of Ross Van Boven, our Religious School has innovative and interesting lessons. Our Rabbi provides weekly Torah Study on Tuesdays, weekly Shabbat Services, and bi-monthly Saturday Shabbat and Torah Study. He has a new crop of B-Mitvah. Paul Richards and Gideon Herman (and now Bernard Van Emden) are sharing the bima for lovely music at services. Ann Eisenstadt is an office manager with super powers. She can answer almost any question, and knows where everything is. Sisterhood has again sponsored the Directory and will host the Rosh Hashanah Nosh on September 30.

Our Open House will be August 18th. Please stop in and see what your Temple has to offer. And please don't hesitate to contact me.

Marcia Storch

Temple Board meetings and minutesTemple Board meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each

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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.

High Holiday Schedule September-October 2019 — Tishri 5780

Saturday	Sept. 21	8:00 pm	Selichot service
Sunday	Sept. 29	11:30 am	Tashlich service
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		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

Ritual Committee update

The Ritual Committee, as always, is assisting with High Holiday preparations. We invite all of our members and friends to our High Holiday services. There is no fee for attendance, but a donation to Temple Shir Shalom is encouraged.

We have resolved to use the term "b-mitzvah" as our generic term for the experience, in recognition of the gender diversity of our congregation, and we continue to work on b-mitzvah policies and procedures. We are also committed to assisting parents of upcoming b-mitzvah students to create joyous and meaningful

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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!

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Temple Shir Shalom thanks you for your support

Thanks to these members and friends of Temple

Shir Shalom for their May-June 2019 donations

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

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In honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's golden anniversary:

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Natalie Robinson

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Jennifer Taylor

Andy & Sharon Hirshik

in honor of our 50th Anniversary

in memory of Nat Kosak

in memory of Florence Hirshik

Zane Altman

Lynn Berg, in honor of Leslie Bram's bat mitzvah

Gabriel & Nancy Bitton

in honor of Vera Rabino's special birthday

Leslie Bram & Mark Flannery

in appreciation for the Temple's warm embrace of my

bat mitzvah

Dawn Burgess-Krop

Edward & Beverly Gilbert, for sustaining membership

Kenneth & Patricia Heilman, for sustaining membership

Steve & Randy Kraft, for sustaining membership

Maurice & Nicole Levy

Ellen Ligon

in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Cohen's officiation

at my daughter's wedding

Craig & Erica Littauer

Karen Miller

Rosalind Okun, for sustaining membership

Alissa Raskin, in memory of our sister Matty

Arnie & Kara Sair

Anthony & Shelley Salzman

in memory of Irving Salzman

in memory of Sylvia Schlossberg

Carolyn Stalvey, for sustaining membership

Henry & Marcia Storch, for sustaining membership

Michele & Stephen Sugrue, in memory of Gloria Willams

Mark Werner & Yana Banks, for sustaining membership

Rabbi's Discretionery Fund

Patricia Abbit, in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's

golden anniversary

Leslie Bram & Mark Flannery, with thanks for Rabbi Joseph's

assistance with my bat mitzvah Steven & Beverly DeKosky

in an area area of Free least

in memory of Evelyn DeKosky

in memory of Mildred Nelson

Scott Feigelis, with thanks to Rabbi Joseph for our

son's bris ceremony

Laurence & Hope Jaffe, in memory of Edward I. Jaffe

Marc & Kaye Linden, with thanks for Rabbi Joseph's teaching of Alexandra, our son's fiancee

Madalyn Reiter

in memory of Jennie Pace

in memory of Lilian Lang

Henry & Marcia Storch, in memory of Ida Storch

Full Time Rabbi Fund

Andrew & Sharon Hirshik

in appreciation to Rabbi Joseph for helping plan our

50th anniversary celebration

Irene Kellner

in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's

golden anniversary

Henry & Marcia Storch, in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's

golden anniversary

Memorial Bars

Michael & Debbie Joseph

in memory of Joel Howard Joseph

in memory of Phyllis Moses Joseph

Tree of Life

Dawn Burgess-Krop, in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's golden anniversary

Michael & Debbie Joseph

in memory of Estelle Wigser

in memory of Edie and Hans Moses

in memory of Sara and Ben Zion Joseph

in memory of Joan and David Frieder

Kevin & Jennifer Siegel, in honor of Noah Siegel's bar mitzvah Sheryl Soule, in honor of Kendall Soule's bat mitzvah

Engraved Bricks

Shifra Armon & William Little, in memory of Ellen Kramer Kevin & Jennifer Siegel, in memory of Bruce & Beverley Siegel

Religious School Fund

Rosalind Okun

Sheryl Soule, in honor of Kendall Soule's bat mitzvah

Sisterhood

Kenneth & Patricia Heilman

Rosalind Okun

Religious & RItual

Henry & Marcia Storch

Grounds

Vera Rabino

in honor of Sharon & Andy Hirshik's golden anniversary

May-June Oneg Hosts

Religious School families

Leslie Bram & Mark Flannery

Vera Rabino

Families of High School graduates

Jamie Menczer

Ann-Marie Magne & Lee Schwartz

Carmen & Jacob Berrios-Simms

Margaret & Phil Efron

Sharon & Andy Hirshik

Virginia & Russ Brissette Hirshik

Julia & Chuck Egan

Irene Kellner



Pictured above is our community Youth Group team for 2019: UF student and advisor Colin Silverman, Shayna Storch, Noga Brauner, Naomi Richards, and advisor Justin Sobel. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, contact Colin at csilv81@gmail.com or Naomi through the Temple office.

Welcoming Refugees:

Learning from the Past, Rising to the Moment: Building a Voice for Jewish Welcome Friday, August 23, 7:00 pm

Over the last year, the number of refugees and displaced people across the world has grown to more than 70 million, more than any at other time in history. Because of our experiences and our values, the Jewish people has a unique connection to these most vulnerable people. Join Nikki Salzman, Major Gifts Officer at HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), to learn more about Jewish displacement in history and the current global refugee crisis, and explore how Jewish values call on us to respond. And by the way, Nikki is also the daughter of longtime Temple members Tony and Shelley Salzman.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 611, sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom, gathered at Temple on June 23 for a work day during which they were able to:

- power wash the basketball court, picnic tables, and front patio
- wash windows
- scrape and sand the peeling paint in the front
- clean up the garden
- count prayer books for Rabbi Joseph
 Many thanks to our noble Scouts!

Ritual Committee continued...

ceremonies. All parents who have a student who will celebrate a b-mitzvah in the next two years are reminded that attendance at Shabbat services, as well as Religious School, are pillars of the b-mitzvah experience, and are expected of all families.

We also continue to work on ways to make our Shabbat and holiday services relevant and interesting to all members and friends, including and especially children. The policy of Temple Shir Shalom is to include all family members in the services, which are held in the main sanctuary. For reasons of safety and decorum, families are reminded to keep children of all ages in the sanctuary with them. Materials and supplies in the classroom are for the exclusive use of the Religious School staff during school hours and should not be used during during services or other events. In the near future, one of the classrooms will be designated as a comfort room for parents with infants and toddlers.



Lewis Linden, son of Kaye and Marc Linden, graduated this summer into the elite Golani force of the Israeli infantry. To complete this eight month training program, participants must walk up and down hills for a final 12 hour, 50 kilometer march in intense heat. He said people were dropping like flies

but after medical attention had to continue the march.

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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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Temple Shir Shalom 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday, August 18

for new and old members & friends



10-10:45 am: Introductions **Breakfast** Brief program

10:45 am-12 pm: Socializing Speak with Rabbi & Board members Fun & Games for children 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



This summer, Joel and Jack Hurov had the opportunity to vacation in Italy, timed to coincide with the 75th anniversaries of the Allied landings at Anzio, and the liberation of Rome, during WW2.

Joel and Dad paid

respects at the American Military Cemetery in Nettuno. Here, Joel places a pebble on the marker of 2nd Lieutenant Ted P. Meyers, from North Carolina, who died November 9, 1943.

All was not solemn though, as Joel and Dad celebrated Shabbat in the Jewish Quarter of Rome (Il Ghetto). Joel's favorites? Touring the Colosseum and stracciatella gelato!



HOLDAY HOLDAY

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

Most Needed Items:

- FPROTEIN: 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 soy milk
- * OTHER: Boxed pasta, rice, cereals, canned soups, macaroni &
- * PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: Soaps, shampoo, deodorant, feminine items

Avoid glass containers to limit the risk of broken glass.

Mazal Tov's are in order!

Mazal Tov! to David Nelson (Jill; Ben, Josh), who was named in April 2019 as senior vice president for health affairs at the University of Florida and president of UF Health, the university's academic health center.

Mazal Tov! to Bruce Goldberger and Rina Racket, who were married on June 18 in a ceremony in Las Vegas, Nevada. Bruce is the father of Jacob and Sara Goldberger; Rina and her children are in the process of relocating to Gainesville.

Mazal Tov! to Tony and Shelley Salzman, whose son, Glenn, married Ana Rosenberg on May 26 in a ceremony officiated by Rabbi Joseph. Glenn and Ana are the parents of Joshua Salzman.

Mazal Tov! to Michael and Debbie Joseph, whose son, Ben, became engaged to Cara Chayet, who is the daughter of Brad and Wendy Chayet of Fort Lauderdale. An October 2020 wedding is being planned.

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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