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Worship/Special Events

Friday, February 2 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Friday, February 9 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Friday, February 16 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Friday, February 23 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm

From the Rabbi...

It's About the People

Shalom!

If we haven't met, I'm Rav Uri Allen, your new Rabbi at Temple Sha'arey Shalom. I am so glad to be on board at TSS and I can't wait to see what wonderful things we can do together. Of course we will worship together, and eat (of course), study our tradition, help our communities and the world, connect with our beloved Israel and the Jewish people. These are our commitments as a kehila kedosha - a sacred community, and they remain our guiding light moving forward.

We find ourselves in the Torah reading cycle at the several parshas that outline in great detail the building of the *mishkan* (tabernacle) and the vestments of the High Priest. For chapters and chapters we have measurements, and fabric lists, and crafting instructions. One could get the impression that it is the items themselves, the physical components of sacred space, that are the most

Shabbat Study Minyan Weekly - 11:00 am

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important. And there is a certain logic to that. Without the necessary equipment the Tabernacle won't work. It can't function properly.

But we would be remiss if we didn't state clearly that the point of the Tabernacle, the object of sacred space, is not to simply build the space but to use it for spiritual fulfillment, growth, and commitment to God, Torah, and Israel. In other words it's the people that matter the most, not the building of the stuff.

Fortunately, we have the items that we need. We have a meeting space, we have our Torah scrolls and siddurim, we have the office space we need, the tech we need, and the leadership to run a synagogue. But all of those things pale in comparison to your presence and personal engagement with our Temple. To that end, I want to encourage you to attend Friday night services, learn with me and Cantor Rosenman, volunteer for a committee or to plan an event. Whichever way to choose to be involved don't let our physical space be a replacement for your active presence and participation.

As your new Rabbi, I will be dedicated to meeting each of you and growing that personal connection. This is what it is all about. In Hebrew we call a synagogue a beit knesset - literally, a house of gathering. If there are no people to gather the house is of no significance. In the coming weeks you will see an invitation from me to schedule some time together for coffee or a chat (you will be able to schedule on your own through a website called Calendly). I will also be teaching a weekly class called A Partner in Holiness -R' Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev. We will explore the thoughts of this Hasidic master and investigate ways in which we can

incorporate these teachings into our life. That will take place weekly on Wednesdays at 10am in-person and on Zoom. I look forward to learning with you.

I am excited for this relationship to get going in earnest and to deepen it over time to sustain and maybe even grow our community. May we be blessed as we go on our way...may this be our blessing, Amen.

Rav Uri Allen





Cantor's Corner...



Notes From the Cantor

Back in November, the world of Jewish music lost another giant. Charles Davidson z"I wrote more than 300 works. Many of them were synagogue pieces, song cycles,

operas, musicals, and choral works for all ages.

He was born in Pittsburgh in 1929, and studied at Eastman, C.W. Post College, and Brandeis Art Institute in Santa Susana, CA, where he studied under another great Jewish composer, one Max Helfman, and he was also one of the first to graduate from the Cantorial school at Jewish Theological Seminary. Charles Davidson held many Music Director and conductor positions, and his musical styles included Baroque, Jazz, Blues, and Yiddish folk tunes.

The jazz work, "And David Danced Before the Lord", is titled after a narrative, studied by the Haftarah Class, in II Samuel 6, in which King David has retrieved the Holy Ark from the Philistines and brought it back to Jerusalem and held a public celebration. During this celebration, David dances in a manner deemed by his wife Michal, daughter of Saul, as immodest and vulgar while in front of handmaids of his servants. David defends his dance and the matter remains a source of marital strife between him and Michal. The jazz work was commissioned by Cantor Richard Botton. One of Cantor Botton's students, who would grow up to be the famous comedian Billy Crystal, was so impressed that he requested the work years later at his daughter's Bat Mitzvah, as the work is set to the liturgy of the Friday night service. Click here for Jazz liturgical excerpts from Charles Davidson's 1966 composition, "And David Danced Before the Lord"

https://www.milkenarchive.org/music/volumes/view/swing-his-praises/work/and-david-danced-before-the-lord/

There was also "A Singing of Angels" which incorporated Yiddish folk melodies and scenes of East European Jewish life sung in English by a children's choir. This was commissioned by the Beth Abraham Youth Chorale and also the Beth El congregation, both in Ohio. Find an excerpt here.

https://youtu.be/zPXDwYoHa5Q?si=O3UwZ 9L5iV6s9rx

Charles Davidson's "Baroque Suite" was inspired by the golden age of Spanish Hebrew poetry from the 11th and 12th centuries, most notably by Yehudah HaLevi, whose poetry and it's impact on Jewish music were the subject of my thesis at Hebrew Union College. "Baroque Suite" is rendered in music reminiscent of 17th century dance suites in styles known as courante, sarabande, minuet, and fugue. Hear an excerpt here.

https://youtu.be/ 57WIfOpSok

Other works by Charles Davidson include a Selichot service called "The Hush of Midnight", "L'David Mizmor", "Libi Mizrach", "Night of Broken Glass" "The Trial of Anatole Sharansky", "Amud HaEish", and others including a couple of operas based on the stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Davidson's most well known work was "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" based on children's poetry from the Theresienstadt concentration camp. This work has been performed all over the world including the White House, the Vatican, and also in the town of Terezin itself hosted by Czech President Vaclav Havel on the 50th anniversary of the camp's creation. A full performance can be accessed here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDsBFn7mYno

The music of Charles Davidson (1929-2023) has enriched our vast treasure trove of Jewish music.



From the President...

Rabbi Uri Allen will be joining our Temple Sha'arey Shalom Family as our Rabbi, effective February 1, 2024. I believe we were truly fortunate to have met, interviewed, and selected Rabbi Allen. He comes to us with many years of experience as a congregational rabbi, and as a teacher of Judaic studies. Most recently, he has served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy, NJ. Rabbi Allen's teaching experience includes providing instruction in Judaic studies to high school students, and adult learners. Rabbi has completed Judaic studies programs at University of Maryland; The Conservative Yeshiva, Jersulem, Israel; Shalom Hartman Institute/Tel-Aviv University, Jersulem, Israel; and the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, CA. Welcome to the Family, Rabbi Allen.

TSS' Ner Tamid has been returned to us, and will soon be installed above our Ark. The Ner Tamid, which hung in our former home was donated to a newly founded synagogue when we sold our former building. Recently, we were notified that the recipient synagogue was closing, and the Ner Tamid was to be returned to us. We are in the process of working with an electrician to install it over our Ark.

As you know our Activities Committee has been busy developing programs, and is offering an opportunity, for us, to attend a musical comedy, Murders of 1940, at the Cranford Theatre, on February 18. If you are interested in joining this activity, please RSVP to the Temple Office as soon as possible. The committee is exploring other program offerings and will notify you as soon as plans are finalized.

Sisterhood has planned and is offering a program on March 10, for Sisterhood members featuring a medium.

The Social Action Committee is in the process of researching and developing opportunities for us to be involved with important social action activities in the local community. As these opportunities become available, the committee will so notify you.

It appears that our little congregation is vibrant because we have dedicated and hard-working fellow congregants. We can show our appreciation for their efforts by attending these activities.

L'shalom,

Bill





An ingenious and wildly comic romp by playwright **John Bishop**, Poking antic fun at the more ridiculous aspects of "show biz" and the corny thrillers of Hollywood's heyday, the play is a non-stop barrage of laughter as those assembled (or at least those who aren't killed off) untangle the mystery of the "Stage Door Slasher."

A Theater party to the Cranford Dramatic Club's "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"

Tickets are for Sunday matinee

February 18 at 2 pm

Tickets are \$16

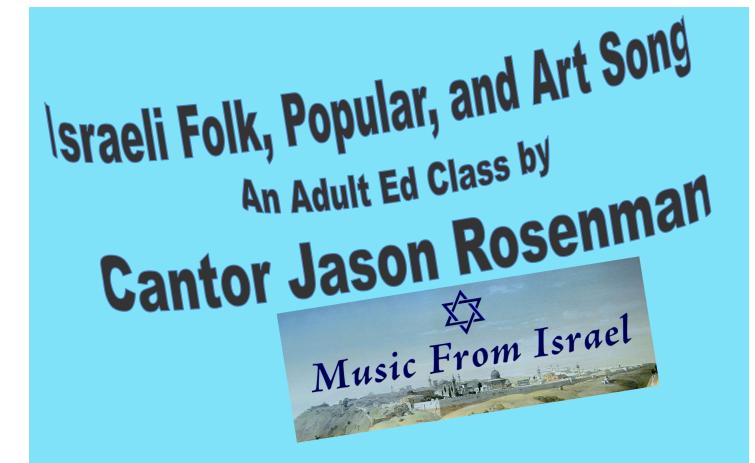
The Cranford Dramatic Club - 78 Winans Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

Please return RSVP with check to: TSS – 871 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 or pay by Zelle (please send us below info)

Name	
Number Attending	Amount Enclosed \$
Phone Number	
Email	

We are also trying to add early after play dinner at a restaurant in Cranford. The cost of dinner is on your own.



Thursday's at 7:00 pm In Person and on Zoom

This class will explore the songs that have been sung in Israel over the past 75 years in both times of joy and times of sadness. It will also include the history behind the words and how some songs have the words or melody varied over time as impacted by historical events. It will include Israeli music in the folk, art, and popular genres.

February 29, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28

Temple Events



Feb. 3	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Feb. 5	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
Feb. 6	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Feb. 10	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Feb. 12	Sisterhood	7:30 pm
Feb. 13	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb. 17	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Feb. 18	Cranford Dramatic Club Play	2:00 pm
Feb. 19	Office Closed	
	President's Day Brotherhood	7:00 pm
Feb. 20	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Feb. 24	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Feb. 26	Executive Board	7:00 pm
Feb. 27	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am





Please let the Office know if
there is anyone
in the Congregation that is sick,
in the hospital, or if there is a death
in the Congregation.
You can email the Temple office
scroll@shaarey.org,
or
call the Temple office 973-379-5387





PLEASE NOTE!

The next Scroll will be for March,
THE DEADLINE FOR THE ARTICLES IS
FEBRUARY 15, 2024

TSS BOOK CLUB



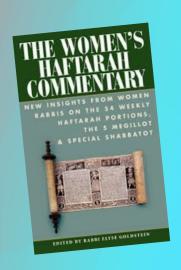
Calling all Bookworms!

Some TSS members have expressed interest in forming a Temple book club

Want to experience the joy of reading and sharing your journey with others?

Join with fellow booklovers in establishing a TSS Book club

prophet / Haftarah Class led by Dan Herman





Tuesday Mornings 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Dan will send out the Zoom link 15 minutes before class. Each link is a one time link that expires at the end of the class.

If you are a new participant of the class, please email Edythe (ediebee@netzero.net) so you can be added to the roster.







WINTER





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blizzard
December
February
fireplace
flannel
flurries
frigid

frostbite frozen gloves hockey holidays hot chocolate icicle

igloo jacket January longjohns mitts scarf shovel

skating skiing sleigh slippery snowballs snowboarding snowflakes snowman snowshoes solstice sweater toboggan whiteout wintertime



News From SISTERHOOD



Please consider joining us in Sisterhood, and joining in our meetings.

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month on Zoom

All are welcome!
Call the Temple office for Zoom information
973-379-5387



CONDOLENCES TO

The Slater Family, on the death of their mother, Beatrice Slater, on December 29, 2023

The Zucker Family, on the death of their mother, Leslie Zucker, on January 12, 2024

TREES

Roberta & Arnie Krumholz and Scott & Danielle Krumholz, to Dr. Fernandez, in memory of Calvin Rasmus

Goldye & Morris Grossman, to Mrs. Sandra Bromberg & Family, in memory of Dr. Charles Bromberg

Goldye & Morris Grossman, to Mr. John Zucker & Family, in memory of Leslie Zucker





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to sign up for

Sisterhood/ Brotherhood

Membership



News From SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood of

Temple Sha'arey ShaloM

Women of Reform Judaism, District 4

Membership 2023-2024

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Name:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
	□ <u>Sisterhood Dues:</u> \$36 □ <u>Lifetime Membership \$360</u>
Send your	check made payable to: "Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arev Shalom"

To: Sharon Moesch - 133 Meisel Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

News From BROTHERHOOD

Please Join Temple Brotherhood

ME LOVE LATRES

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Brotherhood is an organization whose main goal is to give back to the Temple and its members.

Our membership dues and fundraising efforts help us create annual events such as the Hanukah Brunch, Purim Carnival and Ice Cream in the Sukkah. In addition, our contributions provide numerous and vital temple improvements and sponsorships.

Help support us by joining the Brotherhood with a \$36 annual membership fee by completing the form below and sending a check to the temple office or:

Brad Sklar 29 Janet Lane Springfield, NJ 07081

BECOME A MEMBER

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Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY

Marc Bain
Elliot Friedman
Andrew Graulich
Roger Held
Daniel Karp
Matthew Kass
Audree Kiesel
Sharon Moesch
Edward RosenHanst



Happy Anniversary!

FEBRUARY









Happy Anniversary
to all those whose
Anniversaries are this month
but we don't have on file.
If you want your anniversary
listed please email the
Temple office
scroll@shaarey.org



February Occasions For Scrip

Super Bowl LIV

February 11

Party supplies, sports apparel and snacks









National Love Your Pet Day

February 20

Treats, grooming,





toys

Valentine's Day

February 14

Flowers, chocolates and dinner with someone you love









Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 17

\$5 and \$10 gift cards spread kindness









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YAHRZEITS - We remember our family and friends

FEBRUARY

February 2, 2024

Alezah Eisenstein, mother of Amy Daniels

Florence Feinstein, aunt of Goldye Grossman

Edward Fink, husband of Rita Fink
Martha Gansler, mother of Judith Lieb
Bruce Kahn, cousin of Pamela Bain
Paul Kiesel, father-in-law of Audree
Kiesel

Myron Krop, husband of Marion Krop **Bessie Kurs**

Andrea Lakios, friend of Robert and Rosalyn RosenHanst

Rose Mandell, grandmother of Andrew Graulich

Fiora Reider

Renee Sandler, cousin of Hyman Kleinman

Carol Segall, step-mother of Bonnie Schachter

Samuel Silver, father of Leon Silver **Evelyn Zucker,** mother of Marcia Bright

February 9, 2024

Abraham Fiverson, grandfather of Amy Kass

Sydelle Hirsch

David Kaplan, father of Howard Kaplan

Isadore Klompus

Henry Loeshelle, father of Harold Loeshelle

Morris Murray Mantell

Isadore Marcovitch, father of Elaine Eisenstein

Samuel Monastersky, husband of Danise Monastersky

Edward I. Rosen, father of Rosalyn RosenHanst

Albie Schickler

George Silber, father of Arlene

Newman

Babs Siperstein, cousin of Amy

Rosenman

Barbara Stoller

Florence Tempkin

Jack Traum, father of Martin Traum

Andrew Windman, son-in-law of Gary

Dushkin

Eduard Zaslaysky

February 16, 2024

Brett Chichele, son-in-law of Steven and Suzanne Firsichbaum Harry Cohen, father of Rita Fink Samuel Gerstenfeld, father of Herbert Gerstenfeld

Anne Honigfeld

Robert Jonas, father of Andrew Jonas **Sarah Kass,** grandmother of Brian Kass **Felix Neuburger,** grandfather of Laura

Ettelman

Bessie Pierce

Abraham Resnick, father-in-law of Burton Snyder

Anthony Salerno, father of John

Salerno

Gloria Sherman

Rose Silber, mother of Arlene Newman

February 23, 2024

Robert Berger

Benjamin Ettelman, grandfather of

Laura Ettelman

Abraham Graulich, grandfather of

Andrew Graulich

Jaclyn Herzlinger, wife of Michael

Herzlinger

Jacob Kaplan, father of Corinne Kampf

Irving Lerner, father of Andi Bergman

Leah Mentlik

William Michaels, father of Sandra

Nahmias

Irving Schachter, father of Alan

Schachter

Fay Segall, grandmother of Paul Bratter

Joseph A. Segall, grandfather of Bonnie

Schachter

grandfather of Paul Bratter

Gertrude Slater

Bert Smelnick

Ruth Smith, sister of Lawrence Lerner **Aaron Sobel,** husband of Elaine Sobel

Edythe Title, mother of Frederick Title



YAHRZEITS

We remember our family and friends We gratefully thank you for these Gifts and Donations

Eleanor Bernstein, mother of Robert A. Bernstein Alex Kaplan, father of Ellen Cohen Meyer Bromberg, father of Charles Bromberg Rabbi Martin Halpern, father of Nachama Loeshelle Beverly Wolf Levy, dear friend of Pam Bain Pola Karp, mother of Daniel Karp Robert Karp, father of Daniel Karp Ira Cohen, cousin of Muriel Klinger Joyce Schmidt, mother-in-law of Lee Eisen Morton Bratter, father of Paul Bratter Enid Steir, wife of Avron Steir Evelyn Zucker, mother of Marcia Bright Marion Pasternak, mother of Marcy Pasternak Renee Sandler, cousin of Hy Kleinman Herbert Brown, father of Ilene Gerstenfeld Bruce Kahn, beloved cousin of Pam Bain Jack Traum, father of Martin Traum George Silber, father of Arlene Newman Evelyn Kaplan, mother of Larry Lerner David Kaplan, father of Howard Kaplan Myron Krop, husband of Marion Krop Samuel Monastersky, husband of Danise Monastersky



DESIGNATED FUNDS

We gratefully thank you for these Gifts and Donations

Please make all Designated Funds checks payable to Temple Sha'arey Shalom, not the name of the fund. Thank you.

GENERAL FUND

To Jeanne Graulich, in memory of Arthur Ingberman, from Roz and Robert RosenHanst

To the Zucker Family, in memory of Leslie Zucker, from Arlene Newman

R & V COHEN HUNGER RELIEF FUND

To the Bromberg Family, our sincerest condolences to you and your family, from Sue and Mike Marcus

To Sandy Bromberg and Family, my deepest sympathy to you and your family, from Judy Waller

To Laurie Kritzer, in honor of your 70th birthday, from Jody Cohen-Gavarian

RITUAL FUND

In honor of Pam and Marc Bain, becoming Great Grandparents to their new great granddaughter, from Roberta and Arnie Krumholz and Ellen Lieberman

In honor of Pam and Marc Bain's new grandchild, from Judy Waller

To Pam and Marc Bain, in honor of your great granddaughter, Ayla Bari, from Dayle Treece

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

To the Zucker Family, sincere condolences on Leslie's passing. I'm sure you are all so proud of all of her accomplishments, from Iris Talesnick

A donation was made to New Jersey Community Food Bank from the R & V Cohen Hunger Fund 871 Mountain Avenue
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Springfield, New Jersey 07081
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Designated Funds Form

Through the centuries, Jews have maintained the custom of commemorating occasions of joy and sorrow by making special contributions to their temples. Contributions may be made announcing joyous events, in honor of special occasions, in memory of the departed, or as an expression of sympathy or gratitude. Temple Sha'arey Shalom has established several funds for this purpose. As many congregants may be unaware of the various funds, we have listed them for your guidance.

Payments can be made by Check (made payable to "Temple Sha'arey Shalom" not the individual fund name),

by Zelle to: scroll@shaarey.org , and also by cash, and mailed to the Temple office. □ \$180 Other ___ □ \$36 □ _{\$50} □ \$100 □ \$360 □ \$18 **Donation Amount:** Adult & Congregational Education Fund □ R & V Cohen Hunger Relief Fund □ Ann L. Bialos Caring Fund for the Needy Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Cantor's Discretionary Fund □ Rabbi's Joshua Goldstein Scholar / Artist General Fund In Residence Fund □ Kiesel Family Israel Scholarship Fund Religious School Enrichment Fund Moesch Family Youth Scholarship Fund □ Ritual Fund Prayer Book Fund (contact temple office) □ Tzedek Fund □ Torah Restoration Fund To order a tree, please see the order form, in the Scroll, on our Website, or email the office: scroll@shaarey.org and one will be sent to you. Or call the Temple office for more information 973-379-5387. Occasion _____ Acknowledgement to be sent to ______ Your Name

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Temple Sha'arey Shalom affirms that all persons are of sacred worth. As a Reform synagogue, we embrace the message of God's unconditional love for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or race. Our congregation strives to live the Reform Judaism credo of "open hearts, open minds, open doors". Welcome Home.

