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Temple Sha'arey Shalom

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Worship/Special Events

Friday, March 1 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Friday, March 8 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Friday, March 15 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Friday, March 22 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm
Saturday, March 23 Purim Service	6:00 pm
Friday, March 29 Erev Shabbat	7:00 pm

When Adar Comes In Our Joy Increases!

From the Rabbi...

Happy Adar! In fact this year our joy is doubled

because this year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar. We find ourselves towards the end of Adar Aleph on our way to Adar Bet. And what is it that is causing all of this joy? The joy is because

we will soon celebrate the holiday of Purim.

One of the big themes of the holiday relates to

our survival against historic enemies that seek our destruction. Averting Haman's evil decree is a cause for celebration as the Megillah tells us "The Jews had light and joy" at that time. It's kind of like that old joke that all Jewish holidays are about the same thing. They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat! There is some truth in that but I think the joy of Adar and Purim reaches deeper.

An interesting aspect of the Book of Esther is that God is conspicuously absent. And when I say absent, I mean nowhere. God's name is not mentioned and there is narry even a passing

Shabbat Study Minyan Weekly - 11:00 am

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reference to God at all. Many commentators about God's speak hiddenness in the Megillah. Some connect the name Esther to the Hebrew word *seter.* meaning hidden or secret.

I am often struck by this phenomenon considering that usually our holidays celebrate God being involved in our history in some way. Pesach contains God's miracles of the plagues and the splitting of the sea. Shavuot we receive the Torah. Sukkot is the time when we invite God's presence into our sukkot. I could go on. But God seems to be nowhere in Purim.

What do we make of this?

One approach is to continue the idea that God is not really absent but simply hiding. If we read the story with the right lenses we might be able to see God's hand at work. A fine explanation but it leaves me wanting.

God's absence, while jarring perhaps and uncomfortable, promotes human agency in the story. Had God been there to swoop in with a miracle, what need would we have for Mordechai and Esther? Instead, the Megillah is teaching us that even though God might be distant all is not lost. We can be masters of our own destiny.

Indeed, as a Jewish people we are at such a moment. Evil forces seek our harm and

destruction, and it is hard to see God's involvement. Yet I have confidence in the unbelievable resilience of our people. Generation after generation, and all around the world, Jews have not waited on miracles. Rather we took our fate in hand and survived and in some cases thrived.

This month of happiness and our upcoming celebration of Purim underline our great capacity to endure and our never ending commitment to our people. This is truly a cause for happiness.

It has been a wonderful first month for me at Sha'arey Shalom. You have welcomed me into your community with open arms giving me a sense of what I came to learn in the interview process. That TSS is a proud, warm, and fortunate kehillah kedosha - sacred community.

I've had the chance to meet some of you already and am eager to meet the rest of you. To make this easier for you I have designated some time on my calendar for 30 minute meetings with you. The goal is simply to begin our relationship and start to get to know each other.

Please click this <u>link</u> and you can select a time that is convenient to you. We will meet at TSS 871 Mountain Ave. of course I will have coffee and maybe a piece of cake. Looking forward to getting some one on one time with you.

Rav Uri



Cantor's Corner...



§ Notes From the Cantor §

It is that time of year when Purim is coming upon us and we are putting together a zany, fun, stupendous, wacky, glorious, evening with Spiel,

Megillah, and merrymaking on the evening of March 23rd.

Speaking of Megillat Esther, there is a musical tradition of chanting the Megillah to a special trope, unique to this one holiday, but also with musical "detours" which are thematic allusions to other days on the Jewish calendar that happen to be a lot heavier than the festivities, fun, and merry-making which we all associate with Purim. The book of Esther is not all whimsy. We make whimsy out of it. However, the story is replete with adult themes and dire moments of danger for the Jewish people. God's name is not mentioned even once in the book though God arguably plays a hand in the way everything unfolds. Another way of reading the Hebrew letters in the name, "Esther" changing only the Hebrew vowels is "a-sa-ter" meaning "I will hide."

Chapter 1 of the Megillah makes an allusion to "different vessels" into which the wine was poured as part of King A-hash-vey-rosh's drunken feast. The implication is that the vessels which somehow found their way into the King's possession were originally taken from the Beit HaMikdash, the destroyed Holy Temple in Jerusalem in an event mourned by our people during the observance of Tisha B'Av when we chant from the book of Eicha/Lamentations. It is at this moment in the book of Esther, that a Cantor is taught, as sort of a musical footnote, to change the chanting momentarily to the trope of Eicha/Lamentations. This theme recurs during allusions to the exile of Mordecai's lineage, as well as the mournful sackcloth which Mordecai dons in public to get Esther's attention, and other moments in the story when our people are in danger.

Then there is also a special High Holy Days moment in the Megillah. At a moment in the story, the amoral earthly King A-hash-vey-rosh has trouble sleeping and wakes up to check his Book of Records only to discover that an attempt on his life was foiled by Mordecai the Jew. The irony and remarkable symbolism of this part of the story was not lost on our ancient ancestors. A King opens a Book, in mimicry of the all-benevolent Heavenly Ruler, while the fate of the Jewish People hangs in the balance. This particular instance of the word "Melekh" ("King") is therefore set to the descending minor arpeggio that is notably heard during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

And so, on **March 23rd**, we will assemble as a Congregation for an evening of fun, farce, humor, song, jubilation, and merrymaking for all, in celebration of a tale that has a happy ending. In a story that does not mention God, set in a shallow kingdom in exile, ruled by a hedonistic dunce making arbitrary laws, the Jewish People still come out on top.

Cantor Jason Rosenman



From the President...

In my Rosh Hashana message, first day, I spoke of "The Little Congregation that Can", and I asked for your assistance in helping maintain our Temple Family and to keep us vibrant. I am thrilled by your response and pleased to say "The Little Congregation That Can" has been very busy. Our activities committee has planned, organized, and presented a Chanukah Brunch with a Rabbi Emeritus Lecture, a trip to the Cranford Theatre followed by dinner at a local restaurant, and is busy organizing a Book Club, and planning a membership Appreciation Program to be presented in May. Our Sisterhood has completed a successful fund raiser for Magen David Adom, and has planned a program for March featuring a Medium. Brotherhood is in the process of planning its famous Movie Night for the evening of 04/27/2024. Recently, the Rabbi & Cantor working with the Ritual Chair have scheduled courses to be led by Rabbi & Cantor. A weekly course with the Rabbi entitled Partners in Holiness (started Feb. 14), and a Coffee & Nosh with the Rabbi one Sunday per month (starting March 3); the Cantor has developed a course entitled Israeli Folk, Popular, and Art Song, which began on February 29. These programs are in addition to the weekly Prophet/Haftarah Class, and the Saturday morning Study Minyan. Please check your email the "Events For The Week" for dates and times of these programs.

The Nominating Committee has been formed and is about to begin its work developing a slate of officers and trustees for your consideration at our Annual Congregational Meeting. The members of the committee are: Brad Sklar (Chair), Richard Brown, Janet Maslow, Sharon Moesch, and John Salerno.

The Finance Committee has been formed and has begun its work in developing the Temple's Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. The members of the committee are: Marc Bain, Pam Bain, Edie Ben Israel, Mickey Herzlinger, Larry Lerner, Brad Sklar (Chair).

I am pleased to tell you that our Ner Tamid was installed on February 27, and its presence was felt at

Shabbat Services on March 1.

Update from Israel: our granddaughter Adira recently completed her training and has been certified as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) by Magen David Adom, and has begun serving as a volunteer EMR in Holon, Israel. Adira's initial reports indicate that she is enjoying her volunteer service and has been busy responding to the typical emergency medical needs of the members of the community she serves. The MDA is highly dependent upon donations from the diaspora. Proudly, TSS has been a contributor to Magen David Adom through the recent funding drive completed by our Sisterhood.

L'shalom

Bill



The Office Staff wishes a Happy Purim to All!

Nosh and Schmooze with the Rabbi

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING MARCH 3, 2024 at 871 Mountain Avenue 10:00 - 11:00 AM



Please join Rav Uri this Sunday morning for a little nosh and schmooze. Come build community and get to know our new Rabbi and deepen our connections with each other. This event will take place on the first Sunday of each month at 871 Mountain Ave.

"A Partner in Holiness: Kedushat Levi on the Weekly Torah Portion Led by: Rav Uri Allen

A weekly class on Wednesday Mornings 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Each week we will be guided by the Hasidic master R. Levi Yitzchak of Bertitchev. Through his insights into the weekly parshah, we will explore not only new meanings of our sacred text, but also ask questions about integrating and internalizing his teachings into our lives.

We will be meeting In Person at the Temple 871 Mountain Avenue, and on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/97583607226? pwd=MzJGYzdjQ0R4OGhCeUZtNGNYSXRBZz09

Meeting ID: 975 8360 7226 Passcode: 481735



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



Mar. 2	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Mar. 3	Nosh & Schmooze with the Rabbi	10:00 am
Mar. 4	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
Mar. 5	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Mar. 6	Partner in Holiness with Rabbi	10:00 am
Mar. 7	Cantor Rosenman's Adult Ed Class	7:00 pm
Mar. 9	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Mar. 10	Turn Clocks Ahead Sisterhood Program - Medium	12:45 pm
Mar. 11	Sisterhood	7:30 pm
Mar. 12	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Mar. 13	Partner in Holiness with Rabbi	10:00 am
Mar. 14	Cantor Rosenman's Adult Ed Class	7:00 pm
Mar. 16	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Mar. 18	Brotherhood	7:00 pm
Mar. 19	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Mar. 20	Partner in Holiness with Rabbi	10:00 am
Mar. 21	Cantor Rosenman's Adult Ed Class	7:00 pm
Mar. 23	Study Minyan Purim Service	11:00 am 6:00 pm
Mar. 25	Executive Board	7:00 pm
Mar. 26	Prophet/Haftarah Class	10:00 am
Mar. 27	Partner in Holiness with Rabbi	10:00 am
Mar. 28	Cantor Rosenman's Adult Ed Class	7:00 pm
Mar. 30	Study Minyan	11:00 am





Please let the Office know if
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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,



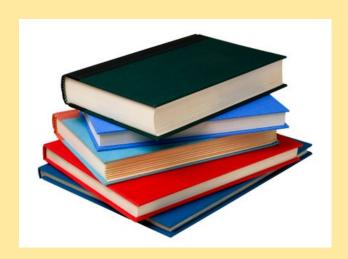
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PLEASE NOTE!

The next Scroll will be for April,
THE DEADLINE FOR THE ARTICLES IS
MARCH 15, 2024

TSS BOOK CLUB



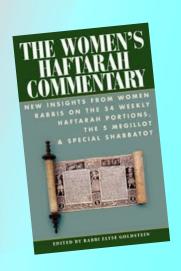
Calling all Bookworms!

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.

News From BROTHERHOOD

TSS Movie Night Saturday, April 27 - 7:30 pm "Shiva Baby"



While at a Jewish funeral service with her parents, a college student has an awkward encounter with her sugar daddy and her ex-girlfriend.) This is a bit edgier than we are accustomed to but it should make for lively discussion after the movie.

This is during Passover, 4 nights after the second seder. Relax and let off some steam after your own family gatherings.

We will provide Kosher for Passover snacks and munchies, and feel free to bring your own creations/holiday leftovers.

Space is limited,

PLEASE THIS NIGHT IS ONLY FOR ACTUAL TEMPLE MEMBERS.

While sponsored by Brotherhood, all Temple members are invited at no charge. Event will be at the Temple, 871 Mountain Avenue.

RSVP appreciated and any questions to:

Brad Sklar at: bsklar10@yahoo.com

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

Pam Bain and Family, on the death of her sister, Nancy McDonald, on February 26, 2024

TREES

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, to Amy Kass and Family, in memory of your mother, Estabel Fiverson

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, to Pam Bain and Family, in memory of your sister, Nancy McDonald

Edythe Ben-Israel, to Pam Bain, in memory of Nancy Trugman McDonald





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News From SISTERHOOD

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News From BROTHERHOOD

Please Join Temple Brotherhood

WE 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

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Brotherhood

Happy Birthday!

MARCH

Richard Brown
Sally Goldstein
Michael Herzlinger
Craig Hosay
Beth Kaplan
Howard Kaplan
Benjamin Kass
Brian Kass
Arnold Krumholz
Roberta Krumholz
Lawrence Lerner
William Moesch
Debra Title



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM US

If we are missing your Birthday
Please let us know! scroll@shaarey.org

Happy Anniversary!

MARCH

Hope & Matthew Feldman Jeanne & Andrew Graulich Amy & Brian Kass





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

ift caras!



YAHRZEITS - We remember our family and friends

MARCH

March 1, 2024

David Balsam, brother of Barbara

Brown

Joseph Grossbarth

Ruth Hollander

Ernest Horvath, step-father of Maria

Sklar

Morton Kass, grandfather of Brian Kass

Leslie Kun

Anna Mantell

Samuel Mentlik

Charles Reisner

Abraham Wellen

Dorothy Nerenberg, grandmother of

Brian Kass

Alex Sacher, father of Felice Schneier

Michael Sarnotsky, brother of Steven

Sarnotsky

Joseph Schwartz

Helen Seidband

Julius Seidband

Mildred Weening, mother of Suzanne

Firsichbaum

mother of Ronald Weening

Jacob Wiener, grandfather of Harold

Loeshelle

Thomas Zambolla, father of Donna

Ilaria

March 29, 2024

David Klinger, brother of Michael

Klinger

Edward Kerstein, father of Gary and

Karen Kerstein

Joseph Lief, uncle of Jeanne Graulich

Bruce Lynn, brother of Dore Tully

Mark Polsky

Leah Raff, mother of Leslie Kaston

Stephen Sacher, brother of Felice

Schneier

Alvin Schnell, father of Amy Cohen

Sara Seeman, mother of Phyllis Zlatin

Robert Stromeyer

Minnie Tick

Sanford Wellen

March 8, 2024

No Yahrzeits for the week

March 15, 2024

Rebecca Blackman

Louis Chrystal, father-in-law of Carole

Chrystal

Jack Cohen, father of Theodore Cohen

Sylvia Feld

Abraham Greenhouse, father of Edythe

Ben-Israel

grandfather of Laurie Ben-Israel

Gertrude Lauer, mother of Iris Talesnick

Lilly Lerner, granddaughter of Lawrence

and Beverly Lerner

Ruth Loeshelle, mother of Harold

Loeshelle

Jack Mantell

Abraham Marcus, father of Michael

Marcus

March 22, 2024

Muriel Dushkin, mother of Gary

Dushkin

Thelma Feldman, mother of Renee and

Albert Chesley

Jaime Gans, brother of Julio Russ

George Gelman

Beverly L. Graulich, mother of Andrew

Graulich

Lionel Held, father of Roger Held

Alan Kampf, husband of Corinne Kampf

Selma Kerstein, mother of Gary and

Karen Kerstein

Florence Lubetkin, mother-in-law of

Rhoda Lubetkin

Rebecca Newman, mother-in-law of

Arlene Newman

Carol Davis Pasquariello, sister-in-law

of Merle Davis

Abraham O. Perle

Beatrice Rosen, mother of Rosalyn

RosenHanst

Leon Shider



YAHRZEITS

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

Samuel Gerstenfeld, father of Herbert Gerstenfeld Rose Silber, mother of Arlene Newman Jaclyn Herzlinger, wife of Michael Herzlinger Jacob Kaplan, father of Corinne Kampf Irving Lerner, father of Andrea Bergman Fay Segall, grandmother of Paul Bratter Joseph Segall, grandfather of Paul Bratter David Balsam, brother of Barbara Brown Henry Loeshelle, father of Harold Loeshelle Esther Cohen, mother of Rita Fink Harry Cohen, father of Rita Fink Edward Fink, husband of Rita Fink Ethel Hamelburg, mother-in-law of Rita Fink Sophie Levine, aunt of Rita Fink Martin Fink, brother-in-law of Rita Fink Matilda Fink, sister-in-law of Rita Fink **Arline Zedeck,** sister of Rita Fink Abraham Greenhouse, father of Edythe Ben-Israel Edythe Title, mother of Frederick Title



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To Jeanne Graulich, in memory of Arthur Ingberman, from Roberta and Arnold Krumholz

To Amy Kass and Family, in memory of her mother, from Rita Fink

R & V COHEN HUNGER RELIEF FUND

Wishing Rabbi Uri Allen good health and happiness in his new post as our Rabbi, from Vivienne Cohen

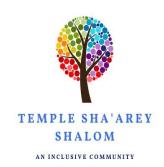
To the Zucker Family, in loving memory of a warm friend, Leslie, from Vivienne Cohen

RITUAL FUND

To Pam Bain and Family, my deepest sympathy upon the passing of your sister, from Judy Waller

In memory of Nancy McDonald, Pam Bain's sister, from Roberta and Arnie Krumholz

A donation was made to Family Promise from the R & V Cohen Hunger Fund 871 Mountain Avenue Suite 111 Springfield, New Jersey 07081 (973) 379-5387 office@shaarey.org



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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. □ Other ___ □ \$₁₈ □ \$36 □ _{\$50} □ \$100 □ \$180 □ \$360 **Donation Amount:** Adult & Congregational Education Fund □ R & V Cohen Hunger Relief Fund □ Ann L. Bialos Caring Fund for the Needy Rabbi's Discretionary Fund □ Rabbi's Joshua Goldstein Scholar / Artist Cantor's Discretionary Fund General Fund In Residence Fund Religious School Enrichment Fund □ Kiesel Family Israel Scholarship Fund Moesch Family Youth Scholarship Fund □ Ritual Fund Tzedek Fund Prayer Book Fund (contact temple office) □ 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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A Purim Word Hunt

Find the words listed below hidden in the grid of letters. (One example is done for you). Words appear horizontally, vertically and diagonally. The leftover letters spell out a sentence.

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