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SPECIAL CHILI SUPPER, SPEAKER AND SERVICE!

Friday, January 19th
Chili and Cornbread Dinner—
6:00 pm
Family Service with Guest
Speaker —7:00 pm



Warmth, good food and good fellowship for folks of all ages!

SPEAKER: Gerri Shatz is a delightful and enthusiastic woman, a president of her synagogue in Philadelphia and an active volunteer for the Jewish National Fund. She will be flying into Dayton just to speak to us! She'll share with us her excitement about the many projects of JNF in Israel, including "Blueprint Negev: It's Not a Mirage, It's Our Vision." This is the JNF's plan to create 25 new communities in the under-populated desert area of Israel. A supervised activity for the small kids will be provided during the talk, so that parents can listen.

DINNER: Temple will provide drinks, cornbread, and chili (for both vegetarians and carnivores). Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert, plus a contribution of \$6 per person over the age of 12 to cover Temple's expenses. Please make your reservations (399-1231 or templesholom@sbcglobal.net) by Tuesday, January 16, so that we can plan the food.

JNF GUEST SPEAKER

Would Love a Tete-a-tete!

Gerri Shatz will be spending Friday night in Springfield. She would love to meet with you—solo or a group—for breakfast, lunch, or coffee.

If you can find an hour on Saturday, please consider meeting with Gerri so she can share with you her considerable knowledge about Israel's ecology and development. To arrange, call Rabbi Garfunkel at 399-1231.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Should We Have A Dress Code At Temple?

Does it matter how one dresses when one is called to the *bima* for an honor? This was a topic of conversation at a recent Worship Committee meeting, and we decided to open the conversation to the congregation, via this letter.

Why this discussion? I suppose the topic arose due to changes in societal norms. Not long ago, it was a given that one "dressed up" for services, and certainly for an honor on the *bima*. This was understood to be primarily about respect. Of course, this was not limited to synagogues...indeed, we have the expression "Sunday best" because a great many Americans wore suits or dressy dresses only to church on Sunday.

Why do we dress up for anything, ever? Dressing differently for different occasions tells us something about the specialness of the occasion. If we were to be honored with an audience before the Queen of England, certainly all of us would give some consideration to what we would wear.

It has long been argued that when we come to synagogue, we are coming to stand before the King of kings. If we give respect to an earthly sovereign by paying special attention to our clothing, how much more should we honor our ultimate Sovereign by dressing with dignity and honor when we stand before the Holy One.

Therefore, some would maintain that wearing very casual clothing (flip-flops, T-shirts with writing on them, torn jeans) is making a declaration that going to Temple is no more important than going to the mall or one's own family room. It is a way of dismissing Temple as an ordinary, every day moment, not something special, holy, and especially valuable.

But others would argue that clothing does not matter. Most importantly, we know very few Jews bother to come to synagogue at all, and if dress becomes an obstacle or barrier, then even fewer Jews will show up on a Friday night. Any demand (such as dressing up) will cause our people to decide synagogue is simply not worth the trouble, and they'll stop coming altogether.

We are thrilled when parents bring their children to services. Obviously, we do not want to do anything that will discourage anyone, but especially youngsters, from attending services. We don't want to do or say anything that will make people feel self-conscious or uncomfortable about coming.

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And when an adult makes the sometimes difficult effort to run from work to synagogue, we are delighted that they have come in whatever clothing they are wearing.

Others might add a more philosophical point: dress truly is not important. Societal norms have changed, and today, dressing up is no longer a sign of respect. We see God more as a Parent than a King, and we can address God any place, any time, in any form of dress. God looks to what is in our hearts, not what is on our bodies. We come to services to be part of a community, to join together with our fellow Jews and to make sure our prayers are still part of a 3500 year old tradition. Society in 2007 is much more informal than it was a generation ago, and we wear the same clothing at services as we wear to work and school, restaurants and shopping. We are coming together as our ordinary, authentic selves.

A suggestion was made that when we offer *bima* honors to congregants, that we add a reminder along the lines of, "please dress respectfully." That allows people to interpret for themselves what it means to dress respectfully, while reminding them to at least think about the matter.

What do you think? Please share your thoughts with us by email or note, and I will publish the feedback (let me know if you want your name with your thoughts, or if you submit them anonymously) in our next newsletter.

Does it matter how one dresses when one has an honor on the *bima*?

—Rabbi Janice B. Garfunkel

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

JAM ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 PM

Join us at the Southside Mennonite Church, 1603 S. Limestone Street, Springfield. Decide on an issue for JAM to address in 2007. Hear updates on JAM's 2006 work.

THANK YOU FROM JAM

Temple Sholom should be very proud. We are one of the smallest congregations within JAM, and we were the leading fundraiser in the Annual Member Fund Drive of 2006!! You invested over \$2000 in the work of JAM, in Justice work for our community. Thank you.

— Anna Krauss and Paul Cornez

PLAQUE HUNG IN ROOM OF REMEMBRANCE

The Hands in Friendship plaque in the memory of Ben Broock has been hung in the Room of Remembrance. Thank you to everyone who gave a contribution in Ben's honor.

FROM OUR MAILBAG...



Thank you for welcoming our family for the High Holidays. We enjoy coming back to Temple Sholom, participating in services, and seeing friends.

—Sincerely, Amy Klaben

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

The Temple Board has accepted the resignation of members Maricy Schmitz and Alan Loeb. Maricy and their daughter Miriam have moved from the Yellow Springs area to join Alan in Washington D.C. Our best wishes to them for a happy life together.

Thank You, Choir Members



The congregation plans to hold an appreciation banquet for the choir on **February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winds Restaurant in Yellow Springs**. The banquet room at the Winds is rather small, so attendance must be limited. Congregation members and spouses who are not members of the choir may reserve a place at the banquet by calling the Temple office. Their cost will be \$50 per person.



YAHREZEIT LIST



Jan 5: Morris M. Gold, Anne Krauss, Harry Sachs, Siegfried Sander, Sam Schechter, Mrs. Emma Schoenthal, Ann K. Dine, Bertha Aaron Gansel, Anna Reich Krauss, Jack Leventhal, Lillian Leventhal, Mary Schoemer, Rudolf H. Steinharter, M.D.

Jan 12: Lilly Balicer, Beryl Kaufman, Jacob Kleeman, Rose Krauss, Sylvia Rubinoff, Abraham Schechter, Sonia Schechter, Herbert Bernstein, Arjae Kurtzhant, Lester Lind, Lillian Nedelman

Jan 19: Harry B. Hoffman, Dora Long, Sophie Rubinoff, Curtis Burkholder, Samuel Draisen, Nellie Marenberg, Rae Zoldan

Jan 26: Lois Bernstein, Fannie B. Frand, Tilly L. Levy, Bernard C. Zitsman, Robert Arthur Buerki, Hyman Kohn, Miriam Kurland

Feb 2: Rosa Gardner, Max D. Gross, Adolph D. Haas, Max Kleeman, Nathan Klein, Bonita S. Krauss, Isaac Levine, Nelson B. Paris, Mary J. Rubin, Ida Florence Zitsman, Sophie Inslight

Feb 9: Joseph Gardner, Sophie K. LeBolt, Louis M. Levy, Ruth Maybruck, Jennie Prusiner, Jack J. Schechter, Mattie Weixelbaum, Clara Mae Dulaney, Henry R. Ennis, Mildred Naft, Bertram Unger, Morris Zaremsky

Feb 16: Carrie Altshul, Felix Balicer, Louis Broock, Werner Donn, Norma Cooper Hart, Gwendolyn Hoffman, Ethel Farber, Charles Klaben, Priscilla Lind, Jeffrey Brooke Shaw

Feb 23: Frieda Beyer Adler, Arnold Block, Fannie Ebner, Morton R. Goldstein, Larry Himmel, Fannie Kaufman, Louis B. Margolis, Sarah Steingart, Gail Genieve Banks Buerki, Marion P. Cornez, Naomi Ruth Ebner Fine, Henry Marenberg, Michael Matanzo, Nathan Meyer, Marsha Remer, Thomas Shifman, Henry Singer, Celia Feinstein Spitz, Sarah Steingart

Mar 2: Henry Gardner, Etta M. Herron, Leah G. Klein, Leonard Levy, Andrew Raoul Nathan, David Mario Nathan, Paul Nathan, Eunice Poliakoff Draisen, Paul Dulaney, Celia Friedland, Julius Levy, Joseph Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov To...

- Frank and Bobbi Mugford on the November 3 birth of a grandson, Noah Sterling Robins. Proud parents are Capt. Benjamin Saul and Jennifer Lauren Robins of Little Rock, AR.

We offer congratulations to these members of our congregation

Todah Rabbah

We offer our thanks to...

- Everyone who donated to the lobby Blue Box. We have sent a check to Jewish National Fund for \$22.50
- Bob Steinmetz for his donation of books to the Temple library
- All of the volunteers who served at the December Rainbow Table
- Maxine Leventhal for her donation of books to the Temple library
- Bob Steinmetz for his donation and hooking up of a portable telephone to be used at Temple
- All who attended and those who baked for the Interfaith Thanksgiving service hosted by Temple Sholom and gave so generously to support the Second Harvest Food Bank
- Steve and Risa Feagins for generously donating the chicken and green beans for our annual Hanukkah dinner
- Margaret Morgan, Adriane Miller for co-chairing our great Chanukah dinner and party

Condolences To...

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

- Pearl Stein, Temple member and mother of Leslie Buerki, who passed away on December 10
- Sara Fish, mother of Larry Fish, who passed away on December 17

May their memory be for a blessing

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

Brunch Series At Temple Israel

130 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio



Plan to attend for bagels and coffee beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by speaker Rabbi Janice Garfunkel. Her topic will be "Jews, Power and Powerlessness." The cost is \$5.00 per person. For more information, you may call (937) 496-0050 and go online to www.tidayton.org for directions.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Think Summer Fun

We now have brochures for the 2007 Goldman Union Camp Institute. If you are entering 3rd through 10th grade, don't miss this chance to join in the fun and friendship of G.U.C.I. Campers participate in a full range of sports, arts, and Jewish programs, all offered within the exciting and motivating atmosphere of a Reform Jewish community of young people.

Religious School Families

We are trying to provide opportunities especially appealing for you—families with children at home—to become more involved in Jewish life at Temple Sholom. We hope these three activities in January and February will bring us together in friendship, conversation, and growth as individuals, family units, and as a community of Jews and interfaith households.

You already know we're a group of interesting and pleasant individuals. Make the commitment to spend time together with your children, together with our community. Let's get to know one another better, as we share the challenges of raising Jewish children as a tiny minority here in Ohio.

Opportunities to grow together in January and February:

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND ACTIVITY **Saturday, January 13, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Adults and children, join us for an inclusive Shabbat morning service. We'll have a discussion and/or multi-generational activity around the topic of prayer. Does prayer have any role in our lives? What purpose does it serve? Since most of us don't come to services, well, hardly ever, should we be developing a form of Judaism not so dependent on Shabbat observance or worship? What would that be?

CHILI SUPPER, SPEAKER AND SERVICE **Friday, January 19, 6:00 PM, Chili Supper** **7:00 PM, Family Service with Speaker**

Friday night should be family supper night! Chili isn't your traditional *Shabbos* dinner, but it's just right for a relaxing end to a busy and cold winter week. Join us for candles, wine, and challah, meat or vegetarian chili, and then a special family-oriented service. The small children can go out of the sanctuary for a Tu B'Shvat activity when Gerri Shatz, a JNF volunteer who will be flying in from Philadelphia, shares with the adults her excitement about ecological restoration being carried out today in Israel by the Jewish National Fund. RSVP to Temple Sholom by Tuesday, Jan 16th, bring a salad or dessert to share and \$6 per person over age 12 to cover Temple's expenses.

TU B'SHVAT SEDER AND SERVICE **Friday, February 2,** **6:00 PM, Shortened Family Service** **6:30-7:30 PM, Tu B'Shvat Seder**

This is not a "children's seder," but nonetheless should be a very nice inter-generational activity, great for empty-nesters as well as families with small children, singles, couples, teenagers, people of all ages! We'll drink four cups of wine/grape juice, eat at least 15 fruits (including exotic ones you might not have ever tasted) divided into three categories, take a peek at Jewish mysticism, and keep the little ones busy, too, with age-appropriate activities. We'll also have bagels, tuna and egg salad, so no one goes hungry! RSVP to Temple by Friday, Jan 26th, and bring \$8 per adult and \$4 per child.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10 AM – 12:15 PM

Jan 7, 21, 28, Feb 4, 22, 25

Jan 13, 10 AM: Family Morning service

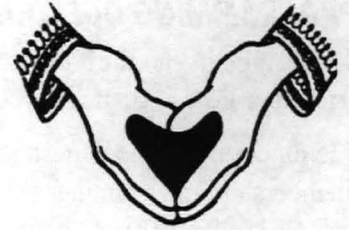
Jan 19, 6 PM: Shabbat Family service

Feb 16, 6 PM: Shabbat Family service

**NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSES on Jan
14 and Feb 18**



Contributions



- Contributions to SPORTY were received from Marilyn and Craig Crossley in honor of the 25th birthday of Ryan and Rachel Crossley, co-founders of Temple Sholom's SPORTY group
- Thank you to Harvey Mintz for his generous donation to Temple Sholom

DIAMOND

- In memory of Irene Klaben from Amy Klaben and Jordan Finegold
- In honor of Sam Friedman's 90th birthday from Jay and Roberta Greenland
- In memory of Pearl Stein, Temple member and mother of Leslie Buerki, from Skip and Annette Becker

GOLD

- In honor of the yahrzeit of Arthur Nedelman from Stan and Phyllis Nedelman
- Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Char Schiff from Shirley Leventhal
- In memory of Alice Rubin from Shirley Leventhal, Jay and Roberta Greenland
- In honor of the naming of Alexis, Brianna and Caitlyn Becker from Reda Singer, Jay and Roberta Greenland
- In honor of the yahrzeit of Stanley Neuman from Rik and Marj Newman
- Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Rubin Slovin from Pauline Broock
- Best wishes for your continued recovery to Char Schiff from Jay and Roberta Greenland
- In memory of Sara Fish, mother of Larry Fish, from the Ed Leventhal family, Fred and Maxine Leventhal, Pauline Broock, Leslie and Sharon Broock, Ray and Char Schiff
- In memory of Pearl Stein, Temple member and mother of Leslie Buerki, from Ray and Char Schiff

SILVER

- In honor of Sam Friedman's 90th birthday from Paul and Natalie Cornez, Reda Singer, Pauline Broock
- In memory of Norma Thurman from Wallace and Joanne Miller
- In honor of Mark Kossoff's special birthday from Paul and Natalie Cornez
- In honor of the Brit Bat of the Becker triplets from Lillian Pollens
- In honor of the yahrzeit of Frances Pollack from Paul and Natalie Cornez
- In memory of Pearl Stein, Temple member and mother of Leslie Buerki, from Stan and Phyllis Nedelman, Ray and Marilyn Schneider, Pauline Broock, Reda Singer
- In memory of Sara Fish, mother of Larry Fish, from Beverly Weiser, Reda Singer, Paul and Natalie Cornez, Bob and Leslie Buerki
- Best wishes for continued good health to Pauline Broock from Paul and Natalie Cornez

REGULAR

- In memory of Pearl Stein, Temple member and mother of Leslie Buerki, from the Ed Leventhal family, Fred and Maxine Leventhal

MUSIC FUND

- With best wishes for a speedy recovery to Barbara Bernstein from Beverly Weiser
- In honor of the Brit Bat of the Becker triplets from Stan and Phyllis Nedelman
- In memory of Pearl Stein, Temple member and mother of Leslie Buerki, from Beverly Weiser
- In honor of the yahrzeit of Elma Bernstein from Stan and Barbara Bernstein

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- A donation has been received in honor of the yahrzeit of Hyman Gilbert from Stan and Barbara Bernstein
- A donation has been received from Ronald and Jan Spier

PROGRAMMING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Several months ago, the Programming Committee sent a questionnaire to congregants to determine ways that Temple might better serve your needs. Thanks to your responses, we have a better idea of various events and programs that you would enjoy.

The nineteen returned questionnaires were from 12 families with less than 25 years membership, 3 families with 35-45 years membership, and 4 families with over 55 years membership. The age distribution of families is 1-12 yrs (5), 13-20 yrs (4), 21-30 yrs (1), 31-40 yrs (2), 41-50 yrs (1), 51-60 yrs (12), 61-70 yrs (10), and over 70 yrs (9). Frequency of Temple attendance is more than once a month (8), once a month (4), and less than once a month (8).

Programs ranked with most important first are: Adult education, community meals, social action, speakers & performers, outings & events, games, and activities during Religious School. There were specific activities mentioned within each of these categories. People preferred activities to be Sunday evenings or other evenings except Saturday.

Most people preferred to be notified of events by e-mail or Temple newsletter with an average of 3 weeks advance notice.

It appears from the demographics that very few Religious School parents responded as well as very few congregants in the middle years. We would really like to know how best to serve you, so please feel free to contact the Temple office with your preferences.

– Stan Bernstein, Program Chair

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6 PM – Family service 6:30 PM – Tu B'Shvat Seder	3
4 10-12:15 Religious School	5	6 4 PM – Intro to Judaism class	7	8 4:15 PM – Hebrew class 7 PM – Temple Board meeting	9 8 PM – Shabbat evening service	10 7 PM – Choir Appreciation Dinner at The Winds, YS
11 10-12:15 Religious School	12	13 4 PM – Adult Bat Mitzvah class	14	15 4:15 PM – Hebrew class	16 6 PM – Shabbat Family service	17
18 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 4 PM – Intro to Judaism class	21	22 4:15 PM – Hebrew class	23 6 PM – Shabbat evening service	24
25 10-12:15 Religious School	26	27 4 PM – Adult Bat Mitzvah class	28			

January 2007

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	1	2 4 PM – Adult Bat Mitzvah class	3	4	5 6 PM – Shabbat evening service	6
7 9 AM – R.S. Committee mtg 10-12:15 Religious School	8	9 4 PM – Intro to Judaism class	10	11 4:15 PM – Hebrew class 7 PM – Temple Board meeting	12 8 PM – Shabbat evening service	13 10-11:30 AM – Family morning service
14 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAK	15	16 4 PM – Adult Bat Mitzvah class 6:30 PM – JAM Annual Assembly	17	18 4:15 PM – Hebrew class	19 6 PM –Chili Supper 7 PM – Family service and Guest Speaker	20
21 10-12:15 Religious School 10 AM – Temple Israel Brunch series	22	23 4 PM – Intro to Judaism class	24 News Update Deadline	25 4:15 PM – Hebrew class	26 6 PM – Shabbat evening service	27
28 10-12:15 Religious School	29	30 4 PM – Adult Bat Mitzvah class	31			

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Jewish Mysticism And The Tu B'Shvat Seder

Friday, February 2

Shortened Family Service, 6:00 PM

Tu B'Shvat Seder, 6:30 PM

Come celebrate the New Year of the trees! This is not a "children's seder," our text will be fairly sophisticated and geared towards adults. Still, children as well as participants of all ages should enjoy drinking four cups of wine/grape juice, and eating at least 15 fruits (including exotic ones you might not have ever tasted) divided into three categories. We'll keep the little ones busy with age-appropriate activities. The Tu B'Shvat seder was first introduced by the mystics of Saphed (Tzfat) in the Middle Ages. They saw the tree as a metaphor for "the Tree," the source of all. This minor festival is also a time to focus on the very important topics of nature and ecology. Do we have a "green synagogue?"

Alan and Wanda Goldstein are organizing... They'll be sure we have a good supply of fruit, wine, and grape juice. We'll also have bagels, tuna and egg salad so no one goes hungry!

What you have to do: RSVP to Temple by Friday, Jan 26th, and bring \$8 per adult and \$4 per child.

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