For my last D’var column, I thought I would share my basic view of ourselves and God.

Thank you for reading my reflections throughout the years. May God bless you and keep you!

Many years ago, I found myself listening to a speech by the late Leonard Fein, social activist and founder of Moment magazine. As he spoke, I realized that he was describing my own personal theology in such a clear manner that I wish I had recorded his words. I do recall that the essence of his theological statement reflected a major insight of Abraham Joshua Heschel. The basic tenet centers around a radical shift in the subject and object of the theological equation. Most Jews with whom I have discussed theology over the years feel that theology consists of asking God the question, “Where are You?” (or as Hamlet begins, “Who’s there?”). Therefore, one expects Judaism to provide answers to metaphysical questions, and I have noticed at times an impatience on the part of some congregants who have grown weary of not receiving simple and straightforward answers.

Heschel wrote that religion—especially Judaism—offers no such answers; rather, only a sophisticated philosophical system which seriously addresses questions pertaining to the existence and nature of God. Religion, on the other hand, focuses on a different question, a question asked not by human beings but by God. As he wrote: “This is the difference between religion and philosophy. Religion begins with the sense of the ineffable; philosophy ends with the sense of the ineffable.” Thus, unlike philosophy, religion concerns itself not with finding Truth so much as responding to Truth. We find this question in the Bible when God asks Adam and Eve, who have hidden themselves after tasting the fruit, “Where are you?” Heschel reflects this divine question when he imagines God asking a similar, existential query: “Now that you exist, how will you give your existence meaning?”

Of course, Heschel weighs the question of God with a theologically traditional ballast: one’s existence has meaning when one is engaged in the service of God through the performance of the Commandments. As a liberally minded Jew, I am more comfortable with the more ambiguous presentation that Leonard Fein offered. He insisted that the appropriate Jewish answer to God’s question is also found in the Bible, when Abraham answers God’s request with the words, “Here I am.” The implications of “Here I am” are not always clear but with Fein—and I suspect Heschel—religious action is central to the response. If we see religion as encouraging us to listen to God’s question of us, rather than our questioning of God, then the goal of our religious life becomes answering the question: how can human beings best understand God’s question, and how can we provide the best answer?

Religion then becomes the means of best understanding the question, as opposed to receiving any answers. And thus, interpretation of revelation—which for me includes post-biblical teaching—consists of the task of understanding God’s question and the effort of answering such a question. What does God want from us and how can we best answer God? Our actions, as well as our attitudes, are interpretations of the question and the appropriate answer. In a sense, our very lives are a response to the recognition that we exist for some purpose, and central to that purpose is God.

So I leave you with these questions: Who are you? And how will you answer God when God puts the question before you?

Of Blessed Memory

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Your Membership Counts!

This year, your membership to Temple Sholom supported initiatives to improve and give back to our community.

They include: supporting the education of more than 350 students in our Religious School, serving our weekly “Monday Meal” to hundreds of community members in need, and sending a dozen teenagers to the L’Taken R.A.C. Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C.

We sit in awe of the work our community has done to live its Jewish values. As your Temple Sholom Membership and Engagement team reflects on our 2018–19 programming year and prepares for 2019–20, we want to thank our amazing community for your continued support of the temple through your membership. Temple Sholom has always been an institution fully supported by the investment of our community and the belief that what we do is valuable.

Over the next few months, you will be receiving information from Temple Sholom about the upcoming membership year, including your annual member contribution. As we look forward to the new membership year, we hope that you and your family will continue to invest in this community.

No matter where you are in your Jewish journey, your temple community, clergy, and staff want to be there for you. In turn, we hope you’ll be there to celebrate, learn, and grow with us.

New Members
Terry Diamond
Drew & Danielle Genter
Emmett
Patricia Gilbert & Jeffrey Meyer
Andrew, Madeline & Rachel
David Kremin

Jay & Rachelle Rosenberg
Matthew & Julie Simon
Jacob & Sloane
Jesse & Samantha Sugarman
Beth Tapper

Mazal Tov
JAN. 7 Cheryl & Wayne Burton on the birth of their granddaughter, Eloise. The proud parents are Lindsay & Jake Meyer.
MAR. 13 Cookie Marks on the birth of her great-grandson, Henry S. Marks. Parents are Ian & Megan Marks, Grandparents are Jeffrey & Stevi Marks.
MAR. 9 Helene & Kerry Kohn on the marriage of their daughter Shelby Kohn to Christopher Williams.
MAR. 31 Rachel Perlman & Steven Grossman on the marriage of their daughter, Claire Kaufman, to Chloe Cormier.

If you have experienced a life-cycle event recently (marriage, birth of a child, etc.) we would like to know about it! Please email Lori Curtis at lori@sholomchicago.org to share the news with us. Thank you!

Art in the Moment
MONDAY | JUNE 17 | 11:00 AM | FREE

Temple Sholom members with mild-to-moderate dementia and their caregivers / care partners are invited to join us at the Art Institute to view and discuss art, and participate in an art activity.

FREE bus transportation provided by the Ellen & Ronald Block Family Foundation. For more details, please contact stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership, please do not hesitate to reach out to Stacy or Emma.

Stacy Charnay
stacy@sholomchicago.org
773-435-1545
Emma Harmon
emma@sholomchicago.org
773-435-1542

A joint program of CJE SeniorLife and the Art Institute of Chicago.
B’nai Mitzvah

MAY 4 | Joel Fisher

PARENTS: Sara & Scott Fisher
SIBLING: Gabriel
SCHOOL: Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School
MITZVAH PROJECT: Running a donation drive for Cradles to Crayons and volunteering in its Giving Factory

MAY 4 | Samuel More

PARENTS: Tracy & Joshua More
SIBLINGS: Sofia, Jordyn & Eli
SCHOOL: Oscar Mayer Magnet School
MITZVAH PROJECT: Serving meals and bringing dignity to people in need at the JUF Uptown Cafe

MAY 11 | Asher Grossman

PARENTS: Daniel & Caroline Grossman
SIBLING: Samara
SCHOOL: University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (UCLS)
MITZVAH PROJECT: Volunteering at Power Up Tech Academy to introduce newcomers to the wonders of coding

MAY 11 | Leah LoSasso

PARENTS: Susan Gerber & Tony LoSasso
SIBLING: Abby
SCHOOL: Francis W. Parker School
MITZVAH PROJECT: Volunteering at Cradles to Crayons, an organization that provides everyday essentials to children in need

MAY 18 | Riley Shelist

PARENTS: Robert & Debbie Shelist
SIBLINGS: Alexa & Skylar
SCHOOL: Audubon Elementary
MITZVAH PROJECT: Participating in the reading buddy program at the Anti-Cruelty Society

MAY 25 | Jackson Mendeloff

PARENTS: Julie Stone & Scott Mendeloff
SIBLING: Maddie
SCHOOL: University of Chicago Lab School
MITZVAH PROJECT: Working with PAWS to provide wellness, care and LOVE to abandoned animals

MAY 25 | Ruby Roth

PARENTS: Jay & Shannon Roth
SIBLING: Sam
SCHOOL: Disney Magnet School
MITZVAH PROJECT: Addressing poverty throughout Chicagoland by helping provide food to those in need

JUNE 1 | Jack Ballen

PARENTS: Leslie & Leigh Ballen
SIBLING: Claudia
SCHOOL: Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School
MITZVAH PROJECT: Volunteered with organization KEEN, which provides recreational opportunities for children with disabilities

JUNE 1 | Zev Dresden

PARENTS: Jennifer & Richard Dresden
SIBLING: Elah
SCHOOL: Near North Montessori
MITZVAH PROJECT: Working around Chicagoland on various charitable activities with his family
**JUNE 8 | Noah Pendo**

**PARENTS** Kimberly & Tal Pendo

**SIBLING** Naomi

**SCHOOL** Francis W. Parker School

**MITZVAH PROJECT** Working on a variety of hunger-related causes like organizing volunteers at Feed My Starving Children and raising money to support The Ark’s food pantry

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**JUNE 15 | Michael Goeglein**

**PARENTS** Laura & Ted Goeglein

**SIBLING** Dora

**SCHOOL** The Catherine Cook School

**MITZVAH PROJECT** Organizing a fundraiser for The Water Project to provide clean and safe water to sub-Saharan African communities. He aims to raise $2,500 for this cause.

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**JUNE 15 | Benjamin Magder**

**PARENTS** Paul & Cindy Magder

**SIBLING** Alexa

**SCHOOL** Oscar Mayer Magnet School

**MITZVAH PROJECT** Held a book drive and collected donations for Open Books

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**JUNE 15 | Carson Krulewitch**

**PARENTS** Jayne & Jerry Krulewitch

**SIBLINGS** Alex & Jack

**SCHOOL** Near North Montessori School

**MITZVAH PROJECT** Helped create handmade wooden toys for underprivileged kids since 2015, and this year helped to build shelves for a garden to grow food for those in need

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Provide for the Jewish Community of Tomorrow

Together, with your commitment to legacy giving, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren will benefit in the way we have benefited from the generations before us.

**L’Dor Vador**

Questions? Contact Marla Krupman at marla@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.

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**Create a Jewish Legacy**

Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

**Temple Sholom**
Reflecting on B’yachad, our Havdalah Family Learning Club Pilot

Based on a recommendation from Temple Sholom’s Strategic Planning initiative, we recently piloted a new family education model called “B’yachad: Family Learning Club” for a small group of families with 4- and 5-year-olds not yet enrolled in Religious School. B’yachad means “together,” and this program was based around best practices from our Yom Horim (Parent’s Day) events, Shabbat Mishpacha and Religious School Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes.

What does it mean to be bringing young families into our community in 2019? How are we meeting them where they are and getting them to come to where we are?

During three monthly meetings, our group of eight families (including ambassadors from Gan Shalom and Religious School) met on Saturday afternoons for family holiday celebrations, Havdalah ceremonies, and family dinners. Hands-on children’s breakout sessions were led by Helena Solomon and Carrie Rosen (teachers in both Gan Shalom and Religious School) while our Rabbis discussed Jewish wisdom for parenting with the grown-ups.

We live in a city with so many things for young families to do in our Jewish community and beyond. Why did these families choose to spend their time at Temple Sholom?

In partnership with PJ Library, we were able to reach out beyond our walls to families as they seek Jewish connection and community. Bringing them together to create relationships with our clergy, staff and one another allowed us to foster a warm atmosphere among a group of strangers on a Saturday afternoon over food, learning and ritual. Through B’yachad we got to show these families the best of Temple Sholom.

B’yachad was planned with a dynamic team including Irene Goldstein, Melissa Fischer, Rabbi Gellman, Heidi Cooper, Emma Harmon and Helena Solomon in consultation with Susan Zukrow of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) as part of the Chicago Early Engagement Leadership Initiative (CEELI), and was supported by grant funding from PJ Library Chicago, a program of JUF Young Families.

We had a great group of families and look forward to offering the club again next year for families with 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds! Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Jay Rapoport, RJE
Director of Lifelong Learning
jay@sholomchicago.org
Religious School Celebrates Yom Ha’atzmaut
SUNDAY | MAY 5 | 11:15 AM

Last Days of Midweek Hebrew and Crown Family High School
MAY 14 – 15

Last Day of Religious School Family Celebration & Lunch
SUNDAY | MAY 19
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
RSVP required for lunch. RSVP at sholomchicago.org/rslastday.

COMING SOON!
Stay Tuned for Religious School Registration

Know Someone Who Would Make A Great Religious / Hebrew School Teacher?
Seeking energetic, enthusiastic, fun and responsible people with strong Hebrew and a can-do attitude who are interested in creating positive Jewish experiences for children.

Teaching Positions
K–6th Grade Hebrew and Jewish Studies teachers and specialists for Religious School on Sunday mornings, Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Candidates please submit resumes to jay@sholomchicago.org.

Contact rebecca@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1554 regarding Religious School, or visit sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer.
High School Youth Group Invites 8th Graders to Cubs v. Marlins

WED. | MAY 8 | 6:15 PM | $20
Free for 8th Graders! RSVP required.
Register and pay at sholomchicago.org/register.

Chavrei Shalom 3rd–5th Grade Shul-In

FRI. | MAY 10 | 6:00 PM – SAT. | MAY 11 | 8:30 AM | $20
Sleep over at the temple! Play games, watch movies, bake cookies, and hang out overnight with friends and teachers! Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast included!
Register and pay at sholomchicago.org/register.

Be a Temple Sholom Madrich(a)!

Join Our Madrichim Teen Teacher Assistant Program
- Earn money or community service hours
- Stand out on college applications
- Be a stronger candidate for summer jobs
- Make a positive impact upon students
- All 8th–12th grade B’nai Mitzvah are eligible

Madrichim (assistants) help out in Religious School classrooms or office on Sunday mornings, during Midweek Hebrew or Junior Youth Group events!

"Madricha is the feminine version of "madrich"

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens to complete your online application.

Join Temple Sholom at URJ Camp OSRUI this Summer!

Rabbi Conover
STAFF WEEK | JUNE 10 – 16
Jay Rapoport, RJE
TIFERET ALEPH | JUNE 30 – JULY 14
Rabbi Gellman
GESHER GIMMEL | JULY 28 – AUG. 11
Visit osru.org to learn more about their programs.

Check Out the World of Reform Jewish Summer Camping!

More than 30 Religious School students have already registered for URJ Camp OSRUI and 6 Points Sports, Sci-tech and Arts specialty camps this summer, including a record-breaking number for Kallah Atid 5-day trial for rising 2nd–4th Graders. Check out our 4th floor bulletin board to see who’s going!

From our very own OSRUI to the 6 Points specialty Sports Academy in North Carolina, Sci-Tech Camp in Boston, Arts Camp in Pennsylvania, and Kutz Teen Leadership Camp in NYC, there’s something for everyone!

Visit urjyouth.org/camps to learn more.

Save the Dates

2019–2020 Trips & Retreats

5th–8th Grade Youth Retreat
NOV. 8 – 10, 2019

High School Youth Group Retreat
DEC. 6 – 8, 2019

JK–4th Grade Mishpacha Family Camp Getaway at OSRUI
JAN. 24 – 26, 2020

8th Grade Ta’am Yisrael (Taste of Israel) Chicagoland Trips
FEB. 16 – 24 & MAR. 22 – 30, 2020
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

See the Future of Temple Sholom
Honoring Our Graduating Seniors and High School Madrichim Teaching Assistants!

FRIDAY | MAY 17

5:00 PM Crown Family High School Graduation Dinner

6:15 PM Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Service

8:00 PM Orr Shalom Graduation Celebration Outing

Crown Family High School Students & Madrichim

Abigail Gelb
Co-president Orr Shalom Youth Board

Olivia Rausa
Sophie Rhodes
Co-president Orr Shalom Youth Board

Madrichim

Hannah Janovsky
Mia Lipsitz
Maddie Marland

FAMILY EDUCATION

Contact emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542 regarding family events.

Yom Horim (Parents’ Day):
7th Grade Antisemitism Today with ADL

SUNDAY | MAY 5 | 9:30 AM
RSVP at sholomchicago.org/yomhorim.

Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha

FRIDAY | MAY 17
Featuring 7th–12th Graders leading on the Bimah

>> See full event details on page 17

Shabbat Mishpacha Camp Send-off

FRIDAY | JUNE 7
Featuring all grades leading camp songs on the Bimah

>> See full event details on page 17

3rd Grade Yom Horim Trip to Cradles to Crayons

4th Grade Yom Horim

6th Grade Yom Horim

8th Grade Yom Horim
Spring Adult Ed Classes

Turning Points in Jewish History
With Rabbi Edwin Goldberg
APR. 28, MAY 5, 12
9:30–10:30 AM

Many moments in history have defined us as Jews and human beings. Maybe we are at such a moment now. Come learn from our past and try to understand our present, while considering our future!

Adult Education Classes Continuing from Earlier this Year

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
with Mitchell Brown
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

Hebrew Prayer and Text Reading
with Mitchell Brown
SUNDAYS | 10:45 AM

Short Stories: More Wandering Stars
with Cliff Scott-Rudnick
SUNDAYS 10:45 AM

Last Day of Adult Education Sunday Spring Classes
SUNDAY | MAY 12

Adult Education Siyyum (Conclusion)
SUNDAY | MAY 19
9:30 AM Jewish Methods for Resolving Conflict
10:30 AM Siyyum
12:00 PM Lunch

Other Learning Opportunities

Monthly Downtown Talmud Study
with Rabbi Goldberg
FRIDAY | MAY 10 | 12:00 PM

Tuesday Talmud Study
with Rabbi Conover
TUESDAYS IN MAY | 8:30–9:30 AM

Wednesday Morning Study Group – Israel in the Headlines
with Rabbi Conover
WEDNESDAYS IN MAY
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Thanks for Taking our Adult Ed Survey!

160 congregants responded and we look forward to building next year’s curriculum based on the results.

Adult Ed Film Night

The Ancient Law (A German Silent Movie)
MONDAY
MAY 6
7:00 PM

Baruch, a rabbi’s son in mid-1800s Galicia, yearns to become an actor. Against the wishes of his father, he breaks with orthodox tradition and leaves his shtetl to join a traveling theatre troupe, becoming one of Vienna’s stage stars. Yet the appeal of the stage cannot relieve Baruch of the guilt and longing he feels for home.

Adult Education

For full class and scholar descriptions, explore our curriculum and register online at sholomchicago.org/adult-education. Questions? Contact education@sholomchicago.org.

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Sweet Mother of Hamantaschen!
Two Separate Purim Events Create Fun…for Kids of all Ages!

For the kids, the draw at this year’s annual Purim Carnival: “Dance through the Decades” were brand new features such as an Escape Room, DJ MC-Squared, concocting slime and making bath bombs.

Parents joined in by sponsoring a Moonbounce, Video-game truck and iPad raffle. Proceeds from the event, which topped $6,000, will support technology purchases, classroom upgrades, youth programming, teen trips and other special projects.

Two nights later, we hosted Temple Sholom’s first-ever Purim Palooza, featuring a mixologist, Amy Probasco, from Beam Suntory. Each of the Community Groups was encouraged to create their own booth or game – complete with theme-related prizes. The big draws: A ring toss for bottles of everything from Manischewitz to Knob’s Creek Bourbon and Maker’s 46; a Social Justice Wheel which let you direct your donation to one of Sholom Justice’s initiatives; a silent auction; and a palm reader. Attendee’s costumes added even more flair and color to the festive feeling.

Intended to be a fun, clever way for adults to pick up where their inner-kid left off, the event brought another $4,000 to our Purim-related purse, with many participants expressing a desire for the event to repeat next year.

A special thanks to our generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers. We are also grateful to everyone who attended and got dressed up, got down, and let go for a wonderful night!

Purim Palooza Committee
Robyn Ashbaugh
Makom
Wendy Brown
It’s Our Turn
Adam Cohen
Klezmer
Maxine and Barbara Durst
Book Club/Game Day
Maria Gross
Sholom Justice
Lilli Kornblum
Or Chadash
Matty Major
Sholom Justice
Cookie Marks
Women of Temple Sholom
Allyn Okun
Brotherhood
Maryn Robinson
Mishpacha

Religious School Sponsor Committee
Noelle Fischer
Courtney Goodman
Dan Grossman
Shana Kimelman-Annes
Amy Kovler

Cindy Magder
Tracy More
Gail O’Connor
Paige Shyken

Religious School Volunteers
Andy Braudy
Marc Chibnik
Michael Gray
Sam Preis
Michelle Rest
Stew Weiss
A Message from Your Clergy
We want to be present for you and your family. The sacred work of comfort during times of illness is very important to our Rabbis and Cantor. Please find us in person or by phone at 773-435-1531 so we are sure to be informed. In these technological times, social media, texts or even email may not reach us in a timely way.

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**Shabbat Mishpacha**
FRIDAY | MAY 17
5:30PM Dinner
Register for dinner at sholomchicago.org/register
6:15PM Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Featuring 7th–12th Graders on the Bimah

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### THURSDAY

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**YOM HA’ATZMAUT**

1:00pm  
Game Day  
Sponsored by Temple Sholom, JCC and CJE

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1:00pm  
Game Day  
Sponsored by Temple Sholom, JCC and CJE

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1:00pm  
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### FRIDAY

**3**

5:00pm  
Israel’s Birthday Tot Shabbat

5:30pm  
Tot Family Dinner

5:45pm  
Wine & Cheese Reception

6:15pm  
Community Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Edwin C. Goldberg

7:30pm  
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**10**

**CHAVREI SHALOM SHUL-IN**

12:00pm  
Downtown Talmud Study with Rabbi Goldberg

5:45pm  
Wine & Cheese Reception

6:00pm  
Shabbat Service

6:30pm  
Or Chadash Dinner

7:30pm  
Or Chadash Late Service

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**17**

5:30pm  
Shabbat Mishpacha Dinner

5:45pm  
Wine & Cheese Reception

6:15pm  
Shabbat Mishpacha Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Service Featuring 7th – 12th Graders on the Bimah

7:00pm  
Makom 20s/30s Dinner

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Makom 20s/30s Service

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**24**

5:45pm  
Wine & Cheese Reception

6:15pm  
Shabbat Service

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Wine & Cheese Reception

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### SATURDAY

**4**

9:00am  
Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am  
Torah Study

10:30am  
Bar Mitzvah: Samuel More

4:30pm  
Bar Mitzvah: Joel Fisher

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**11**

9:00am  
Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am  
Torah Study

10:30am  
Bar Mitzvah: Asher Grossman

4:30pm  
Bar Mitzvah: Leah Losasso

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**18**

9:00am  
Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am  
Torah Study

10:30am  
Bat Mitzvah: Riley Shelist

4:30pm  
Bat Mitzvah: Ava Horwitz

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**25**

9:00am  
Shabbat Minyan Service

9:45am  
Torah Study

10:30am  
Bat Mitzvah: Ruby Roth

4:30pm  
Bar Mitzvah: Jackson Mendeloff

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FRIDAY | MAY 3**

6:15 PM

**COMMUNITY SHABBAT SERVICE**

Register at sholomchicago.org/goldberg or contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.

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**SUNDAY | MAY 5**

6:30 PM

**RAISE THE ROOF CELEBRATION**

Register at sholomchicago.org/goldberg or contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.
JUNE 2019 at Temple Sholom

For more complete details go to sholomchicago.org

SUNDAY

151st Annual Meeting
TUESDAY | JUNE 4 | 6:45 PM

Details at sholomchicago.org/annual-meeting

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

JUNE 7 | Shabbat Mishpacha
5:30 PM Dinner
6:15 PM Shabbat Service
Featuring a Camp Send-off

Register for dinner at sholomchicago.org/register

WEDNESDAY

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JUNE 4 2019

Details at sholomchicago.org/annual-meeting

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SHAVUOT

9:30am Feed the Hungry
10:30am Shavuot Service at Temple Emanuel
6:00pm IOT Karaoke Event

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10:00am Spotlight on the World JCC Meet-up
3:30pm Monday Meal

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10:00am Spotlight on the World JCC Meet-up
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3:30pm Monday Meal

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10:00am Al-Anon Group

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6:00pm Women of Temple Sholom Annual Dinner
**Pride Events**

**FRIDAY | JUNE 28**

6:15 PM  
**PRIDE Shabbat Service**  
Followed by Am Keshet Awards  
Sponsored by Or Chadash

**SUNDAY | JUNE 30**

10:00 AM  
**Pride Parade**  
For more info, contact Stacy Chamay at stacy@sholomchicago.org.

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**Weekly Schedule**

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| THURSDAY | **IT’S Our Turn**  
Karaoke Night Out with It’s Our Turn  
SUNDAY | JUNE 9  
See page 21 for details. |
| FRIDAY   | **WTS Annual Dinner**  
Learn About the Rise of Antisemitism  
JUNE 26 | 6:00 PM  
See page 20 for details. |
| SATURDAY | **Shabbat Minyan Service**  
9:45am  
**Torah Study**  
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**Bar Mitzvah:**  
Zev Dresden  
4:30pm  
**Bar Mitzvah:**  
Jack Ballen  
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9:00am  
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**B’nai Mitzvah:**  
Benjamin Magder & Michael Goeglein  
4:30pm  
**Bar Mitzvah:**  
Carson Krulewitch  
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It was a very busy month at Gan Shalom!

The children learned and celebrated Purim, sang Purim songs, ate delicious Hamantaschen, dressed up in costumes and had a Purim celebration at Gan Shalom with our Clergy and teachers!

As soon as Purim ended, the children started preparing and learning all about the Passover Holiday. We were singing new songs, acting out the Passover story, making amazing art projects, having a visit from the Chabad Matzah Factory as well as an all-school Passover Seder with our families, teachers and clergy!

The Gan Shalom children took a school-wide trip to see the production of “Corduroy” at the Athenaeum Theatre! What a super-fun day we had! One of the exciting highlights was that we took a “Yellow School Bus” to the performance. A truly spectacular morning!

Upcoming Events

Tot Shabbat
FRIDAY | MAY 3 | 5:00 PM

JK Graduation
FRIDAY | MAY 31

Wishing our JK graduates Mazel Tov as they embark into Kindergarten in the fall of 2019!

Gan Shalom Summer Camp Begins
MONDAY | JUNE 10

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Heidi Cooper, Early Childhood Education Director at heidi@sholomchicago.org or visit ganshalom.org. We offer extended day, part day and parent/child programming!
**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

**Klezmer House Band**

**TEMPLE SHOLOM'S CONGREGATIONAL KLEZMER BAND**

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS:

We Want to Recruit You!

Led by professional musicians from the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, we rehearse on a regular basis and perform at various holidays and special events. Virtually any instrument is welcome, and we will provide you with both sheet music and recordings with which to learn this joyous and uniquely Jewish musical repertoire.

For more information, contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.

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**Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Mishpacha**

**FRIDAY | MAY 17**

5:30 PM  
Shabbat Mishpacha Dinner*

6:15 PM  
Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat Service featuring 7th–12th Graders on the Bimah

* Register for dinner at sholomchicago.org/register. For questions about Mishpacha events, contact Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.

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**Camp Send-off Shabbat Mishpacha**

**FRIDAY | JUNE 7**

5:30 PM  
Shabbat Mishpacha Dinner*

6:15 PM  
Shabbat Mishpacha Service featuring all grades leading camp songs on the Bimah

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**Now Accepting Applications!**

- **Summer Camp**
- **2019–20 School Year**

For more information, please contact Heidi Cooper, Director of Early Childhood Education at heidi@sholomchicago.org or 773-525-4867.

Visit our new website at ganshalom.org.

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**Gan Shalom**

Early Childhood Education Center

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**MAY / JUNE 2019 | 17**
Or Chadash, Temple Sholom’s LGBTQ affiliate member group, is proud to provide a wide range of spiritual and social programming, including monthly Friday night services, holiday and festival celebrations, a variety of social activities, and programs honoring individuals and organizations who have also served the LGBTQ community.

Join Us for Our Upcoming Or Chadash Late Congregational Services

Clergy and Or Chadash lay leaders have worked to create and lead services that blend the traditions of Or Chadash and Temple Sholom.

FRIDAY | MAY 10
6:30 PM Dinner | 7:45 PM Service

FRIDAY | JUNE 28 | 6:15 PM PRIDE Shabbat
Service followed by Am Keshet Awards
Open to ALL!

Mindful Jewish Aging

Join Mindful Jewish Aging for a spiritual discussion on growing older.

SATURDAY | MAY 18
1:00 – 3:00 PM
at Temple Sholom

SATURDAY | JUNE 8
1:00 – 3:00 PM
at Temple Sholom

To be added to the communications list, contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.
It is 1954, and the larger-than-life, swashbuckling movie star Alan Swann is set to make his first television appearance on the hugely popular show, The Comedy Cavalcade. Given Swann’s reputation as a wild, unpredictable alcoholic, the producers give their new writer, young Benjy Stone, the job of babysitting Swann and getting him to the show on time and sober.

Temple Sholom Parkinson’s Tournament Weekly Support Group at Temple Sholom

This innovative, new support group uses teamwork in a TV game show format to help those suffering from Parkinson’s to:

- Better deal with motor, mobility and cognitive symptoms which diminish opportunities to lead an enjoyable and fulfilling life
- Learn to express, vent and relieve anguish and overcome feelings of entrapment
- Enjoy the security provided by the compassionate, empathetic and experiential feedback from fellow sufferers
- Help to restore the capacity to live a comfortable and rewarding life by adapting a “busting-out” mind set

Only a few slots left... sign up today!

To reserve a spot, or for more information, contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.
ADULT ENGAGEMENT

WTS Annual Dinner
Learn About the
Rise of Antisemitism
at Francesca's | 1039 W. Bryn Mawr
JUNE 26 | 6:00 PM
$36 Early-bird registration
$45 After June 12

Women of Temple Sholom will celebrate its first year with a new name and a new vision at our annual End-of-Year Dinner.
We’ll continue our tradition of presenting an expert speaker on a “hot topic” issue, and this year we’re honored that Amy Stoken, newly-named Deputy Director of Advocacy for the American Jewish Committee and a Temple congregant, will address “The Rise of Antisemitism, from Charlottesville to Squirrel Hill to the Halls of Congress”. Many of us remember how Amy spoke so eloquently at the Temple’s special service following the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh.
Join Rabbi Shoshanah Conover, our WTS clergy liaison, and a room full of dynamic women as we recap the highlights of this year and share our plans for next year. We’ll also be introducing the current and new Steering Committees.
Dinner includes appetizers, a multi-course Italian dinner, non-alcoholic drinks and a cash bar. Parking options include $10 valet, and metered and free street parking.
Register at sholomchicago.org/register.

Women’s Seder
A Festive Pre-Passover Celebration!
Women – of the Bible and of Temple Sholom – took center stage at the annual WTS Women’s Seder in Bettie Port Hall on Apr. 3. Around 60 women of all ages enjoyed friendship and a lavish traditional holiday meal while retelling the familiar story from a women’s point of view with our new creative Haggadah.
Rabbi Conover and Cantor Ben-David led the group in prayer, song and commentary, and we ended the evening with lively dancing and music-making.
Special thanks to Co-Chairs Marilyn Oskin and Teri Rudich and their many volunteers for producing such a beautiful and memorable evening.

CJE Senior Life Resource Specialists
MAY 8 & 29, JUNE 19 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | FREE
at Temple Sholom

CJE is partnering with Temple Sholom to help people continue to live in their communities as they age or face new challenges. CJE Senior Life Resource Specialists have expertise in connecting older adults and individuals with disabilities to a variety of helpful programs.
To schedule an appointment and get more information, call Rae Levinstein, Consumer Assistance Resource Specialist and certified SHIP counselor at 773-508-1079.

Game Day
THURSDAYS
1:00 – 3:00 PM
at Temple Sholom

Join in the fun at our weekly Game Day – play Mah Jongg, Canasta and other group games!
For more information, or to be added to the Communications List, contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.
**5th Annual Havdalah a Big Success**

It was both a spiritual and spirited evening when friends of IOT gathered together to celebrate the conclusion of Shabbat. The highlight of the evening was a beautiful and enlightening service led by Cantor Ben-David in a lovely high rise party room with a breathtaking view of the lake. A delicious dinner and sparkling conversation made this event once again one of the highlights of the IOT year.

**Monday Morning Minyans**

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
MAY 6 | 8:00 AM  
JUNE 3 | 8:00 AM

Monday Morning Minyan is a monthly relaxed, come-as-you-are, early-morning service lasting approximately 30-45 minutes, led by one of Temple Sholom's Clergy. It features a Torah Reading with explanation and discussion. The short service is followed by a continental breakfast including coffee, juice and pastries with time to socialize with new friends, congregants and the Clergy.

**Karaoke Night Out**

SUNDAY | JUNE 9 | 6:00 PM  
$30

at Lincoln Karaoke  
5526 N. Lincoln Ave.

Join the IOT crowd as we sing the night away at Lincoln Karaoke! We will have a private room and food. Talent not necessary to attend!  
Register at sholomchicago.org/register.

**Millennium Park Concert**

at Millennium Park  
SATURDAY | JULY 20 | 5:30 PM  
FREE

Meet, nosh and socialize while enjoying great company and a world-class concert in Chicago’s most amazing outdoor setting. Bring your own food and drink, as well as chairs or blankets if you wish, and if you can, an appetizer, side or dessert to share. Look for the lively Temple Sholom group gathered in a visible location on the lawn near the seats.  
RSVP not necessary.

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Caring for our Sacred Space

A few years back, temple leadership was of the understanding that our Sanctuary roof was aging and would need repair. Recently, upon re-evaluation, we were informed that weather conditions have resulted in more rapid deterioration. It became clear that the need to replace the roofs over the Sanctuary, Moadon, and Beit Midrash is urgent.

In the coming days, we will receive formal bids which are expected to be in excess of $500,000. Clearly, this is a situation where we as a community need to pull together and raise the funds to replace the roofs this summer. Donations of any size will help us meet/address this very urgent need. As with many other collective efforts of this magnitude, even the smallest contribution will have a great impact.

Temple Sholom has been our home on Lake Shore Drive for nearly 90 years. The time is now to ensure it endures. Show your care and concern for our temple by making your tax-deductible contribution today. A gift of any size is meaningful!

For additional information, or to contribute, please contact Marla Krupman, Development Director at marla@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.
Rabbi David Saperstein to Speak at Temple Sholom on May 31
“Seizing the Future & Creating a More Peaceful World”

Temple Sholom Past President Cheryl Gutmann to Also Receive a Special Honor

Join us as Rabbi David Saperstein, who is largely considered the most influential rabbi in America and for over 30 years served as the director and chief legal counsel at the Union for Reform Judaism’s Religious Action Center, (URJ RAC). Well-regarded for how he can bring people together across lines of difference (including political parties and religions) for just causes, Rabbi Saperstein speaks from the Bimah at Friday evening’s Shabbat Service about social justice initiatives and inspires us to join him and other leaders of the Reform Movement at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial, being held Dec. 11 – 15 in Chicago.

The URJ provides vision and voice to transform the way people connect to Judaism, helps congregations stay adept and agile, motivates more young Jews to embrace Jewish living, agitates for a more progressive society, and fosters meaningful connections to Israel.

As Rabbi Saperstein recently wrote in the introduction to the book, Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice,* which grew out of discussions at the 2017 Biennial:

*While Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice, will not be available for sale that evening, Rabbi Saperstein will gladly sign the book, should you choose to bring a copy.

Our duty is not merely to await the future patiently or to endure it stoically or even to welcome it actively. Our duty is to forcefully and wisely advocate for a more just, compassionate, and peaceful world with renewed vigor, to shape the future we will give to our children. Our task – our privilege—is to seize that future and to shape it according to the best traditions of the past, including those keenest insights we ourselves have added.

Among the people who have long lived by these words is Temple Sholom’s Past President Cheryl Gutmann. Hence, it seems fitting that Cheryl will be recognized and honored at the Shabbat Service on May 31st as she retires from the URJ Board after 16 years of dedicated service. In recognition of her indefatigable spirit and commitment to the URJ, and the causes it pursues, Cheryl will receive a special honor presented to her on behalf of the URJ Board by Jay Gellman, vice chair of the URJ Board.

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Make your gift to the Temple Sholom community today in support of our ongoing mission as a sacred community that embraces, inspires and matters. Your tax-deductible gift will support the Annual Fund and strategic initiatives intended to enrich our community through an investment in facility upgrades, new streaming technology and the recent roof replacement needs. Before our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2019, please join Temple Sholom’s Board of Directors, staff, and others and make your meaningful gift today.

For questions or to make a gift, please contact Marla Krupman, Development Director at marla@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.

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Annual Fund
GIVING 2018 – 2019

We sow the seeds of light to bring out the best of our noble selves | PSALMS 97:11, ADAPTED

Your Annual Gift of support provides for a variety of needs in our community.
Or Chadash is excited to announce that this year’s recipients of its Am Keshet Community Award are Mayor Elect Lori Lightfoot, and a Metropolitan Reclamation District Commissioner, Debra Shore. They will be honored at a special Or Chadash Pride Service and Ceremony at the temple.

Lori is Chicago’s first LGBTQ and African-American female mayor. She is being recognized for her dedicated work to social justice, equality and LGBTQ leadership.

Debra is a trailblazing LGBTQ politician; she was one of the earliest openly gay people to run for public office in 2006. She is also a past board chairwoman of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Institute, a national organization whose mission is to groom members of the LGBTQ community to run for public office.

Norman Sandfield, a past Am Keshet honoree (and inductee into the LGBTQ Hall of Fame for his years of dedicated service to a variety of LGBTQ organizations, including being one of the founders of the Jewish AIDS Network in the early 1980s) will provide his colorful perspective about LGBTQ history.

The Am Keshet Community Award was created to take a minute out of the craziness of Pride Weekend and recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations whose dedication and leadership has brought greater professional and personal equality to the LGBTQ community.

Past recipients include LAMBDA Legal Defense Fund; the NAACP; Matt Simonette, a long-time writer and editor with The Windy City Times; The Center on Halsted; and several state senators.