Not too long ago, the staff engaged in a lively and meaningful discussion about which text to select for the theme of the coming year. We agreed that in this year of transition, we must choose something familiar with textual connective tissue that would be both grounding and inspiring. Suddenly, the words of Psalm 133 leapt to mind: “Hinei mah tov u’mah nayim shevet achim gam yachad—How good and pleasant it is to dwell together!"

Yet, the Hebrew contains one seemingly superfluous word: gam/also. This one word turns out to be the key to why it is the perfect text for our community of Temple Sholom. The Hebrew literally reads: “How good and pleasant it is when people dwell also (gam) together.” According to the Zohar (the centerpiece of the Kabbalah), gam signifies God’s presence dwelling with us bringing us together in unity. Yet, Dr. Ron Wolfson’s explanation resonates even more. He explains that dwelling together in unity does not just happen automatically when we sit, pray, or even talk with one another—not even when God dwells with us. Instead, sometimes our differences keep us apart. Therefore, congregations like Temple Sholom of Chicago have the sacred responsibility to offer meaning, purpose, belonging and blessing.

Thus, the Hebrew Year of 5780 will be a year of...

- Special visioning as we ready ourselves to select our new Senior Rabbi;
- Dynamic learning and prayer with a close eye to our sacred calendar;
- Blessed connection as we explore what the Land and State of Israel means to each of us.

As we continue to nurture our sacred community, we will indeed see how good and pleasant it is when we sing, question, speak, and pray together with meaning and purpose, noticing that we belong and are blessed.

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover
rabbiconover@sholomchicago.org

What’s the Rabbi Reading?

Shylock is My Name
by Howard Jacobson

This is a provocative and profound interpretation of The Merchant of Venice. With characteristic irony, Jacobson presents Shylock as a man of incisive wit and passion, concerned with questions of identity, parenthood, Antisemitism and revenge.

5780 Haiku

Inhale renewal
Timeless refrains recaptured
We return again

LOOK INSIDE FOR THE PULL-OUT HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOKLET
Of Blessed Memory

JUNE 24  
Alan Bayer  
Son of Joan Mae & Gerald Bayer, brother of Joel (Renay) Bayer

JUNE 27  
Esther Ogawa  
Sister of Cantor Aviva Katzman (Dr. Morris Mauer)

JUNE 28  
Benita Turk Levy  
Mother of Matthew Levy and Jason Levy

JULY 2  
Adele Lane  
Mother of Dr. Lynda Lane

Worship Schedule

FRIDAY | SEPT. 6, 13, 20, 27  
FRIDAY | OCT. 4, 11, 18, 25  
5:45 PM  Wine & Cheese Reception  
6:15 PM  Shabbat Service, Oneg to follow

SATURDAY | SEPT. 7, 14*, 21, 28*  
SATURDAY | OCT. 5*, 12*, 19, 26  
9:00 AM  Minyan Service  
10:30 AM  Service for B’nai Mitzvah unless noted with *

Yahrzeits / First Year

SEPT. 12  
Eugene Leo Jastal  
Father of Elissa Lafayette

SEPT. 15  
Beatrice Cummings Mayer  
Mother-in-law of Debra Mayer

OCT. 7  
Michael Turner  
Husband of Barbara Turner

OCT. 11  
Mildred Kosovski  
Grandmother of Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

OCT. 13  
Joseph Eckstein  
Grandfather of Ma’ayan Eckstein

OCT. 16  
Shirley Goeglein  
Mother of Ted Goeglein

OCT. 30  
Elaine Superfine  
Mother of Richard Superfine

Special Services

FRIDAY | SEPT. 6  
5:00 PM  Welcome Back School Spirit Tot Shabbat  
5:30 PM  Community Dinner  
6:15 PM  Welcome Back Shabbat Mishpacha Service  
All families welcome

FRIDAY | SEPT. 6  
6:30 PM  Or Chadash Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Or Chadash Late Service  
All Are Welcome!

FRIDAY | SEPT. 20  
7:00 PM  Makom 20s/30s Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Makom 20s/30s Shabbat Service

FRIDAY | OCT. 18  
7:00 PM  Makom 20s/30s & Or Chadash Joint Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Makom 20s/30s & Or Chadash Joint Shabbat Service

Mazal Tov

JUNE 23  
Ellen Moore & Peter Johnson  
on their wedding

AUG. 3  
Amy Heber  
on the marriage of her daughter, Alana Heber to Kseniia Sosinovych

JULY 6  
Sherry & Larry Weil  
on the wedding of their daughter, Megan Weil to Matt Gurman

New Members

MAZAL TOV! WELCOME TO OUR SACRED COMMUNITY.

Josh & Diane Berin  
Zachary & Benjamin

Greg & Emily Grossman  
Brooks & Grady

James Jefferys & Stephanie Brehm

Kevin & Melissa Igersheim  
Eric, Ryan & Samantha

Madeline Elkins

Daniel & Allison Sternberg  
Avery & Eli

Adam & Rose Gana  
Holly & Gabe

Jackie Watson

Nancy & Ryan Griffin  
Evan, Miles & Rhys

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!
With the High Holy Days upon us, you are invited to participate in Temple Sholom’s Book of Remembrance 5780.

This is a special way for family and loved ones to be remembered each year through an act of *tzedakah*, the Jewish tradition of charity. The book will hold the names of departed family and loved ones, and will be available for the Healing and *Yizkor* service on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Oct. 9.

To make your gift and add your personal entry, contact Toby Sanders at **toby@sholomchicago.org** or **773-435-1536**.

**Entries due Monday | Aug. 26, 2019**
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Join us in Israel
Next Summer!
JUNE 17–28, 2020

Of course, the trip to Israel next summer will climb the heights of Masada and plumb the depths of the Dead Sea, and visit many of the highlights in between. But it will also be much more than that. We’ll meet with some of the geniuses behind innovative faith, ecological and social initiatives that provide great hope to Israel’s future in a challenging environment. We’ll experience some of the hottest culinary and arts scenes in the country. At each stop, there will be unique adult experiences as well as separate, engaging activities for the youth. And, we will debrief each day spiritually together, meeting some of the finest rabbis and thought leaders in Israel. The journey begins at arzaworld.com/sholomchicago2020.aspx.

On behalf of Temple Sholom, I couldn’t be more excited to be leading this trip next summer and hope you’re able to join us!

Sincerely,
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover
Lifelong Learning

Got ideas, enthusiasm or feedback for Lifelong Learning?
To get involved or provide feedback, contact Dr. Irene Goldstein at vplearning@sholomchicago.org.

Hinei mah tev unah no’im Shevet achim gam yachad
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together in unity! | PSALM 133:1

BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Contact hannah@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1544 regarding Religious School, or visit sholomchicago.org/beit-sefer.

Religious School Starts Sunday Sept. 8
Ages 4 and up
SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM – 12:05 PM

To ensure a positive and smooth first day for children, students registered after Tuesday, September 3, 2019, may not be eligible to attend class on the first day of religious school.

Register at sholomchicago.org/register.

New Religious School Parent Q&A
WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 4 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Religious or 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.

Please send candidate resumes to jay@sholomchicago.org.

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR PAGES FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENING EVENTS!

ADULT EDUCATION

For full class and scholar descriptions, explore our curriculum and register online at sholomchicago.org/adult-education.
Questions? Contact lori@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1531.

Selichot Study Session
SATURDAY | SEPT. 21 8:00 PM

Topic: Teshuva (Repentance)
Learn with your temple team and prepare for the High Holy Days

Focus on the Yamim Noraim: The Days of Awe
Adult Education begins Sunday, Sept. 8, with a special 3-week seminar with Rabbi Rossoff

Focus on Teshuvah
Repentance and Forgiveness
SUNDAY | SEPT. 8 | 11:00 AM

Focus on U’netaneh Tokef
Facing our Fate with Fear and Awe
SUNDAY | SEPT. 15 | 9:30 AM

Focus on Yizkor
Remembrance and Resurrection
SUNDAY | SEPT. 22 | 9:30 AM

Fall Adult Ed Classes
BEGINNING SUNDAY | SEPT. 15

* Primo Levi’s Most Famous Poem: Shema with Roberta Schwartz
 SUNDAY | SEPT. 15 10:45 AM

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

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

More classes start on Oct. 20! Please visit sholomchicago.org/adult-education for details.
SAVE THE DATES FOR FALL YOUTH EVENTS
See pull-out calendar for more opening youth events.

Crown Family High School Begins
WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 11 | 6:15 PM
All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us for FREE dinner and see what we’re all about! RSVP to caleb@sholomchicago.org

Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Freshman Welcome Laser Tag Kick-off Event
SUNDAY | SEPT. 8 | 12:15–2:00 PM
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Join Our Madrichim 8th–12th Grade Teacher Assistant Program!
EARN MONEY, GAIN EXPERIENCE, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Madrichim (teen assistants) help in Religious School on Sunday mornings, during midweek Hebrew classes or Junior Youth Group events!

Visit sholomchicago.org/teens to complete your online application by Aug. 25.

Join the Kef (Fun) Club!
PIZZA, SNACKS, FRIENDS, GAMES AND FUN!

TUESDAYS
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4th Floor CYL (Clonick Youth Lounge)
Snacks/pizza will be available for purchase or sign up for the year at sholomchicago.org/register.

Orr Shalom H.S. Social Justice Trip
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This year’s trip is to New Orleans!

SAVE THE DATES FOR RETREATS

2019–2020 Trips & Retreats at URJ Camp OSRUI

NOV. 8–10
5th–8th Grade Youth Retreat
Interested in 5th–8th Grade Retreat?
Join us during Kef Club on Oct. 15 & 16 to learn more!

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8th Grade Chicagoland Community Trip: A Transformative Jewish Experience for Teens!
Limited space available!
Visit taamyisrael.org to learn more.

Re-read your B’nai Mitzvah Torah Portion at Simchat Torah Service
SUNDAY | OCT. 20
5:00 PM | DINNER
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Teen High Holy Day Experience
WEDNESDAY | OCT. 9 | 1:45 PM
Join Rabbi Scott Gellman, Caleb Bromberg and Jay Rapoport for a Yom Kippur reflection hour. RSVP to caleb@sholomchicago.org

Yom Ruach (Camp Spirit Day) at Religious School
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As September begins, so too does the Hebrew month of Elul, a time of spiritual self-reflection. Our reflections begin in earnest on Sept. 21 when we gather together for the Selichot service, offering prayers of apology for not being our best selves. During the Holy Days we look back, accounting for our personal transgressions so that when we enter into the new year of 5780, we do so recognizing where in our lives we can do better: in our self-care, our familiar relationship, our friendships and our relationships with our world. Given how divisive our culture has become, it’s more critical than ever to reflect on how we can find ways to work together to build a better, more just and equal society.

“The complex connections of emotional stirrings, intellectual challenge, and the aesthetic interplay of the language and music of worship, all have the potential, with some imagination and creativity, to be a compelling and renewing encounter with our tradition” – Rabbi Howard Berman

May our experiences of the High Holy Days seal us for goodness in the year to come. L’Shana tova tikateivu! May we be inscribed for a wonderful, sweet, and meaningful new year!

On July 16, Temple Sholom’s Executive Director, Jeremy Perlin; Director of Development, Marla Krupman; and Interim Senior Rabbi Donald Rossoff (pictured above with Ron Kritt of Jewish United Fund) accepted a check for $5,000 from the JUF as part of their Create a Jewish Legacy program. This is the third year in a row that Temple Sholom has met the goals, which entails JUF challenging a variety of Jewish agencies and institutions to raise legacy gifts for their endowments. Once met, JUF rewards institutions with a cash incentive. “We couldn’t be prouder to be part of this important program and our generous donors who participated in making it happen. I look forward to going 4-for-4 in 2020,” said Krupman.

For more information, please contact Marla Krupman, Development Director at marla@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535 to discuss your legacy gift.
### September 2019 at Temple Sholom

For more complete details go to [sholomchicago.org](http://sholomchicago.org)

#### Religious School Starts

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

**ROSH HASHANAH**

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**High Holy Days Parking**

Please consider taking public transportation or cabs. If you choose to drive, your best options are street parking or a nearby parking garage. We encourage you to plan ahead and consider using ParkWhiz or SpotHero, both offer parking options in the temple neighborhood.

Visit [sholomchicago.org/hhd](http://sholomchicago.org/hhd) for full details!

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### Weekly Calender

#### Sunday, September 1

- **Building Closed**

#### Monday, September 2

- **Labor Day**
- **Building Closed**

#### Tuesday, September 3

1. **Gan Shalom Starts**
   - 10:00am: Al Anon Group

#### Wednesday, September 4

1. **Morning Book Club**
   - 11:00am: Wednesday Study Group
   - 12:30pm: Duplicate Bridge Game
   - 1:00pm: Game Day
   - 1:30pm: Game Day

2. **Junior Congregation**
   - 10:00am: Wednesday Study Group
   - 1:00pm: Game Day
   - 1:30pm: Game Day

#### Thursday, September 5

1. **Tot Shabbat**
   - 5:00pm: Community Dinner
   - 5:45pm: Wine & Cheese Reception
   - 6:15pm: Shabbat Service

2. **Annual Sholom Justice BBQ & Bar Mitzvah**
   - 3:00pm

#### Friday, September 6

1. **Religious School Starts**
   - 10:00am: Wednesday Study Group
   - 1:00pm: Game Day

2. **Religious School Starts**
   - 10:00am: Wednesday Study Group
   - 1:00pm: Game Day

#### Saturday, September 7

- **Shabbat Minyan Service**
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### Community Events

#### Announcements

**A Message from Your Clergy**

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We encourage you to plan ahead and consider using ParkWhiz or SpotHero, both offer parking options in the temple neighborhood.

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SUNDAY | OCT. 6 | 11:00 AM
Join us for this very special High Holy Days service to remember those we have lost.
At Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Chicago

MONDAY | OCT. 7 | 3:00 pm
Monday Meal

For more complete details go to sholomchicago.org

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