u’Tshuvah, u’Tfilah, u’Tzedakah…

At Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we chanted these words, which mean “Through return to the right path, through prayer and righteous giving, we can transcend the harshness of the decree.” These powerful words come right after the intense, yet metaphorical, reading about what fate will befall us this upcoming year.

The final word in this formula is tzedakah. We might remember this word from Hebrew School. There was always a Tzedakah box that came around, into which we deposited a small amount of money that our parents shared before kicking us out of the car at drop-off. How is it that the two dollars we shoved into our pockets on the way into Hebrew School can help have a good 5780?

It isn’t the money that is the point, it is what the money represents — the spirit of giving. When we embrace the spirit of giving, we fill our lives and the lives of those around us with gratitude, love, and a sense of worth in our world. It is incumbent upon us to give to the needy, as it says in Leviticus: “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field.” While we may not have fields of our own, our modern-day fields are our resources and our time.

Throughout this edition of Temple Sholom’s D’var you can find a number of ways to “leave the corners of your field” for those in need. Our feature article tells the story of our young beloved Maddie Kramer z”l and the foundation her parents formed in her memory: The Dancing While Cancering Foundation. Maddie will always remain a source of light and inspiration for her Temple Sholom family.

You’ll read about the Temple Sholom Annual Fund and the Women of Temple Sholom fundraiser, Shop for a Cause. Always ready for your help are our Monday Meal volunteers, supported by many, including Carol and Larry Levy in loving memory of Larry’s mother, Eadie. Finally, acts of tzedakah can be encompassed in community building — voting in the World Zionist Congress elections; the thrill of joining thousands of Jews to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, and learn at the URJ Biennial in December; or even running a marathon.

May our engagements with tzedakah bring us closer to those around us, bring light to dark places, and help our world be a more just place.

Rabbi Scott Gellman
rabbigellman@sholomchicago.org

Annual Fund 2019–2020

A vibrant community includes individuals expressing a common commitment and passion. Working with one another in shared responsibility allows us to thrive as one.

Your Annual Fund gift of support is key to Temple Sholom of Chicago’s success and longevity, benefitting the general well-being and future of our community.

Join together with brothers and sisters by making your tax-deductible gift before Dec. 31, 2019.

To participate in Annual Fund giving, please contact Marla Krupman, Development Director at marla@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.
**Worship Schedule**

**FRIDAY | NOV. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
**FRIDAY | DEC. 6, 13, 20, 27**
5:45 PM  Wine & Cheese Reception  
6:15 PM  Shabbat Service, Oneg to follow

**SATURDAY | NOV. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
9:00 AM  Minyan Service  
10:30 AM  Service for B’nai Mitzvah unless noted with an "***"

**Of Blessed Memory**

**AUG. 11**  
Helene Herson  
Temple Sholom Member

**AUG. 16**  
Dr. Edward D. Frohlich, MD  
Father of Lara Frohlich  
(John Bremen)

**AUG. 18**  
Marie Ogden  
Temple Sholom member for over 50 years

**AUG. 20**  
Rabbi Peter Knobel  
Interim Senior Rabbi at Temple Sholom 2012 – 13  
Husband of Elaine Knobel

**AUG. 31**  
Myron “Michael” Cooper  
Loved one of Pamela Brownie

**SEPT. 21**  
Evelyn Russell-Johnson  
Temple Sholom member

**SEPT. 23**  
Annette Kimelman  
Grandmother of Shanah Kimelman-Annes (Dr. John Annes)

**SEPT. 24**  
Frances “Jean” Patterson  
Grandmother of Jamie Cohen (Adam)

**SEPT. 24**  
Sheila F. Cyrluk  
Mother of Jon (Marley) Cyrluk

**SEPT. 27**  
Shirley Rovner  
Mother of Penny Rovner

**OCT. 10**  
Marie Sandler Vancura  
Grandmother of Caroline (Dan) Grossman

**OCT. 16**  
Dr. David Alan Winkelstein  
Father of Joy (Steve) Baer, grandfather of Lewis & Sydney Baer

**OCT. 17**  
Kay Kleinman  
Mother of Jeremy (Stephanie) Kleinman

**NOV. 8**  
Mary Jean Poirier  
Grandmother of Robyn Ashbaugh

**NOV. 8**  
Minnie Shulman  
Mother of Dorene Marcus

**NOV. 8**  
Barry Yanow  
Brother of David Yanow

**DEC. 1**  
Elaine Reisin  
Grandmother of Danielle Kaufman

**DEC. 2**  
Michael Warren  
Father of Daniel Warren

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!

**Special Services**

**FRIDAY | NOV. 1**  
6:30 PM  Or Chadash Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Or Chadash Late Service  | All are welcome!

**MONDAY | NOV. 4**  
8:00 AM  Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan  | Sponsored by It’s Our Turn

**FRIDAY | NOV. 15**  
5:00 PM  Superhero Tot Shabbat  
5:30 PM  Shabbat Mishpacha Dinner  
6:15 PM  Superhero Shabbat Mishpacha Shabbat  
Featuring 3rd – 4th Graders on the bimah

**FRIDAY | NOV. 22**  
7:00 PM  Makom 20s / 30s Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Makom 20s / 30s Shabbat Service

**FRIDAY | DEC. 6**  
7:00 PM  Or Chadash Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Or Chadash Late Service  | All are welcome!

**FRIDAY | DEC. 20**  
5:00 PM  Chanukah Tot Shabbat  
5:30 PM  Congregational Chanukah Dinner  
6:15 PM  Chanukah Shabbat Service  
7:00 PM  Makom 20s / 30s Shabbat Dinner  
7:45 PM  Makom 20s / 30s Shabbat Service

**FRIDAY | DEC. 27**  
6:15 PM  BYOC Shabbat Service (Bring Your Own Chanukiah – Chanukah menorahs)

**Yahrzeits / First Year**

**NOV. 8**  
Mary Jean Poirier  
Grandmother of Robyn Ashbaugh

**DEC. 4**  
Ilyse Levin Casey  
Cousin of Robert Gordon

**NOV. 8**  
Minnie Shulman  
Mother of Dorene Marcus

**DEC. 5**  
Charles Stix  
Father of Cathy Stix

**NOV. 8**  
Barry Yanow  
Brother of David Yanow

**DEC. 13**  
Bernard Harris  
Father of Julie Walner

**DEC. 27**  
Marie DiDio  
Grandmother of Stephanie Brehm

**DEC. 1**  
Elaine Reisin  
Grandmother of Danielle Kaufman

**DEC. 2**  
Michael Warren  
Father of Daniel Warren
Dancing While Cancering
The Maddie Kramer Story

I had the great fortune to meet the Kramer family in February 2016. Scott and Pammy Kramer had begun their journey looking for a Jewish Early Childhood Preschool program where they could become part of a community, meet other Jewish families with young children, and start the next chapter in their lives. The Kramers had arrived at Gan Shalom / Temple Sholom ready to experience it all!

I remember meeting Maddie for the first time and she certainly left a lasting impression on me. She was lovable the moment you met her. She had a tremendous smile and the cutest personality ever. She was just all wrapped up in every ounce of deliciousness! With her light brown curls, her larger-than-life personality – Maddie was ready for anything. She started dancing before the first note of a song was even played. She bounced into her classroom each morning, ready to soak up every learning opportunity. She loved to sing, dance, celebrate Shabbat / Jewish Holidays, explore the classroom and – the best – eat challah on Fridays! Maddie experienced it all, loving her teachers and friends by her side, every step of the way!

April 20, 2017 was the day everything changed. Thinking that Maddie just had a cold, Scott took her to Lurie Children’s Emergency Room. She had swollen lymph nodes that were causing pain in her neck and presented with other symptoms of not feeling well. As Maddie walked into the emergency room, she had a juice box in one hand and a bag of animal crackers in the other.

As Scott put Maddie on the scale at triage, he watched her legs buckle from under her. Maddie grew paralyzed on the left side of her body. As her MRI came back around midnight, they learned it wasn’t a cold or swollen lymph nodes.

It was a rare cancerous tumor covering four levels of Maddie’s little spinal cord.

The only path forward was a risky emergency surgery to remove the tumor. The doctors didn’t know if Maddie would survive the surgery. And if she did, what would be left of the Maddie they knew and loved? Would she be able to walk again? Talk again? Dance again?

As Maddie would be intubated for what would be a six-hour surgery to save her life, the Kramers spent a gut-wrenching night of hope. Hope to again see that smiling face. To again hear that squeaky voice. And to again watch those dancing legs.

And by some miracle, not only did Maddie survive the surgery, but within just two weeks she was back to her Disney-singing, Daniel Tiger-playing, and dancing self. This was the single most miraculous thing Pammy and Scott had ever witnessed. Thankfully for their family, it was the first of many miracles that Maddie would gift her parents.

The path ahead for Maddie was daunting. Her tumor was an extremely rare form of cancer. Affecting 30 – 50 kids per year in the U.S., one to two percent of which appear in the spinal cord. Maddie was put on a 52-week chemotherapy protocol. Numerous inpatient hospital stays, outpatient/emergency room visits, cat scans, X-rays, MRIs and surgeries. And yet, through it all, Maddie battled her cancer the way she lived her life – with Disney songs, her buddy Daniel Tiger by her side, and lots and lots of dancing. For 8½ months, they were ready for anything. She started dancing the way she always did, dancing self.

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On Jan. 4, 2018, just after turning 3½, Maddie lost her battle to cancer. Pammy and Scott made a commitment that Maddie’s dance would continue. That Maddie’s life would be remembered as an inspiration and that Pammy and Scott would continue to have many nights of hope in her honor.

There is a dedication outside the Yellow Room. A fitting place for a girl who brought sunshine wherever she went. Maddie loved Gan Shalom. She loved her teachers, her classmates, and most of all she loved smiling and dancing to music.

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When Maddie was diagnosed with cancer in April 2017, the Gan Shalom community rallied behind her with incredible force. With their unending support, Maddie battled cancer in the same way she lived-with a dance in her step and a smile on her face.

To learn more about Maddie’s story, Scott and Pammy self-published a book "Maddie’s Miracles" which can be purchased on Amazon at amazon.com/dp/1980914176. The proceeds of the book are donated to Pediatric Cancer.

In Maddie’s memory, Dancing While Cancering – The Maddie Kramer Foundation, was created for one sole mission: to bring joy to the inpatient hospital experience for children with cancer.

To learn more please visit dancingwhilecancering.org

Gan Shalom will honor Maddie’s memory this year by donating our Tzedakah money to Dancing While Cancering as we teach our youngest children the importance of giving.

Lily Kramer, their younger daughter, attends Gan Shalom in the Yellow Classroom as her older sister did before her. I feel blessed to be part of the Kramer’s journey as they raise our awareness of pediatric cancer. Maddie – Your light continues to shine bright… Forever in my heart!

Love,
Heidi Cooper
Director of Early Childhood Education
heidi@sholomchicago.org
Mazal Tov

JULY 26
Jon Karmel
on the birth of his grandson, Michael Logan Brennan.
Proud parents are Rachel & Michael Brennan.

AUG. 6
Leslie & Larry Fogel
on the birth of their son, Brooks Levi Fogel – also Mazel Tov to the grandparents: Bob & Eudice Fogel, and Aunt & Uncle Jayme & Andy Slate.

AUG. 10
Craig & Lori Stern
on the wedding of their daughter Nikki Stern & Ryan Coon

AUG. 17
Helen Arnold & Matthew Alvis
on their wedding.

AUG. 20
Daniel & Ruchira Hantman
on the birth of their son, Benjamin.

AUG. 24
Ben & Sara Eno
on the birth of their son, Charles Maverick.

AUG. 24
David Schneyer & Frances Low
on their wedding.

SEPT. 7
Liz Elegant & Rob Hadfield
on the birth of their son, William Robert Knox Hadfield. Mazel Tov also to grandparents – Jeffrey & Janet Elegant, and uncle Bruce Elegant (Debra Gurney).

AUG. 26
Dr. Neal & Jodie Joseph
on the marriage of their daughter, Caroline Joseph to Brandon Cohen.

New Members

Mazel Tov! Welcome to our Sacred Community.

Bradford & Joanna Aaron
Fisher & Sawyer

Burton & Paige Barrish

Zachary & Melissa Bell
Holden

Janine & Edward Biskind

Sally & Jeremy Bloom
Hannah & Walter

Karen Brandt

Ronnie Briskman

Eric Brown & Jodi Glickman
Bella, Emett & Arden

Lee Burstein

Merle Cherney

Alan Copeland & Avis Crasko

Alexandra Cornwell

Alison & Andrew Coughlin
Maya

Evan & Amber Dushman
Marshall

Matthew Ellenwood & Keith Green

Timothy Favorite

David & Julie Fisher
Leo & Owen

Jay & Elissa Fisher

Jason & Laura Green
Sebastian & Sophie

Andrew & Barrie Hananel
Alec & Liv

Michelle Hartz & Andrew Treffy

Yuri Lane & Rachel Havrelock
Delilah

Jonathan & Elizabeth Hirschtritt
Blake & Jordyn

Austen Hufford

Rosa & Ryan Lamb
Charles & William

Jonathon Levin & Catherine Lind
Ariel & Avi

Jane Light

Michelle Lorig
Jacob

Jason & Trina Newman
Brea & Lainie

Carrie Newton
Ariella

Robert Orent & Amy Block
Carly, Noah & Emily

Darlene Queen

Meryl Rosen
Emma, Jack & Alexander

Kimberly Rosenkranz

Alissa & Lyle Schachter
Aidan & Noa

Laurie & Kevin Skurow
Mia & Benjamin

Rhoda Stamell

Linda Tate

Michael & Nancy Voticky

Adam & Ashley Wexner
Leonard & Lewis

Jodi & Greg Widerski
Lia & Sara
Upcoming Events

Nothing quite defines this time of year like sharing meals and the sense of community that comes from sitting down at the table together. Sholom Justice marks the holidays with several upcoming meal-related programs:

Feed the Hungry
SUNDAYS | NOV. 10, DEC. 8, DEC. 29
On Sunday, Nov. 10, we will Feed the Hungry at the temple. In December, we’ll host two more Feed the Hungry programs: Sunday, Dec. 8, at Temple Sholom, and Dec. 29 at an off-site location TBD.

Monday Meal
MONDAY | NOV. 25
On the Monday before Thanksgiving, we will host an extra-special expanded Monday Meal with a Thanksgiving Celebration which will accommodate up to 150 guests!

Chanukah Box Project
SUNDAY | DEC. 15
For Chanukah, we have our annual festive and fun Chanukah Box Project. All ages are welcome to participate as we assemble boxes filled with Chanukah goodies for those in our community in need. We’re always looking for people to drive the meals to their necessary locations, so please be on the lookout for more information.

Christmas Day Meal
And finally, please be on the lookout for more information about the Christmas Day Meal at the People’s Church in Uptown at Wilson and Sheridan.

Tzedakah at Temple Sholom means more than just caring about our own community. It means helping take care of the larger community of which we are a part – the best gift we can give!

Exciting Recent News

In September, we celebrated our accomplishments and discussed the year ahead at the annual Sholom Justice BBQ! We also had another successful High Holy Days Food Drive this year. Thank you to our volunteers who assembled and distributed the bags, and a big thanks for all the donations benefitting the Lakeview Pantry. The pantry collected over 2½ tons of food and other items! Sholom Justice also had another successful Blood Drive! Thank you to those who donated and volunteered.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Sholom Justice Shabbat
FRIDAY | JAN. 17, 2020 | 6:15 PM
Temple Sholom and Sholom Justice are proud to welcome best-selling author and journalist Alex Kotlowitz to our annual Sholom Justice Shabbat.

With wisdom, insight, and honesty, the Pulitzer and Peabody Award-winning author will speak from our pulpit about the heart-wrenching conditions and violence in some of Chicago’s most turbulent areas.

More information to come, including a piece in the January / February D’var. As this provocative evening approaches, it will be a night you won’t want to miss as Alex and some of the other leading minds address a topic affecting our entire city and beyond.

Please watch for additional events as they get added to our Sholom Justice calendar. To learn how to get involved or to be added to the Sholom Justice eblast list, please contact Toby Sanders at toby@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1536.
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<td>Riley, Kaden, Bodie, Saige, &amp; Griffin</td>
<td>Francis W. Parker School</td>
<td>A year of good works, including volunteering at a food depository, packing backpacks for new mothers in Haiti and collecting donated clothes</td>
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### Behind the Curtains

During the year, we often share stories that bring to life what good work your Annual Fund gifts provide. How $1,800, for instance, helps subsidize membership for those who could not otherwise join the temple. What we don’t talk about as much is how that’s not the end point of many of the gifts.

Take, for example, money used for our musical/choir program. There is a legion of people behind the scenes that help fill our sanctuary with the lush music we hear each week and the gorgeous, riveting sounds that make our High Holy Day services so memorable.

In short, your donations are the glue that holds together a choir and musicians that allow our cantor to focus on moving us, often to tears, during Kol Nidre, and energize us for Hineih Mah Tov.

“My basic goal is to make sure the Cantor doesn’t have to worry about the choir—I’m her point person, and I try to take as much off of her mind as possible so she can concentrate on the things that only she can do,” says Benjamin Rivera, our High Holy Days Choir Director.

And oh, the things our wonderful Cantor Ben-David and Cantor Emerita Katzman can, and have, been doing.

Our music program is a hallmark of what makes Temple Sholom a thriving community. It’s through your generous gifts of support that things keep running without missing a beat. It’s why many in the choir and orchestra have been coming back for decades to play for and support our community. Because we support them. You support them, probably unknowingly, through your Annual Fund contribution.

Keeping the band together, as Cantor Ben-David says, “changes the equation. Having musicians who know one another play together year in and out makes a world of difference. Pardon the pun, but they come in attuned to one another. We can focus on nuance, not newness. This is a Temple Sholom tradition. Help us keep it thriving.”

To learn more about the Annual Fund, or if you have questions, please contact Marla Krupman, Director of Development, at marla@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1535.
Gratitude and Giving Are Always In Style
For The Women of Temple Sholom

When Women of Temple Sholom (WTS) decided to team up with renowned Chicago fashion designer Maria Pinto, it was the perfect fit. Maria, one of Michelle Obama’s favorite designers, has been generously hosting Shop for a Cause events in her M2057 West Loop store for many years, supporting women’s groups of all kinds to raise funds for their chosen charities, while at the same time having fun browsing her unique clothing and accessories collection.

For many years, WTS has been raising funds for the Reunification Ride, a very special project that allows young children to visit their mothers incarcerated at the downstate Logan Correctional Center for non-violent crimes. Through potluck dinners and other events, every year WTS has raised the $1,800 needed to sponsor a bus load of children and their caretakers. This year, Maria Pinto will host Women of Temple Sholom for a “Shop for a Cause” on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, to benefit the Reunification Ride.

At this time of year, when we think of tzedakah and meaningful giving, the Reunification Ride takes on even greater meaning. At our events, speakers from the organization, including formerly incarcerated mothers, share heartwarming stories and photos of how much these reunions mean to them.

Logan is over 200 miles from Chicago. This, and lack of transportation, often make it impossible for them to get there on their own. The Reunification Ride is usually the only visit these mothers and children have all year. They spend a day doing ordinary – but rare and precious to them – activities like reading, coloring, braiding hair, playing games, having lunch together... hugging each other.

“We can never do enough to support other women,” Maria told us. “In this case, it is even more significant.

Through a variety of other projects and programs, Women of Temple Sholom expresses many ways of giving and caring throughout the year. The group regularly collects toiletries for the women of Logan Correctional Center and has given generous donations to such organizations as Women of the Wall, Illinois Coalition Against Handgun Violence, Jewish Community Against Sex Trafficking, and AJC.

And in case you’re wondering, the name of Maria’s store, M2057, is the year Maria will turn 100. This speaks volumes about her vision and ability to motivate people. WTS, too, shares this generous spirit of caring and helping others well into the future.

Shop for a Cause
at M2057 Style Studio
833 W. Washington Blvd.
SUNDAY | NOV. 17 | 2:00 PM

View Chicago designer Maria Pinto’s new fall collection in her West Loop store and enjoy food and drink while Maria and her expert stylists help us find the perfect looks for work, fun and upcoming holidays. No purchase required.

World Zionist Elections
JAN. 21 – MAR. 11, 2020

Once again we will have the opportunity to vote for delegates to the World Zionist Congress, the “Parliament of the Jewish People.” Voting will be available online.

We urge you to vote and when you do, we encourage you to vote for ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. A vote for ARZA is a vote for the Jewish values we hold dear: equal rights and religious pluralism in Israel, and throughout the world. Every vote for ARZA helps support Reform Judaism in Israel and worldwide and strengthens the voice of Progressive Judaism and progressive values within the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Jewish National Fund.

PLEASE VOTE for ARZA and help build a democratic society in Israel that truly reflects the Jewish values we hold dear: pluralism, equality, economic justice, and peace.

Watch for more information as the election approaches.

For more information, please visit arza.org/who-we-are/world-zionist-congress-elections
Marc Kaufman
Immediate Past President

My first biennial was in San Diego. It was one of the most moving weekends of my life. It made me feel connected to Reform Judaism in a way that I did not know was possible. The learning opportunities were endless and fascinating. The highlight certainly was Shabbat.

To worship with 6,000 like-minded people from all over North America was amazing and surprising. So so remarkable, powerful and beautiful. It made me really feel what Shabbat is.

I did not go to overnight camp and for me attending biennials is kind of like that same type of camp feeling...and to so strongly identify as a Reform Jew...exhilarating!

Beth Inlander

I attended my first Biennial in 2011, as part of my responsibilities as President of the congregation. I was hooked. For me, it was not only an opportunity to learn about congregational life and operations, but it was so much more. As I prepare for my fifth biennial, I look forward to being moved by inspiring worship, to being energized by the wisdom of visionary leaders in our movement and to gaining greater insight and connection to our traditions.

Roger Rudich

My strongest memory from the 2007 URJ Biennial in Los Angeles was attending Shabbat services with literally thousands of fellow attendees who knew the same prayers and songs I’d learned at Temple Sholom. It was an awesome experience. The meetings, workshops and presentations at the Biennial were wide ranging, but relevant to so much that we do at Temple Sholom. Don’t miss the opportunity to attend.

Helene Kohn

Biennial! Talk about community – 5,000 engaged congregants from around the country immersed in (hundreds of) sessions that range from worship to social justice to best practices in leadership and more. An exposure to advocates, music and thought leaders in the Reform movement. Stimulating and inspiring beyond words (especially Shabbat)! I’ve attended six Biennials and had the once-in-a-lifetime experience at those to see President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Shake Shack Founder, Danny Meyer, Michael J. Fox, Jodi Kantor, who broke the Harvey Weinstein story, and the Reverend Rick Warren. Pretty good company!
Grateful for a Great Opening Day!

With over 400 JK–8th graders from 250 families in 24 classrooms (not to mention adult learners), Sunday mornings certainly are an exciting time at Temple Sholom!

With the help of parent volunteers and an energized faculty featuring an experienced set of new teachers, we had an amazing opening day of Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School on Sept. 8, 2019. Events included a welcome for new and prospective parents, a social justice project, a Mishpacha Schmooze, a new 3rd grade orientation, and adult learning with Rabbi Rossoff. Jay Rapoport, RJE, Director of Lifelong Learning commented, “Our team is feeling particularly grateful this year for the essential presence of a record-breaking 50-plus teen Madrichim, more than twice as many as just five years ago.” These dedicated 8th–12th graders help students find their way around the building, stay engaged during their classes, and safely walk outside to load into cars at the end of the day. We celebrated the successful start of the year that afternoon with a strong turnout for the Orr Shalom Freshman Welcome Laser Tag event at Whirlyball.

It Doesn’t Just Happen
We are so grateful for our lay leaders who are so giving of their time.

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Lifelong Learning

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BEIT SEFER SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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

Chanukah Family Comedy Show

DEC. 15 | 11:15 AM

Join us for a one-of-a-kind, hilarious family Chanukah comedy show featuring Knuckleball Comedy—a local improv group popular all over the city for fantastic audience-involved humor.

FAMILY EDUCATION

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

SAVE THE DATE

JK–4th Grade Mishpacha (Family Camp) Getaway at URJ Camp OSRUI

JAN. 24–26, 2020

Experience the magic of camp with other Temple Sholom families and our clergy, education & engagement teams—siblings welcome!

Reserve your spot today at sholomchicago.org/register!

EARLY BIRD PRICING

$72 Deposit Covers cost of one child attending (until Dec. 1)

Scholarships available upon request. Interested in attending? Join us during Kef Club on Dec. 17 & 18 to learn more!
Overnight Youth Events

5th–8th Grade Youth Retreat
NOV. 8 – 10
Play, compete, connect, make art, s’mores and more with friends from religious school in a camp setting. A perfect break from the busy school week.

Chavrei Shalom
3rd–5th Grade Shul-In
NOV. 15 – 16
Sleep over at the temple! Play games, watch movies, and hang out overnight with friends and teachers. Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast included.

Winter Class Series & Guest Scholars

“Two Books. One Sholom.” Book Discussion
with Rabbi Shoshanah Conover
SUN. | NOV. 3 | 9:30 AM

Be a Blessing: Raise Your Jewish Consciousness and Encounter the Infinite
with Tzivia Garfinkel
SUNDAYS | NOV. 10, 17, 24 | 10:45 AM

A Tale of Love and Darkness
with Roberta Schwartz
SUN. | NOV. 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:45 AM

The Moment Judaism Began
with Rabbi Steven Bob
SUN. | NOV. 10 | 9:30 AM

“The Schmear” Podcast:
Exploring Your Jewish Identity Through Jewish Food
with Beth Schenker
SUN. | DEC. 8 | 9:30 AM

What Are We Doing When We Say “Amen”?
with Sanford C. Goldberg
SUN. | DEC. 8 | 10:45 AM

Focus on the Holidays: Chanukah
with Rabbi Don & Fran Rossoff
SUN. | DEC. 15 | 9:30 AM

Reform Responsa
with Cliff Scott-Rudnick
SUNDAYS | DEC. – MAY | 10:45 AM

2019 – 20 Teen Travel

Orr Shalom High School Retreat at URJ Camp OSRUI
DEC. 6 – 8
Participate in leadership workshops, sports, art, text study, Jewish ritual, and help plan Orr Shalom’s Social Justice trip to New Orleans.

Ta’am Yisrael: A Taste of Israel
FEB. 16 - 24 or MAR. 22 - 30, 2020
8th Grade Chicagoland Community Trip: A Transformative Jewish Experience for Teens!
10 spots remain for each trip!
Visit taamyisrael.org to learn more.

Orr Shalom H.S. Social Justice Trip
APR. 17 – 19, 2020

URJ Camping Enrollment is open for Summer 2020!
Visit URJcamps.org for camping info. Scholarship opportunities available at:
• Jewishcamp.org
• OSRUI.org by Dec. 1
• Jay@sholomchicago.org by Dec. 31

NEW! OSRUI is offering two sessions of Kallah Atid this summer:
• Atid Aleph: 6 nights | June 15 - 21
• Atid Bet: 4 nights | Aug. 5 – 9

For new campers, Temple Sholom will split the cost with you for OSRUI’s Kallah Atid trial sessions for rising 2nd–3rd graders.

Overnight Youth 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.
Join Us in Israel Next Summer!
JUNE 17–28, 2020

Looking for the perfect gift for the family this Chanukah?

Whether the first night or the final candle, finding an envelope announcing a trip to Israel this summer will certainly light up everyone’s life.

Led by Temple Sholom Associate Rabbi, Shoshanah Conover, the trip will cover all the highlights. It’s so much more than that, though. Through daily conversations and meetings with some of the leading minds in Israel today, you will hear and learn what living in contemporary Israel is like.

Visit arzaworld.com/sholomchicago2020.aspx or sholomchicago.org/israel today to start the process. It will be like having bubbie’s latkes every night!

Angels on the Ground

Team Imerman Angels is a group of individuals who participate in marathons and triathlons in order to increase awareness and raise much-needed funds to deliver on the organization’s mission. Imerman Angels provides personalized connections that enables peer-to-peer support between those suffering from cancer, as well as caregivers, and those who have beat cancer – so no one faces it on their own.

This year, long-time temple congregant and current Imerman Angels Executive Director, Stephanie Lieber, and our own Executive Director, Jeremy Perlin, were part of the Imerman Angels Chicago team of over 240 runners who raised more than $400,000 during this year’s Chicago Marathon.

Congratulations to Imerman Angels, Stephanie, Jeremy, and the countless others who ran so others can keep on winning. Learn more about Imerman Angels at imermanangels.org.

Shabbat Mishpacha
FRIDAY | NOV. 15

Superhero Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Mishpacha Dinner featuring 3rd & 4th grades on the bimah

5:00 PM  Tot Shabbat
5:30 PM  Dinner
6:15 PM  Congregational Service and Shabbat children’s experience

Chanukah Tot Shabbat and Congregational Chanukah Dinner
FRIDAY | DEC. 20

Check out sholomchicago.org/chanukah for full details.

For questions about Mishpacha events, contact Emma Harmon at emma@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1542.
IOT Annual Shabbat Service and Dinner

FRIDAY | NOV. 8 | 6:15 PM | $30
at Temple Sholom

Join Temple Sholom on Nov. 8 as IOT members help lead the service through various readings and prayers. Following the service, there will be a catered Kosher-style dinner at the temple. Cost includes food and wine.

We hope to see you there for a fun night of friends, prayer and food.

RSVP at sholomchicago.org/register

Congregational Monthly Monday Morning Minyan

MONDAYS | NOV. 4 & DEC. 2 | 8:00 AM | FREE
at Temple Sholom

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.

Women of Temple Sholom

New WTS Members 2019/20

Avis Crasko
Aliso Coughlin
Nina Cyrenne
Sharon Gillman
Nancy Kaplan
Jane Light
Ellen Moore

Jenny Ori
Alli Rogoway
Ronit Rose
Alexis Siegel
Barbara Solosky
Linda Tate

SAVE THE DATE

Reproductive Rights and Judaism

SUNDAY | FEB. 9, 2020

In conjunction with our Adult Education program, Rabbi Conover will join us for a class on Reproductive Rights and Judaism, followed by a free brunch.

All are welcome!

Book Club

Join our monthly book club on the first Thursday of each month.

THURS. | NOV. 7 | 11:00 AM
Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

THURS. | DEC. 5 | 11:00 AM
The Lost Girls of Paris by Pat Jenoff

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!
Klezmer House Band

TEMPLE SHOLOM’S CONGREGATIONAL
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We are so excited that this amazing volunteer band has continued to grow. If you play an instrument and would love to join in the fun while learning under a professional conductor, this group is for you!

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Join Us for Our Upcoming Or Chadash Late Congregational Services

FRIDAY | NOV. 1
FRIDAY | DEC. 6
6:30 PM  Dinner
7:45 PM  Service

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

Open to all!

Mindful Jewish Aging

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

SATURDAY | NOV. 23
1:00 – 3:00 PM
at Temple Sholom

SATURDAY | DEC. 21
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
at Temple Sholom

To be added to the communications list, contact Stacy Charnay at stacy@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1545.

Temple Sholom of Chicago’s 20s and 30s events seek to help young Chicago Jews glean from their religion a deeper sense of community, connection, meaning, spirituality, inspiration, as well as a context for doing good in the world.

“Friendsgiving” Makom Shabbat

NOV. 22
7:00 PM  Dinner
7:45 PM  Service

Chicago Reform 20s / 30s Chanukah Party

DEC. 19 | 6:00 PM
at Chicago Sinai

Makom Shabbat with OneTable

DEC. 20 | 7:00 PM
Location TBD

For more information, visit facebook.com/templesholommakom/events.

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A Recipe for Dignified Dining

Dignity. It’s not a word often associated with the underserved in our Lakeview neighborhood.

But because of a meaningful gift from Carol and Larry Levy and inspired by the nediv lev (generous heart) of their mother Eadie Levy, these same people are treated as dignified people, with kindness, care, and hope. This personal gift of tzedakah happens at our weekly Monday Meal, honoring Eadie, Larry’s mother, who was the quintessential hostess, setting the standard at the Levy Restaurants years ago. Cooking for guests and offering up her special mix of love, compassion and wisdom is her legacy that lives on – especially now by way of the “super-sized” celebratory Monday Meal hosted three times a year by Temple Sholom – Thanksgiving, Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day.

The Levys’ gift supports those less fortunate by providing the kindness of warm meals served with dignity, along with the opportunity for our temple members to come together to offer the loving hands and hearts necessary to run the program so beautifully. We are grateful for the many levels of support we receive for Monday Meals. We are blessed by Carol and Larry’s commitment to tzedakah which translates into various acts of kindness that have become a cornerstone of our inspirational Sholom Justice program, and supports the call of our Jewish people to repair the world through tikkun olam.

December Discussion
SUNDAY | NOV. 17 | 9:30 AM

Join Rabbi Conover and the multi-faith and inter-faith members of our Temple Sholom community for a lively and collaborative discussion as we ask questions and find ways to celebrate the winter season.

All are welcome!

Inclusion Matters
SUNDAY | NOV. 24 | 9:30 AM

Join us and share your ideas on how we can become a more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive community.

Let’s talk about how our facilities, education programs, tefilah (prayer), social activities and congregational attitudes could be more welcoming and ensure full participation.
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.

For more complete details go to sholomchicago.org

News to share? Email marketing@sholomchicago.org