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All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • August 12th

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel at 7:30 pm

Friday • August 26th

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel at 7:30 pm

Friday • September 2nd

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel at 7:30 pm

Friday • September 9th

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel at 7:30 pm

Temple Shir Shalom



services are held at
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FROM THE BIMA Cantor Kim Singer

Last month my mother turned 75. To celebrate, we took a family cruise to Alaska. Yes, we had a great time. We got to see mountains and marine life, and we survived the week in close quarters with minimal internet access. My mother had eagerly anticipated two things in particular (other than the extended family togetherness): the mega zip line, and seeing sea life. In particular, she wanted to see whales. Long about day five she commented that she was having a fabulous time, but was a little disappointed there had been no whales. "What do you mean?" I asked. "We spotted over a dozen on the second day out." At which point I realized, that she'd been expecting a more obvious showing—she wanted to see entire whales jumping out of the water and splashing back down. What we'd actually spotted were tips of dorsal fins, a few backs, maybe a bit of whale tail.

It struck me that synagogue life is a bit like that sometimes. We know without question that a community is thriving when we witness big events—High Holidays, B'nai Mitzvah, clergy installations. Those are the moments when we see the whole whale, as it were: inspiring, dramatic and memorable. But also uncommon. Day to day congregational life is more subtle. Shabbat attendance is another typical way to judge a synagogue's strength. Certainly, it's the most visible thing that we do on an ongoing basis. And it does seem to me that's on the upswing at TSS as well. I think being in a lovely new worship space helps to make services even more inspirational. There is the added benefit that having a larger community for prayer feels more energized, which makes even more people want to participate. But that, too, is only a partial indicator of our success. As with those pods of whales, there is a great deal going on just under the surface, and it's not always obvious unless you're paying close attention. So let me point out a few of the signs that you may have missed that continue to give me an increased sense of optimism about Temple Shir Shalom.

* Our new model of shared leadership has energized the board. Like a good basketball teams, tasks now get passed to someone who is "open," so action items get addressed more quickly, and hopefully with less burn-out.

* We're slowly but surely becoming more visible in the greater Or-

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe we are already in August!

We are off to a wonderful start in our new worship space at Temple Israel. It has been great to see how many of you have joined us for Friday night services at our new location. If you haven't been to services in a while, come check it out!

The Religious School committee has been working hard to put the finishing touches on our new MAGAL program. We have always had a strong religious school at TSS, and I want to thank all the Educators and Madrichim that have dedicated their time over the years to making sure our children had a strong Jewish education and identity.

The MAGAL program will not only offer our children the opportunity to be involved with more Jewish friends, it will allow our members without children enrolled in the school to get involved in something great. Do you have a special talent or hobby? Do you cook, bake, sing, knit, paint, or just like working with our youth? We need you! Our new location for religious school allows us the benefit of expanding our learning outside the walls of our classrooms. We have extra space for cooking, arts and crafts, music, and so much more. In the next couple of weeks we will be contacting you with volunteer opportu-

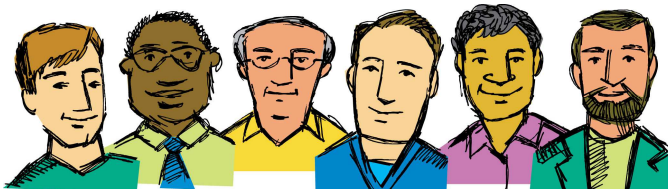
nities. I am looking forward to seeing our MAGAL students engaged with you and your special talents.

I was thinking back this week to when my boys were in religious school and the impacts those years have had on their lives. They both received a wonderful Jewish education, learned the Hebrew curriculum, but it was the relationships they formed with their peers and the adults that taught them that stick out to me. Some of their closest friendships began in religious school. I see that bond with our TSS kids at Shabbat services. I love seeing them sitting all together in prayer, and I am looking forward to seeing new friendships formed at MAGAL.

Our youth group programs are off to a great start! I want to give a special thank you to Tricia Torrance for taking on the role of youth group advisor. Our SHFTY kids have already had a planning day and have many exciting activities on the calendar. LIL SHFTY is getting underway as well. Our youth group programs are open to anyone in grades 6-12. Please reach out to us if you have a child that wants to get involved in our youth programs.

I look forward to seeing you at services!

*B'shalom,
Dale Mester and the Board*



The Men's Club of Temple Shir Shalom is coming out of hibernation. We will have an initial Men's Club "Meet, Eat, Learn and Organize" Event on Sunday, September 11th at 9AM at the residence of Mike Collin.

Agenda

- Breakfast
- Guest Speaker Jon Miller will talk about Computer Viruses and how to avoid them
- Election of officers
- Determine activities for the upcoming months

Mike lives in the Remington Park subdivision at 3086 Goldsboro Place Oviedo, FL 32765. Please RSVP to gtormike@yahoo.com. If you cannot attend, but would like to join and be included in future activities, please email your name, telephone number and email address.

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NOVEMBER 29TH: #GIVINGBBYODAY
DECEMBER 4TH: EIGHTH GRADE KICKOFF
JANUARY 20TH-22ND: MIT/AIT LTI
FEBRUARY 16TH-20TH: IC
MARCH 24TH-26TH: SRC
APRIL 2ND: J-SERVE

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Dear Religious School Parents,

I hope you are as excited as I am about our new school adventure—MAGAL, the Meitin Alliance for Growth and Learning! You should have received information and registration forms by email. Please contact me immediately if you haven't gotten your copy: CantorKim@gmail.com. It is very important that we have your registration as soon as possible. Combining two school populations makes our process for starting the year more complicated and it will help a great deal to have accurate enrollment numbers in advance.

Our school will meet in the lovely classrooms at Temple Israel. A slightly longer school day (ending at 12:30 instead of noon) will give us the opportunity for more enrichment activities like art and music. Our Hebrew curriculum will stay the same, but will add an online component to make the important (but not always engaging) aspect of practicing at home much more fun and easier for parents and teachers to track. Jewish studies will cover the same material, but through the lens of Jewish historical personalities, which makes concepts more concrete and memorable.

We are still looking for post-B'nai Mitzvah teens to serve as madrichim, classroom assistants. We know that teen schedules are full. It is not necessary to be able to attend every Sunday class to be a madrich/madricha. Please contact me immediately to sign up for this important community service opportunity.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with me or with Education chair Dale Mester with any questions about MAGAL.

*Cantor Kim Singer
co-director, MAGAL*

DONATIONS

The De Filippo family
in honor of the naming of their new baby

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lando community, and that is paying off in interest from new families about joining us.

* There is terrific excitement about MAGAL, our Religious School collaboration with Temple Israel, that was prominently featured in a recent edition of the Heritage.

* Life cycle events, like B'nai Mitzvah, baby namings, and, sadly, funerals and shiva minyans, allow us to show our support for each other, and also to demonstrate to the outside world what a caring community we truly are.

On that Alaska trip, if we'd realized that what my mother really wanted to see was breaching whales, we could have signed up for a special excursion. But the time we learned about it, though, the opportunity was lost because those boats were full. Our big "excursion," the High Holidays, is coming up in just about 8 weeks, and there's space available! So if you know someone who really wants to see whales, I mean, a vibrant synagogue community at it's most public, please encourage them to come check us out. Or to visit on a Friday night for a less dramatic but hopefully equally satisfying taste of TSS. But let's also remain aware of the countless other ways our congregation shows its strength and success on a daily basis.

By the way, if you're interested in seeing the photos from that cruise—and the photos and video of the mile-long zip line—it's all up on Facebook. Just a reminder: I'm delighted to be your FB friend. I don't send friend requests because I don't want to put anyone in the awkward position of having to accept a request that you'd rather not. And while you're there, check the TSS page for up to the minute info and photos about our thriving congregation.

Best, Kim



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Tea and Torah Tuesdays Conversations with Cantor Kim

Casual discussions on a variety of Jewish topics coming to a coffee shop near you!

Panera near Oviedo on the Park, 205 E Mitchell-Hammock Rd,
7:30pm - 8:30 pm or so.

August 9: One God. but not one view of God-
Jewish Theology standing on one foot

August 30: Entering the High Holy Days



Get Your \$HFTV On

August 27	Super Stubby Night
September 16	Nifty Service
December 3	Bowling
January 8	Hanukkah/Cupcake Wars
October 14-16	Fall Kallah
December 26-30	Winter Kallah



Rehearsals will begin soon for our High Holyday choir.

New members 13 and older welcome, no experience needed!

Contact Cantor Kim for details.

Thank you Oneg Sponsors!

August 12th

Pot-luck

Please bring something to share

August 26th

the Echevarria Family

in honor of their granddaughter's naming.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Sara Holcomb
2 Lara Zielinsky
3 Lynn Howard
4 Joan Stolar
5 Janine Copeland
7 Austin House
7 Andrew Isaacson
9 Jennifer Reif
14 Suzanne Miller
16 Seth Sherman
16 Sharon Stein
17 Fern Burr
20 Christie Greenberg
22 William Lesnick
24 Alex House
25 Cindi Barnert
25 Scott Nager
26 Justin Miller
26 Patricia Torrence

27 Jessica Corenblum

30 Brett Stender

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Brandon Baronoff
2 Sharon Zishuk
5 Logan Schulman
6 Traci Vogin
10 Joshua Kansol
12 Nathan Copeland
13 Joseph Eisenstein
15 Mark Nemery
16 Lauren Hall
16 Steven Shever
18 Jordan Pearson
20 Reuben Bianco
21 Sandy Ribakoff
21 Sari Stender
22 Jacob Vogin
24 Aaron Sherman

25 Mitchell Freed

26 Samantha Collin

28 Arnold Stein

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

6 Steven and Susan Kahn
11 Gary and Jennifer Hall
19 Steven and Laurie Levine
22 Arnold and Nira Stein

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Doug & Andrea Holcomb
6 William & Holly Lesnick
16 Mark & Barbara Nemery
18 Scott & Denyse Demner
23 Mitchell & Holly Freed



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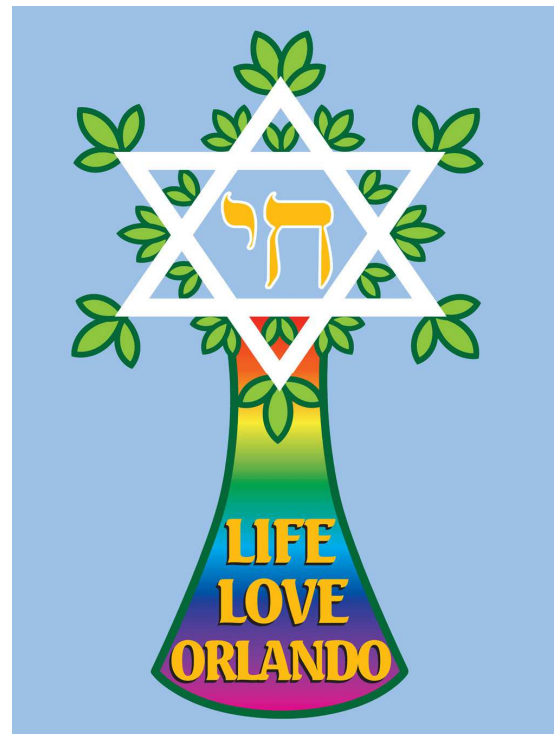
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