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**Mark Your Calendar!**

All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • August 14th  
Shabbat Service at UCUMC

Friday • August 21st  
Shabbat Service at UCUMC

Sunday • August 23rd  
First Day of Religious School

Friday • August 28th  
Shabbat Service at UUUS,  
11648 McCulloch Road, Orlando 32817

Sunday • August 30th  
Religious School

Friday • September 11th  
Shabbat Service at UCUMC

Sunday • September 13th  
Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm at FUMCO

Monday • September 14th  
Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am at FUMCO

**FROM THE BIMA**

*Cantor Kim Singer*

Some of you may know (some of you may be surprised to find out) that I'm an "endurance athlete." I regularly finish half-marathons, and even some full marathons. I say "finish," because I do run/walk intervals and the longer the race, the longer those "walk" segments become. I still put "endurance athlete" in quotes because I actually don't see myself as athletic, although I suppose that depends on your definition. I won't be qualifying for Boston any time soon.

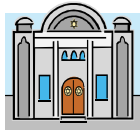
But I do the training. In many ways marathon training is an even bigger commitment when you're a slow runner. An average pace in the 13-14 minute per mile range means my winter "long" runs take up most of daylight hours. Sometimes I just don't want to get out there. And yes, sometimes I wimp out. But so far I've finished every race I've entered.

Judaism also recognizes the importance of training. Blessings are a form of training—a way to make us stop and recognize something in the world around us—from the blessing over food that we eat, to wonders of nature, to meeting someone of renown. Tradition says we should say 100 blessings a day. (Granted, if you pray three times a day that goes a long way to meeting that goal.) We learn to be more appreciative by showing appreciation. Prayer is a form of training too. We make a habit of regular prayer, often relying on fixed words, so that we have the tools for those moments in life when we feel an urgent need to pray.

Our most intense time of prayer is Yom Kippur. We may not spend the entire 25 hours in prayer, but it's a good percentage of them. The restrictions of the day serve to keep us in the mindset even while doing other things. It's a marathon. (Maybe it should be 26.2 hours.) In any case, we need to work up to it. So 10 days before we have Rosh Hashana. Even that is a pretty big leap. So the "official" training actually starts a month before that, with the month of Elul—August 14th this year. We begin our "repentance training."

We're told Elul is the month that Moses spent up on Mt Sinai getting the second set of commandments. (Thirty days, plus 10 between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur meant he came down with the finished set on Yom Kippur.) In many places the shofar is blown each day, and special prayers for forgiveness are added to the service. It's a time to begin the important work of seeking forgiveness for anyone

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**Service Location**

University Carillon United Methodist  
Church (UCUMC)  
EPICenter

1395 Campus View Court, Oviedo 32765  
(corner of Lockwood & McCulloch)

**TIP:** As you enter the drive at UCUMC, if there are TSS signs on the right before the Main Sanctuary we are in the Main Sanctuary.  
if the Signs are on the left, by the side parking lots we are in EPICenter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aaron Sherman

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that the Board had a retreat planned for July. At that retreat, we discussed what we felt Temple Shir Shalom's goals needed to be in order to provide the kind of Jewish community we want and to ensure our congregation's long term viability. We identified six goals to focus on over the next 5 years:

- \* 150 Member Congregation
- \* Finding a Permanent Location
- \* Every week Shabbat observance
- \* Have 100% of TSS congregants engaged with TSS
- \* Increase Temple Shir Shalom's engagement in the community
- \* Have a religious school with 60 students or more

Through all of this, we also need to remain financially stable; "in the black." These are ambitious goals and they won't happen overnight, which is why we set them as our 5 year goals. After we set the 5 year goals, we looked at what we can work on this year to make progress toward those goals. For this year, we are going to focus on:

- \* Finding a facility that will support weekly Shabbat observances
- \* Adding 1 member per month
- \* Fully engaging all Board members in TSS leadership
- \* Raising \$18,000 this year to support our operations and building fund

The remainder of the retreat was spent developing plans for how our Membership, Ritual, Social, Education, Social Action and Fundraising Teams contribute to these goals, what challenges they face and how we can overcome those challenges to be successful. Results won't happen overnight, but I believe we set the right foundation for success this year. I also know that every member of our congregation has a suggestion for how we can do something differently to improve the experience at TSS. Every one of those suggestions can fit into one of our overall goals, so I encourage you to reach out to the appropriate team and get involved.

This August newsletter will be one of the last opportunities I have to remind and encourage you to register to participate in this year's URJ Biennial. The Biennial is in Orlando this year, making it more affordable to all of us than it would otherwise be. Temple Shir Shalom is planning to assemble a delegation (group) for attendance, which will help lower the costs for attendance. Delegation and early registration ends September 10! There are many registration options, so check out the URJ Biennial site (search for "URJ Biennial 2015" in your favorite browser). If you're interested in attending, please let our delegation organizer, Sherri Eisenstein, know.

For our families with school aged children, Religious School starts this month! If you haven't registered your son or daughter, please visit our website to download a registration form. Adopting the URJ's Mitkadem Hebrew program has made a big difference in the reading abilities of our students over the last two years. Cantor Kim has been working with our teachers on how we can make improvements to the Jewish studies and culture aspects of our religious school, so I'm excited about another improvement in the education we're able to provide for our children.

Last item for this month – High Holidays! Okay, High Holidays are next month (Rosh Hashanah on September 13th/14th and Yom Kippur on September 22nd/23rd), but that means planning kicks into high gear this month. We will make our annual trek to First United Methodist Church of Oviedo, which means setting up the big ark, moving our ritual equipment, volunteer prayer leaders, and moving everything back afterward. We will need many volunteers to make our High Holiday observances meaningful and spiritual, so I hope as you start to see volunteer calls in the weekly messages this month, you'll consider finding a way to lend a hand.

*Shalom  
Aaron*

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you might have wronged during the past year.

But it's not all "gloom and doom." The rabbis taught that the name of the month, Elul is an acronym Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li, "I am my beloved and my beloved is mine." Which reminds us that the process of repentance ideally serves to bring us closer to one another, and to God.

Best of luck with your training this month. I look forward to continuing to meet you and become part of the amazing TSS community.

*Best, Kim*



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## EDUCATION INFORMATION

Temple Shir Shalom Religious School is gearing up for a great year and we hope you'll join us. Returning faculty Debbie House, Christie Greenberg and Jon Miller will be joined by Tamara Zishuk and Chelsea Glusky and our outstanding Madrich Corps to create an engaging educational experience for TSS students. We have reorganized the program to maximize one on one and small group Hebrew instruction, and to provide organized and age-appropriate curriculum at every age level.

If you have not yet registered for Religious School this year, please do so as soon as possible. You can find forms at [templeshirshalom.org](http://templeshirshalom.org) and register online, or print the forms and mail them in. Having an accurate count of students will help us have enough supplies in the correct places on the first day of class! If you know any Jewish

families with children in grades K-2 who are not yet TSS members, please let them know about our introductory year special—one year family membership at no charge with payment of school and book fees for the 2015-16.

If there is a post B'nai Mitzvah student in your family who is interested in becoming part of our Madrich Corps, please contact Cantor Kim directly as soon as possible—[CantorKim@gmail.com](mailto:CantorKim@gmail.com).

I'm excited to be leading this band of outstanding, committed teachers. Please plan to join us for our Opening Day Program on Sunday, August 23 at Double R School. We also hope to see you at Welcome to Shir Shalom Shabbat on Friday August 21. The teachers and I will be there to meet you...and we'll have a special guest appearance from my precocious puppet Kimbu!

### Social Action

Meeting on August 9 at 9:30 AM at the home of Sherri Eisenstein, located at 1008 Jackson Creek Ct. in Oviedo. If you would like to get involved with Social Action, make sure to come to this meeting! If you have any questions or would like to RSVP please contact Sherri at [sherreisen@gmail.com](mailto:sherreisen@gmail.com).

### Mitzvah Member Honor Roll

*Gary & Jennifer Hall*  
*Eric & Valorie Karter*  
*Bruce & Jennifer Paster*  
*Aaron & Jennifer Sherman*  
*Svetlana Shtrom*  
*Michael Sonnenschein*  
*David & Sharon Zishuk*

or more information on how you can support Temple Shir Shalom through Mitzvah Membership, please contact Jennifer Hall at [membership@templeshirshalom.org](mailto:membership@templeshirshalom.org).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Did you know that you can subscribe to TSS's online calendar to receive automatic calendar updates in your calendar application? Go to our website at [templeshirshalom.org](http://templeshirshalom.org) and click on the Calendar heading. You can choose to subscribe to our service schedule, religious school schedule, events schedule and/or youth schedule. Just one more way to stay connected to your TSS family!



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## Temple Shir Shalom Teams

TSS is looking for volunteers to help with our core planning teams. If you are interested in helping, please contact the appropriate lead.

### Education

The Education and Youth Team helps to support our religious school and SHFTY youth groups by working closely with our RS director and youth advisor on planning special events, reviewing and advising on curriculum or recommending policy for the religious school and youth groups. Contact Dale Mester (dfmester@aol.com) to help with the Education Team.

### Membership

The Membership Team is responsible for membership outreach activities. They work to develop programs and advertising to draw new members to our congregation. They also manage our membership records and work to pair up members with TSS teams based on interests as described on the membership forms. Contact Jennifer Hall (happyjen68@gmail.com) to help with the Membership Team.

### Ritual

The Ritual Team is responsible for ritual aspects of synagogue life. They work with the Spiritual Leader of the

congregation to set the Shabbat and holiday service schedule, plan special Shabbat observances, organize volunteer lay leader participation on Shabbat and holidays, plan communal holiday observances (Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukkah, etc.) and care for the ritual equipment. Contact Aaron Sherman (ajsherman@cfl.rr.com) to help with the Ritual Team.

### Social

The Social Team is responsible for planning and organizing social membership outreach activities for families and adults such as the annual picnic, game nights, progressive dinners and other social activities that aren't tied to specific religious observances. Contact Sharon Zishuk (sharonz@cfl.rr.com) to help with the Social Team.

### Social Action

The Social Action Team is the Tikun Olam arm of Temple Shir Shalom. They are responsible for organizing and advertising Temple-wide involvement in social action activities such as the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, High Holiday and Thanksgiving food drives and Walk for Autism. Contact Cy Barnert (cybarlight@msn.com) to help with the Social Action Team.

*Temple Shir Shalom  
welcomes the following family:*  
Andrea and Doug Holcomb  
Sara, 15 & Sean, 12

### **Thank you Oneg Sponsors!**

**August 14th**  
Pot-luck

**August 21st**  
Membership Team

**ONEG SPONSORS NEEDED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER! Here's the link:**  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B44ACA82CA3F49-oneg](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B44ACA82CA3F49-oneg)

We ask that all members sponsor or co-sponsor an Oneg each year for a Shabbat evening service in honor of any simcha, i.e. birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any happy occasion. Every family is encouraged to sponsor at least one oneg each year. For questions, please contact Svetlana Shtrom at [shtroms@yahoo.com](mailto:shtroms@yahoo.com).

### Havdalah and Adult Social:

Come out for an Adult's only night filled with fun and friendship on **August 8th at 7 pm**. We will start the evening with a Havdalah service led by Cantor Kim and then enjoy an evening of schmoozing at the home of Christie and Josh Greenberg. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share and your favorite adult beverage.



The Greenberg's address is 14412 Broadhaven Blvd., Orlando FL. Please RSVP at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4DAEAF2BA31-adult/](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4DAEAF2BA31-adult/)

Did you know our Ritual Team is charged with more than just setting up and tearing down the sanctuary for Shabbat each week? The Ritual Team is also charged with organizing volunteer prayer leaders, planning holiday observances, working with the spiritual leader to plan prayers each week, planning special Shabbat services and helping with life cycle event planning. If you want to help, please contact Aaron Sherman ([ajsherman@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ajsherman@cfl.rr.com), 407-277-2485).



### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting on August 13th at 7:30 pm at the Panera on Mitchell Hammock near 434 to discuss social events for the rest of the year. If you have any ideas for these events, please join us! For questions, or to RSVP, contact Sharon Zishuk at sharonz@cfl.rr.com

### BBYO: NFR Kickoff: COLOR WAR!

WHEN: Sunday August 30th 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
 WHERE: Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota FL 34241  
 WHO: Jewish teens in Grades 9th - 12th  
 COST: \$35.00 due on registration, includes bus ride and lunch.

REGISTER: <http://b-linked.bbyo.org/event/80856> NFR Kickoff: COLOR WAR!

Kick off the BBYO year with our first ever Regional Color War! Teams will be announced online on Friday, August 28 so you can arrive decked out in your team colors at the bus stops on Sunday. Lunch will be provided, but please make sure to bring your own water bottle! Bus transportation for Orlando and Naples teens. \$35, BUT bring a friend who is BRAND NEW to BBYO and both of you pay just \$20 each. Questions? Contact Lory at [LConte@bbyo.org](mailto:LConte@bbyo.org) or 407-621-4032

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Steve Dross  
 2 Lara Zielinsky  
 3 Lynn Howard  
 4 Elizabeth Foote  
 4 Joan Stolzar  
 5 Janine Copeland  
 7 Austin House  
 9 Jennifer Reif  
 9 Sofia Weiser  
 14 Amy Crabtree  
 14 Suzanne Miller  
 16 Robert Michalzcak  
 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 Torrance  
 27 Jessica Corenblum  
 29 Sheri Fluke  
 30 Brett Stender  
 31 David Wright

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Sarah Crabtree  
 2 Brandon Baronoff  
 2 Sharon Zishuk  
 5 Logan Schulman  
 6 Traci Vogin  
 8 Robert Dorris  
 9 Miguel Wright  
 10 Joshua Kansol  
 12 Nathan Copeland  
 13 Joseph Eisenstein  
 15 Steven Ebert  
 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

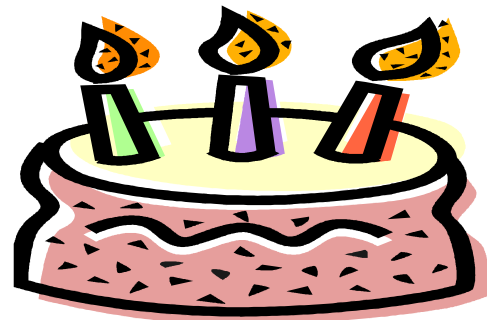
#### ANNIVERSARIES

4 Thomas and Jennie Huse  
 6 Steven and Susan Kahn  
 11 Gary and Jennifer Hall  
 12 Tom and Sheila Cooper  
 18 Joseph and Joyce York  
 19 Steven and Laurie Levine  
 22 Arnold and Nira Stein

### SEPTEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ed & Emily Foote  
 1 David & Ana Weiser  
 6 Garland & Amy Crabtree  
 6 William & Holly Lesnick  
 18 Scott & Denyse Demner  
 23 Mitchell & Holly Freed



### 2015 URJ Biennial:

The URJ Biennial is planned for November 4-8, 2015. In past years, URJ has invited local congregations to help with planning and running the event. They are taking a different approach this year and planning everything out themselves, but we are all still welcome to attend! If there are at least three members from Temple Shir Shalom attending, we can get delegation pricing. Sherri Eisenstein is going to organize our delegation, so if you are interested in attending, please contact her at sherrei-sen@gmail.com. Early registration ends September 10.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are very excited to announce that NFTY/STR is holding their annual Fall Kallah right here in Central Florida on October 9-11 2015.

Congregation of Reform Judaism is the host congregation planning most of the events with Temple Shir Shalom's assistance. We are expecting over 300 teens from all over Florida to attend, and we need your help!

We are looking for host families to house teens for the weekend. You do NOT need to have high school aged teens to participate. The teens will bring their own sleeping bags and pillows —no beds are needed!

Responsibilities include some meals at your home and transportation to and from the weekend events.

More details will be available every soon.

If you are interested in helping out with housing, please email Dale Mester at dfmester@aol.com.

### FACEBOOK PAGE:



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Temple Shir Shalom Religious School  
Registration 2015-2016 School Year

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Hebrew Name (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Parent 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Parent 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (Mom) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dad) \_\_\_\_\_

Names/ages of siblings  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact, Relationship to Student, & Phone Number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies or health concerns:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special circumstances that your child's teacher needs to be aware of to best meet your child's needs? (i.e. gifted, ADD/ADHD, SLD, health or emotional challenges.) Please explain.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If not previously enrolled in TSS Religious School, has your child had any formal Jewish education? If yes, please indicate name and location of previous synagogue or day school and how many years attended.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child read Hebrew? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to have your child become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_ undecided

**Tuition and Enrollment Information**

Yearly school tuition is \$600. There is a \$50 discount per student if tuition is paid in full before the start of school. Enrollment in Temple Shir Shalom Religious School is open to Temple members only. Students are expected to attend 21 of the 25 scheduled sessions. Habitual absenteeism will result in parental contact from the Director, possible non-advancement in the Religious School program, and/or possible delay in receiving the student's Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

Please submit full tuition and book fee with this registration form prior to the first day of school unless prior financial arrangements have been made with Temple Treasurer, Laurie Levine. See Tuition and Enrollment Information

**RELEASES**

Permission is hereby given for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities of Temple Shir Shalom. The undersigned, individually and as legal guardian, hereby releases Temple Shir Shalom of Oviedo, Inc., its agents, representatives and employees for any acts or omissions which cause or result in injury to the aforementioned child occurring at outings or going to or from outings, irrespective of cause. Furthermore, Temple Shir Shalom is given express authority to seek and obtain any and all emergency medical treatment for or on behalf of my child for any injury sustained at school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permission is hereby given for \_\_\_\_\_ to be photographed or videotaped during Temple activities. I understand that photographs may be released to the media for publication. Any photographs posted on the Temple Shir Shalom website will identify the child by first name only.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_