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Mark Your Calendar!

All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • June 3rd

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm at UCUMC

Saturday • June 4th

Shabbat Service at 10:00 am
Bat Mitzvah of Sammy Fedigan

Tuesday • June 7th

Tea & Torah at 7:00 pm

Friday • June 10th

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm
Family Friendly/Camp Shabbat,
Torah Reading

Tuesday • June 21st

Tea & Torah at 7:00 pm

Friday • July 24th

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 23rd

will be our annual beach service.
Look for details in our July Newsletter

FROM THE BIMA

Cantor Kim Singer

Counting Down...or Counting Up

Counting down to important events may be a universal human tendency. **Three weeks** until my birthday.... **Six days** until vacation... **Two hours** before the school/work day is over... In contrast, this month Judaism offers Sefirat HaOmer, a chance to count *up* as we approach the holiday of Shavuot. On the second day of Pesach we begin to count: seven weeks plus a day—fifty days. This commemorates the start of the barley harvest in biblical times, and serves to connect the liberation from Egypt of Passover with the giving of the Torah on Shavuot. There are many customs associated with this time period. The idea of preparation and purification for receiving Torah are central.

For those with a more mystical bent, each of the seven weeks are associated with one of seven qualities and each of the seven days of the week are also associated with one of the qualities, leading to 49 permutations of qualities to consider. This is a huge oversimplification of the concept, I recommend http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counting_of_the_Omer as a good place to start if this idea intrigues you.

But still, why count up and not down? It may seem like a trivial difference, but I don't think it is. The discussion occurs in conjunction with the Hanukkah candles as well. Rabbi Shammai says that we start with eight lights and count down. Rabbi Hillel maintains that we start with one light and count up. Hillel won that debate (actually, he wins most of them) with the explanation that in matters of holiness we should increase and not decrease. And so, as we move toward Shavuot our awareness and our dedication should increase. Furthermore, we need to maintain that awareness throughout the counting—each day matters!

It's a profound lesson, especially when facing big challenges. Each day is one step towards the goal. Each step counts. And there are some things that you just can't rush. No matter how eager we are to receive Torah, we can't jump ahead to Sinai. We have to travel through the entire 49 days first. May we all take heart from the words of the Psalmist: teach us to count our days rightly that we may obtain a wise heart. (Psalms 90:12)

Best, Kim



LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

On behalf of our entire new leadership Team, I want to say thank you to all of you that have pledged your support in the past few weeks to help us with a smooth transition, and for stepping up to take on roles to help sustain and grow TSS. Svetlana, Dale, and I especially have been overwhelmed by the caring thoughts and good ideas shared. We are laser focused on contributing as much time and energy as we can to each of you and to supporting the tremendous work Cantor Kim has done in our religious school, at our services, and in our community.

As we bring in some new or returning faces to our Board Team, several others are ending their time as members of our Board. Arnold Stein, Ari Schein, Cy Barnert, and Eric Karter have all led with extreme passion and genuine intent. In addition to those great people, I also want to take a moment to thank three other outgoing members in particular, Lisa Goldblatt, Sharon Zishuk and Jen Hall. Each has spent over a decade in some capacity leading TSS (really from day one they've been doing this). Each has graciously pledged to stay involved, and hasn't let up doing so. Thank you ALL very much. I know you'll be quick to point out others when we recognize you. But, just for me, take a moment and let us just say "thanks." And, could we be ANY more fortunate to have such a dynamite replacement for Jen to head up our Membership Team as Shari Dworkin-Smith? Talk about not missing a beat! And, big time thanks to Sherri Eisenstein for taking on Sharon's duties as Secretary. Boy did we luck out!

Also, how could we not say thank you to Aaron Sherman and his family for their countless days/nights of support. Aaron was dealt a heckuva hand the past 18 months. He grinded and did so with extreme dedication. Thank you Aaron...And thank you for continuing to be, besides Kim, our greatest resource for insuring our services are always ready and meaningful. It's above and beyond.

As many of you also heard at our meeting, our Team wants to be sure we say "thank you" to our volunteers who sustain us, to our families and friends for their support, and to all of you for your love and dedication to

TSS. Some of you may be asking yourselves, is this guy a Coach or Co President of our Congregation? Well, I've been a Coach a lot longer and many more times than this current role. So, it's a mindset I'll maybe adopt over time. But, it's also important that everyone knows that we will be functioning as a Team, starting with Svetlana, Dale and I in particular. We play off each other's strengths and have tremendous respect for each other and our families. It's fun to work with people when you have that relationship. You'll see messages monthly from people other than just the three of us. You'll hear weekly messages at Shabbat from ALL on our Board. You will see and hear contributions from everyone in this group. No silent partners...The value of different perspectives aligned together toward common goals may be cliché, but it works. And, we hope to be effective for you in our slightly modified from historical norms set up. I feel like we will make some good progress in the months ahead, and be very focused on the basics of what this great culture of TSS is all about.

With that, I'll leave you with my final thoughts shared also at our annual meeting:

1. Let's look out for each other, remembering we're all friendly and we won't always agree, which is OK.
2. Many of you are volunteers. That deserves appreciation, so thank you!
3. Sing loud and proud. It's our culture.
4. Get together for a little fun, and remember that sometimes it's the simplest things that make TSS great...a hug, embracing a stranger, singing off key, pitching in for the joy of it, forgiving mistakes, binding together.

Stay tuned for more exciting news to come, and Go Hokies (you can email me offline about the Hokie part if you have a question)

Respectfully, Josh Greenberg (and Team)

Sammy Fedigan



Sammy Fedigan is a 7th grade student at Avalon Elementary and a competitive cheerleader at Top Gun All Stars. Sammy is very passionate about cheerleading and volunteers in the Fall coaching a special needs cheer team. Sammy is an avid animal lover and helps train and take care of the foster

dogs her family has taken in, as well as, volunteers with a local Pit Bull Rescue.

We are very proud of the compassionate, loving young lady Sammy has become.

Sammy will become a Bat Mitzvah on June 4th supported by friends and family from New Jersey and Florida.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

We finished this year of Religious School with a “Jews Around the World” festival, hosted by our seventh graders. Each student shared information about Jews in a particular country, including a game and food. Thanks to the students, their parents (who helped prepare the tasty treats), and teacher Tamara Zishuk for organizing. A good time was had by all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to again thank all our teachers and madrichim. Your dedication and enthusiasm made this a terrific year of learning for everyone.

Parents, watch your mail boxes – real ones, not electronic – for registration forms and exciting information about Religious School for next year. In the mean time, **let's fight the Hebrew “summer slide”** with fun, free Hebrew learning apps for smart phones and tablets. Search for Behrman House (a premier publisher of Jewish educational materials) in your favorite app store. There are apps to work on the alef-bet, prayers and blessings, as well as some games. Just a few minutes a day will do wonders towards maintaining your child's progress and making for a smooth start in August.



Camp Shabbat June 10, 7:30 pm

Summer's here! Join us as we celebrate all our campers.

Sing, pray, toast marshmallows... All campers are invited to help lead the service. Contact Cantor Kim--or arrive at 7:15 that night--if you want a part.

Men's Club Reboot
Back by popular request!
Guys...watch TSS emails,
details coming soon.

Thank you Oneg Sponsors!

June 3rd

B'Nei Mitzvah families in honor of
Samantha Fedigan's Bat Mitzvah
(Demner, Dross, Geismar, Karter, Kaplan)

June 10th

Camp Shabbat

S'mores sponsored by the Greenberg Family
Please bring other treats to share.

June 24th

TSS Board

All onegs will be potluck, unless stated above.

To sponsor an oneg here's the link:

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.



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facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/templeshirshalomviedo> and then invite your friends and family to like our page as well!

Temple Shir Shalom members and friends, please join us for this special evening. Our theme is "honoring teachers."

If you would be interested in presenting a 10-15 minute session on a topic of your choice, please contact Rabbi Neely--rabbi@tiflorida.org

Tikkun Leil Shavuot



Honoring
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Cheesecake Bake-off

An Evening Of Study at Temple Israel

Saturday, June 11 beginning at 9:00 pm

for more information: <https://www.tiflorida.org/events/tikkun-leil-shavuot-2016-06-11/>

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, from 7:30-8:30ish.

- June 7 Shavuot: The Major Jewish Holiday you never heard of
- June 21 Prayer 201: Unpacking the Amidah



Raise Your Voice!

Rehearsals will begin soon for our High Holyday choir.

New members 13 and older welcome, no experience needed!

Contact Cantor Kim for details.



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Saturday June 18th, 6:00-10:00 pm



ADULT SOCIAL: DISNEY WORLD SCAVENGER HUNT

Why should the teens have all the fun?

Come join us for a WDW scavenger hunt created for TSS by Cantor Kim.

No park admission needed!

We'll meet at Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney), where parking is free, and form teams to race around the World. Adult beverages optional.

RSVP to patriciatorrance2015@gmail.com by June 14



ANNUAL COMMITMENT FORM

At the Annual meeting or by mail you should have received your annual membership renewal commitment form. We are asking that EACH member unit fill it out completely ASAP. The form can be found on the Temple website at <http://www.templeshirshalom.org/images/Documents/Member-Commitment-Renewal.pdf>

Once you complete the form, mail back to our PO Box address. If we don't receive your renewal form by June 20th, we will simply bill dues per your 2015/2016 category at the new rate for this fiscal year.

We are set to have a very exciting and fulfilling fiscal year with a number of changes that will add significant value and more fun to your membership. We are thankful to have you and look forward to seeing you soon.

With Appreciation, Temple Membership and the TSS Board



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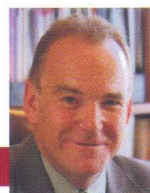
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Tina Buck
 1 Jeffrey Kaplan
 2 Jerry Hutcheson
 2 Beth Hutcheson
 3 Emily Foote
 3 Gary Schulman
 9 Kevin Collin
 9 Robyn Solomon
 9 Michelle Sherman
 10 Leslie Collin
 14 Steven Kahn
 15 Daun Cooper
 15 Hannah Karter
 16 Joshua Goldblatt
 17 Stephen Baronoff
 17 Mary Moskowitz
 22 Erica Hall
 22 Nicholas Ebert
 28 David Reif
 29 Kimberly Hall
 30 Lia Miller

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Shane Isaacson
 2 Hannah Procell
 6 Samantha Fedigan
 6 Conner Kansol
 7 Keith Goldberg
 7 Annette Romaine
 10 Scott Demner
 10 Kevin Miller
 11 Eileen Glasco
 12 Sherri Eisenstein
 13 Gregory Raymond
 14 Nancy Raymond
 18 Renee Pearson
 19 Jacob Eisenstein
 21 Michael Ebert
 23 Stephen Pearson
 24 Clifford Geismar
 25 Sarah Procell
 28 Jeffrey Corenblum
 29 Harvey Kansol

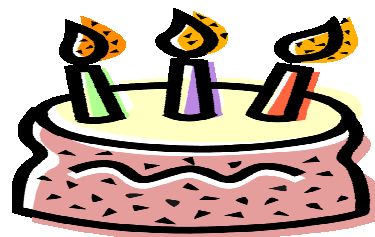
JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

9 David & Sharon Zishuk
 10 Jonathan
 & Shelley Sundheim
 21 Avi & Robyn Solomon

JULY

ANNIVERSARIES

11 Eric and Valorie Karter
 28 Aaron and Jennifer Sherman



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 Shari Dworkin-Smith (sharidworkinsmith@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 sched-

ule, 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 inreach 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 Jennifer Hall (happyjen68@gmail.com) to help with the Social Action Team.