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Mark Your Calendar!

All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • November 6th

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Sunday • November 8th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • November 13th

7th Grade Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Sunday • November 15th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am
Family Picnic and Brisket Cookoff
at 12:15 pm

Friday • November 20th

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • November 22nd

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • December 4th

Shabbat "JAM" Service
at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • December 6th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • December 11th

Shabbat Chanukah Service
at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • December 13th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • December 18th

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

FROM THE BIMA

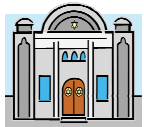
Cantor Kim Singer

What brings you joy? What gives you a sense of peace? Of relaxation? If I were to really gather your answers, I suspect there would be a wide range. Even possibly, another oddball like me who finds a great sense of relaxation in the front seat of a really big roller coaster. (I know, it's a bit odd.) Our tastes in food, or music, are probably also wildly different. And really—as much as I love ice cream, I would hate to have that as my only meal option! Our preferences for worship vary as well, from person to person, and even from week to week. What seems meditative on one particular evening may seem to drag on another.

Over the course of the year we'll be trying some new things in terms of Shabbat services. Jewish liturgy is always a balance between keva and kavana, the set liturgy and the fresh perspectives we can bring to it. Over time, the kavana, the innovations of one generation, become the keva, the fixed “way of doing things” for the next. But don't worry! We're not getting rid of everything you love and find familiar and comforting in worship!

Beginning this month, one Friday night each month (usually the second Friday) will be Shir Ruach. This will be an energetic service appropriate for all ages, but hopefully with an added appeal to our younger worshippers. These services will feature upbeat music and stories rather than sermons—often featuring our “puppet in residence Kimbu.” Our religious school classes will sometimes be helping to lead the prayers. We will also be including a Torah reading. This lets our students experience a Torah service, so that it is more familiar as Bar/Bat Mitzvah approaches, lets the entire congregation hear Torah being read on a regular basis, and helps to keep our Torah scrolls in good shape! Just like us humans, the Torahs need a little movement to stay healthy.

Another experiment that I'm really excited about: if you play a musical instrument, this is for you! Shabbat Jam! On Friday December 4, please bring whatever instrument you play, and we'll have an extra-musical Shabbat. I will have music—in fact, I'd be delighted to send you the music in advance if you'd like to practice. Tell me what instrument and I'll get you the songs in the correct clef and key. If you don't play an instrument, no worries—we need people to sing the



Service Location

University Carillon United
Methodist Church (UCUMC)
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1395 Campus View Court, Oviedo 32765
(corner of Lockwood & McCulloch)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aaron Sherman

This week is the URJ Biennial! It feels like we've been waiting forever for November 2015 and the Biennial to arrive. With the Biennial in Orlando and so close to our home, I wish that everyone could attend, but I know that won't happen this year. We do have enough participants at the Biennial that Temple Shir Shalom achieved a Platinum delegation status! This will be my first participation at a Biennial and my first participation in a regional or national Jewish event. I'm not 100% sure of what to expect, but I'm looking forward to a great information exchange with URJ and other congregational leaders on how to be better leaders within our own congregations.

One of the reasons I decided that attending the Biennial was important to me was because of the opportunity it provided to participate in something exclusively Jewish on a massive scale. I've never been to Israel, didn't go to a Jewish camp as a youth, and I grew up in small communities in the Midwest, so the biggest shared Jewish experience I've had is a High Holiday service. This will by far be the biggest Jewish event that I have ever participated in. All of the stories I have heard shared about Biennial experience reference the feelings created as a result of participating in an event of this scale.

This month is going to be the start of Temple Shir Shalom's improved community focus, too. This past sum-

mer, the Board set the goal of doing a better job of joining with the greater Oviedo and Orlando Jewish communities. In November, we're going to stretch our community reach by participating in A Taste in the Park, sponsored by the Jewish Pavilion. We're also going to host a booth at the Great Day in the Country in Oviedo. The Mitzvah Mavens program that Cantor Kim has set up, with a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, is going to bring the local teen community together through Temple Shir Shalom.

Although massive events like Biennial only happen every other year, there is no reason why we can't strive to create the same emotion with the things we do. The Board and our many volunteers helping to organize events can only provide the opportunities. It's through our participation that we create the emotional experiences that become meaningful and memorable. Our participation will reach others in the community where they are in their spiritual journeys and hopefully we'll inspire them to join us on our journey.

*Shalom,
Aaron*

SERVICE SET-UP CREW

Since we are only borrowing space at UCUMC, the sanctuary needs to be set up for our services each week. We are looking for volunteers to help with service setup. UCUMC sets up the chairs and tables for us, so we only need to take care of setting up the ritual equipment each week. We would like to have a team of volunteers to help throughout the month. If you are willing to volunteer to help with setup once a month, please contact Aaron Sherman (407-277-2485 or ajsherman@cfl.rr.com).

Cantor (continued from page 1)

words too. I know we have a wide range of instrumentalists within our congregational family. So, dust off that sax...drag out that cello...we're not expecting a perfect, polished performance, just a fun evening of creating music together and "making a joyful noise to God."

We'll be looking for your feedback as the year progresses. Also, feel free to share any ideas you have for our worship services.

Best, Kim



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EDUCATION INFORMATION

We've had a great beginning to the school year, with apples and honey, edible sukkot and great learning taking place in all our classrooms. Thanks to our excellent faculty and wonderful madrichim for your commitment to our students and their Jewish education.

Here is a quick taste of what's been going on in our classes:

K-2 students spent the first few weeks focusing on the high holidays, family traditions, tzedaka, and Shabbat rituals. Hebrew letters are brought to life in a multi-sensory approach that includes verbal and kinesthetic element—a high point each week is forming the letters with our bodies! By the end of the year each child will take home a photo booklet showing their hard work learning the Hebrew alphabet. Students also participate in the regular Mitkadem program to learn decoding. Classes include activities such as crafts, games, and dancing in order to learn about our Jewish heritage.

Our 3rd and 4th Graders have been busy studying different aspects of Israel and how we, as Jews, are connected to/strive for a connection to Israel. They are also learning how the Holidays are celebrated in Israel. (Everyone thought it was great that on Yom Kippur in Israel, you can ride your bike and take walks in the middle of the street!) We have also started studying the Prophets, specifically those who make an appearance after the Torah. So far, we have been introduced to Jonah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Joshua. And last but certainly not least, we are also studying Mitzvot. With 613 to choose from, we are concentrating on those connected to the Holidays and those that we can perform in our daily lives. We are also connecting these subjects by considering the Prophets we study and the Mitzvot that they perform. For example, Jonah performed Teshuvah (returning to his best self) in order to get out of the fish. A big part of our exploration revolves around questions and discussions. This group is full of probing questions and

insightful responses!

Fifth and sixth graders are exploring the history of the Jewish People. So far we have studied: living in the early Diaspora, maintaining Jewish traditions living in different cultures, holding on to hope while away from home (with Amos and Isaiah as examples) and the returning to, rebuilding, and rebirth of Jerusalem. In our study of Jewish Ethics we focused on the question of kindness to animals – how does our treatment of our pets reflect our Jewish heritage?

The 7th grade class has been off to a great start. Already, the 7th graders have explored their Jewish values, taken a field trip to UCF Hillel to learn about how to stay involved in the Jewish community after becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and discussed Jewish views of service by analyzing Maimonides eight levels of charity and applied them to the ways we give to others. Students have already pointed out, many of the questions we address in class about Jewish values do not have one right answer. They are learning that as Jews, we may share a similar set of social and religious values, but our beliefs of right and wrong may be slightly different based upon our personal values.

Our Hebrew program is moving along well. Under the guidance of Morah Debbie House and all the wonderful teens of our Madrich Corps, students are working at their individual levels. K-1st graders are working on learning Alef-Bet and vowels, 2nd graders are learning brachot (blessings), Students in grades 3-4 studying blessings and Sh'ma/V'ahavta., while grades 5-6 are working on either Sh'ma/V'ahavta or Avot v'Imahot. Our B'nai mitzvah class is working on prayers for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah services as well as working on lessons for Avot V'Imahot. As the year goes on students will continue to master the prayers at their own pace.

Mitzvah Member Honor Roll

***Keith & Peri Goldberg
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Eric & Valorie Karter
Bruce & Jennifer Paster
Aaron & Jennifer Sherman
Svetlana Shtrom
Michael Sonnenschein
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Friday December 4
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together. Cantor Kim will
provide sheet music for our ser-
vice melodies.



You can even get your music in
advance to practice if you'd like!
RSVP to
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DONATIONS

From the Family of Tom Cooper, in appreciation of their
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Laurie Levine to the Permanent Home Fund

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November 6th

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November 13th

*Thank you to our 7th Grade class for
helping sponsor the oneg*

November 20th

Pot Luck

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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.

PJ Library

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1/2 years old that is sponsored by the Jewish
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Check out the website at
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TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM'S FALL PICNIC & BRISKET COOK-OFF AT RED BUG LAKE PARK

Please join us on Sunday November
15th from 12:15 - 3:00 pm for our
Fall picnic and brisket cook-off.
Everyone is welcome to participate
and bring their famous family
brisket. Please bring enough to share
for about 15 people. All RSVP's for
brisket need to be in by November 8th so we know
how many will be participating. Even if you aren't
part of the cook-off, we still need taste testers and
judges!



We ask that every family not entering the cook-off
please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to
share. TSS will supply hamburgers, hotdogs and
water. Make sure to bring your outside game
equipment as we are hoping for great weather this
year. If you have any questions, or would like
additional information, please contact Jennifer
Sherman at boilerjenn@cfl.rr.com or
407-277-2485. See you on November 15th!

Please RSVP by using the following
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daeaf2ba31-temple>

The membership team is hard at work...we will be attending "A Taste in the Park" in Maitland November 8th and "The Great Day in the Country" in Oviedo November 14th. We

hope to spread the good word about Temple Shir Shalom and our new spiritual leader, Cantor Kim, to the community. We are working on TSS t-shirts for purchase by the congregation. These should be ready to order soon...look for more information in your upcoming e-mail blasts. As always, please remember that we are all a part of the membership team. Bring any Jewish family, friends, co-workers etc. to any of our activities.

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Tina Buck

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It's A Question For The Ages - Which Is Better - Latkes OR Hamentashen???

The First Annual Temple Shir Shalom LATKE/ HAMENTASHEN DEBATE is coming on December 11th and we're looking for debaters!!

Do you feel strongly that Latkes are better than Hamentashen or maybe that approach is just full of prunes?!?!

If you've got a strong opinion, WE NEED YOU!! This is always a great event full of silliness and raucous fun but it only works with great participation!! SO, even if you're not ready to take the stage to defend your position, be prepared to join us in lots of fun as we debate (and of course heckle!) the merits of Latkes vs Hamentashen!! BUT, if you have a strong position, we want to hear it!! WE NEED SPEAKERS FOR EACH SIDE!!

Contact Shari Dworkin-Smith at sdsmk@cfl.rr.com for more information!!

Witness - A Reader's Theater in Commemoration Kristallnacht

On Monday November 9th at 7:00 pm, FUMCO will be presenting Kristallnacht: "The Night of Broken Glass". This presentation is free to the public and all are welcome.

Temple Shir Shalom members, Cliff Geismar, Peri and Matthew Goldberg are part of the production, as well as UCF Professor Dr. Ken Hanson.



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November 8th A Taste In The Park

A tasting and multi-generational festival for the Jewish Pavilion. Proceeds benefit seniors in elder-care. Festival is on November 8th from noon until 3 pm at Venue on the Lake, 641 S. Maitland Avenue, Maitland. Guests can sample artisanal fare with Heather McPherson, Book Author and Food Editor of the Orlando Sentinel, and Katie Farmand, Author and Editor of Edibles Orlando. Have your cake and decorate it too, with cake artist, Yael Miller. Orlando City Soccer and The Pinball Lounge will provide kicks for kids, as well as the young at heart. You can buy tickets at <https://thepavilion.webconnex.com/taste2015>.

Thank you to everyone in our Temple Shir Shalom family for the outpouring of love and prayers following the passing of our beloved Tom. Thank you for the meals, the visits, and the stories. It is heart warming to hear the ways Tom impacted the lives of those around him.

In gratitude,

The Cooper and Knapp Family

TEEN STUFF:

BBYO:

WHAT: NFR Kallah

WHO: BBYO members grades 9th-12th only

WHEN: November 6th, 6 pm – November 8th, noon

COST: \$275

RSVP: http://b-linked.bbyo.org/event/82783_NFR_Kallah_Behind_The_Mask

Join NFR for the first convention of the school year! Make new friends and celebrate old ones over innovative mixers, creative spiritual experiences, and meaningful programming. Full program price is \$275. Orlando teens MAY NOT drive themselves to convention and must be dropped off at the hotel by a parent or guardian.

For more information, contact Lory Conte at LConte@bbyo.org.

Thank you to everybody who supported myself and Team Shir Lupie/Pink Power in the Life Without Lupus walk last week. The team raised \$211. I haven't heard the final total for the event but the last I heard they had raised over \$20,000!



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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 templehsirshalom.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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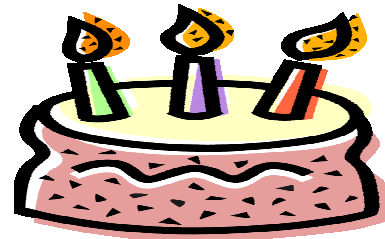
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Temple Shir Shalom Teams

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 sched-

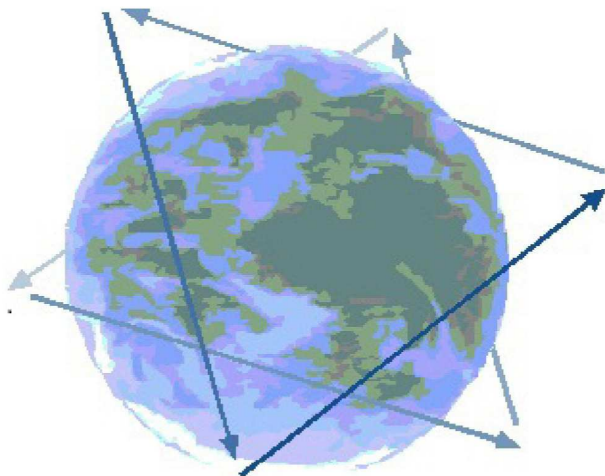
ule, plan special Shabbat observances, organize volunteer lay leader participation on Shabbat and holidays, plan communal holiday observances (Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukkah, etc.) and care for the ritual equipment. Contact Aaron Sherman (ajsherman@cfl.rr.com) to help with the Ritual Team.

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 Cy Barnert (cybarlight@msn.com) to help with the Social Action Team.



Mitzvah Mavens

a teen study & action program

Join Cantor Kim and youth advisor Heidi Smith to repair our world one afternoon at a time. We'll join for lunch and a short study session on an important Jewish value and then head out into the world to put that value into action! Program meets twice a month through April.

- You do not need to be able to attend all sessions to participate.
- Program is open to all teens, it is not necessary to be a TSS member!
- RSVPs are **essential!!** email CantorKim@gmail.com

November sessions:

Sunday, November 8

אל תפרוש מן יצבור--Do Not Separate Yourself From the Community--

project: logistical support for "Taste In The Park"

location: meet at 1:30pm at Maitland Civic Center

RSVP deadline: Thursday November 5

Sunday, November 22

נחמו נחמו עמי--Providing Comfort--

project: fleece wheelchair lap blankets

meet at 1:00pm at Cantor Kim's place (RSVP for exact location)

RSVP deadline: Thursday November 19



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Jewish Teen Education Network

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