

Semple Shir Shalom

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Mark Your Calendar! All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • October 2nd Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

> Friday • October 3rd Bat Mitzvah of Julia Geismar at UCUMC at 10 am

Sunday • October 4th Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

> Tuesday • October 6th Simchat Torah in Main Sanctuary at 7:30 pm

Sunday • Ocotber 11th Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • October 16th Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm Main Sanctuary

Sunday • October 18th Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • October 23rd Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm Main Sanctuary

Friday • November 6th Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • November 9th Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • November 13th Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm Main Sanctuary

Sunday • November 15th Religious School at Double R-9:00 am



Service Location

University Carillon United Methodist Church (UCUMC) EPICenter

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

FROM THE BIMA Cantor Kim Singer

September was a tough month for members of Temple Shir Shalom. In addition to our High Holy Day services—for which many of our members put in huge efforts behind the scenes, we faced the added sad task of saying goodbye to too many cherished members and family members, and the responsibility of giving love and support to mourners. I have been in congregational life for many years. I have rarely seen such an outpouring of concern in a congregation of any size. It confirmed for me what an amazing community this really is.

But I'm sure none of us are sad to tear the "September" page off the calendar and move on to a new month—one in which we pray we will be able to focus on happy times and events. We start off with a bang in the opening weekend, with the year's first Bat Mitzvah (congratulations Julia!), followed just a few short days later by our Simchat Torah celebration.

In terms of the Jewish calendar the new month arrives on October 13. That month is Cheshvan, sometimes called Mar Cheshvan (mar means bitter), because it is the only month in the Jewish calendar without any holidays. Well, aside from Shabbat, which will continue to arrive each week. I can assure you that for clergy, the month is anything but bitter. It offers a bit of time to breathe, or at least some time to focus on synagogue duties beyond services.

It always struck me as terribly inefficient, to sandwich four major holidays into three weeks during Tishrei, and then to have the next month empty of them. But I'm rethinking that. Whether this was consciously a part of the planning all those many years ago, I think there are things we gain, and things we learn—about the community and ourselves—as a result of the holiday marathon.

Think of Jewish life as a pool. You can dangle your feet in the water, wade in and splash around. Or you can take a deep breath and jump off the diving board. Tishri is our diving board. In the space of a few weeks we experience fasting and feasting; intense personal reflection and joyous community celebration; a full day inside the sanctuary and a full week outside, sheltered only by a fragile hut covered with branches. And after those four weeks of intense Judaism, a month with no holidays at all to let everything settle back down, to ponder what we've learned. Maybe it's not such a crazy idea after all.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Aaron Sherman

It's hard to find the right words to share how I've been affected by this month. I've been helping with High Holidays at Temple Shir Shalom for several years, so I know what behind the scenes work is necessary to make the High Holidays meaningful for our congregation. We have a good support team of volunteers who help, but it can still get to be a bit stressful. The added sudden losses of our friends and loved ones Tom Cooper, Evelyn Solomonov and Larry Appleton in the hours leading up to Yom Kippur affected us all differently, but the community response was inspiring. In the span of 5 days, we observed Yom Kippur, two memorial services and two shiva services. It was moving to see the congregation's support for the Cooper, Maxwell and Procell families. I'm glad to be part of a Temple Shir Shalom mishpacha which supports each other in times of difficulty. I also pray that the times we need to do so are few and far between.

At our January Town Hall earlier this year, I heard several comments relating to how Temple Shir Shalom can be more involved with the Oviedo and greater Orlando Jewish communities. It has taken a little while to get them organized, but we finally have some community activities that we'll be participating in. Earlier this summer, the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando offered a grant in support of local Jewish teen programming. Cantor Kim applied and TSS was selected as a recipient of the funds. Beginning next month, Temple Shir Shalom will be hosting a community-wide Jewish study and action program for teens. We are also planning to have a booth at the Great Day in the Country event in Oviedo on November 14. Combined with our efforts housing teens attending the local NFTY Kallah October 9th through 11th, I think we're making good progress toward the goal of being a stronger community presence.

I want to thank several people who were instrumental in our High Holiday season. The sanctuary couldn't have been set up without the help of Ari Schein, Eric Karter, David Zishuk and Jennifer Sherman who helped with the



ark move and setup and brought our other ritual items to FUMCO. Thank you to our service co-leaders Robyn Solomon, Sharon Zishuk, Lisa Goldblatt, Fern Burr and Cy Barnert for your leadership on the bima and work with Cantor Kim to make the services as smooth as possible in her first year. Our Book of Remembrance was assembled this year thanks to the efforts of Susan Holstein, Josh Greenberg and Meryl Poweski. Apples and Honey following Rosh Hashanah morning services were organized by Leslie Collin with help from Jennifer Sherman and Sharon Zishuk. Thank you to Valorie and Eric Karter for again organizing our Break Fast this year. Lastly, thank you to those who stuck around after a full day of Yom Kippur observance to help clean the Fellowship Hall and sanctuary: Ari Schein, Thomas Ullman, Mike Sonnenschein, Lynne Howard, Jeff Goldblatt, Eric and Valorie Karter, Dale Mester, Josh and Christie Greenberg and Jennifer Sherman. I've tried my best to keep a good list of the folks who have helped, but it's likely that I've missed someone. If so, I apologize for keeping poor records, but offer you my thanks all the same.

I'm going to conclude my message this month by issuing a challenge. The Board set another goal for this year of having 100% congregational participation. There's a lot going on in October with Sukkot, Simchat Torah, a Bat Mitzvah, social, social action, youth groups and religious school. Take a look through the newsletter and find something that interests you. Let's see how close we can get to the goal just for October!

Shalom, Aaron

Cantor (continued from page 1)

So, friends. Take a few deep breaths. Put the glass down. But don't let things get too quiet. If there's one thing I learned in Tishri—or was emphatically reminded of, at least—it is how much we really need each other and our community, how much comfort there can be in just spending time together. So, make plans to spend some time with us in Cheshvan. If you've had your fill of services for a while, check the calendar—there are plenty of other activities going on that will help maintain those connections. Come and jump back into the pool—the water's fine!

Best, Kim

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EDUCATION INFORMATION

Temple Shir Shalom Religious School invited everyone to join us for some time in the sukkah this past Sunday at Double R school. There were snacks and activities for all ages, and the chance to fulfill the mitzvot of dwelling in the sukkah and shaking the lulav. Thanks to Sari Stender for organizing the parent participation for our celebration.

In September, our 7th graders enjoyed a joint social action activity with UCF Hillel. They helped to created decorations for the Hillel sukkah, and spent time learning with the student leaders at Hillel. Kudos to 7th grade teacher Tamara Zishuk for organizing this event. Check out the photos on the Temple Shir Shalom Facebook page!

As a reminder, RS classes meet on Oct 4, 11 and 18, but not on Oct 25 or Nov 1. November 1 is a community-wide Teen Day of Learning, look for more information on the last page of the newsletter

FUMCO Drama, in Partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida, and the Interfaith Council of Central Florida, presents:

EVENT: "Witness - A Reader's Theater in Commemoration of Kristallnacht"

DATE: November 9, 2015 (7:00 PM) in the Historic Sanctuary at First United Methodist Church of Oviedo (FUMCO), 263 King Street, Oviedo, FL

DETAILS: On the night of November 9, 1938, the lives of more than 30,000 Jews were forever changed when they were killed, incarcerated in concentration camps, had their homes, businesses, and belongings destroyed, and synagogues burned to the ground. In this moving drama, we will see history unfold in the retelling of this story of a few of the survivors (re-enacted), some of who were very young on the night of this horrific event. We hope you will join us for this special performance. For more information contact the FUMCO Drama Director, Bob Putnam at putnamsfl@aol.com FUMCO: http://fumco.net Holocaust Center: http:// www.holocaustedu.org InterFaith Council:http://interfaithfl.org

BE PART OF THE WORLD-WIDE CHALLAH BAKE!

As part of this unified effort, join Hundreds of Orlando Jewish Women for a FUN and inspirational evening of Challah Making, and learn the



secret to great tasting Challah! Chabad centers throughout Orlando are proud to be partnering with Rosen JCC, The Jewish Pavilion and Kinneret to bring you a new dimension of the Mega Challah Bake. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from The Jewish Federation.

Thursday October 22nd

Cost: \$18 includes Soup, Salad Bar and LOAVES OF LOVE: Each person will make 2 loaves of challah at the event - one for yourself and one to be delivered to an elderly person in our community. Registration is now open!! Register at www.MegaChallahEvent.com. For questions, contact Leslie Collin at collinfamily5@gmail.com. Leslie is a Table Captain for the Maitland event!

> Mitzvah Member Honor Roll Keith & Peri Goldberg 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.



ADULT BUNCO AND HAVDALLAH SERVICE



October 24th at 7 pm, come out to the home of Leslie & Mike Collin for a fun Adult evening of BUNCO. Sign up at <u>http:// www.signupgenius.com/</u> <u>go/10c0b4daeaf2ba31-</u> <u>adult1</u>. Enjoy a great night of

food, fun and schmoozing. BUNCO is easy to learn and fun for everyone. Cost is \$10 per person, with prizes for 1st place, most Bunco's, etc. Bring a Dessert or Appetizer to share and your favorite adult beverage. Also, leave a comment on the signup if you have a card tables and/or folding chairs that can be used at this event.



Correction to September's Newsletter: The sponsor families for Julia's Oneg were: Julie & Steve Dross, Karyn & Gary Schulman, Mandy & Steve Nelson, Daun & David Cooper, Susan & Sam Nager, Debbie & Dan Levenson, Elaine & Jim Byrne, David & Debbie House

Thank you Oneg Sponsors!

<u>October 2nd</u> B'nai Mitzvah Class

> October 16th Pot Luck

October 23rd Pot Luck

October 30th Pot Luck

ONEG SPONSORS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER!

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 <u>shtroms@yahoo.com</u>. **DONATIONS**

Dworkin Family Philanthropic Fund

Thomas Ullmann to the Spritual Leadership Fund in appreciation of the honor of carrying the Torah on Rosh Hashanah.

Thomas Ullmann in honor of Eileen Glasco's aliyah on Rosh Hashanah

Thomas Ullmann in honor of Susan Holstein's aliyah on Rosh Hashanah

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Marvin and Toby Guttman

Mitzvah of Giving Funds:

Education * General * Mitzvah Permanent Home * Prayer Book * Ritual Spiritual Leadership * URJ Camp Scholarship

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!

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, 407-277-2485).

FACEBOOK PAGE:



Please be sure to LIKE our official facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>templeshirshalomoviedo</u> and then invite your friends and family to like our page as well!

SOCIAL ACTION:

Cindi Spurgeon is forming a team for the Walk to Cure Lupus. Won't you join Team Shir Lupie on October 17th, aka Team Pink? I hate this disease and will do anything in my power to end it. Thank you for your help! Cindi's personal web page to help in her efforts to support Lupus Foundation of Florida Inc. can be found at http://lupusflorida.kintera.org/faf/ r.asp?t=4&i=1137403&u=1137403-

424453596&e=8456889526

Follow This Link to visit Cindi's team web page and help in her efforts to support Lupus Foundation of Florida Inc. at http://lupusflorida.kintera.org/faf/ r.aspt=12&i=1137403&g=6410827&faf=1&e=84568 89526

Temple Shir Shalom thanks the following members and friends for pledging to support our High Holiday appeal: Mike Sonnenschein • Eric and Valorie Karter Chris and Beth Schafer • Harry and Kim Glusky Mike and Nancy Raymond Doug and Andrea Holcomb Jerry and Beth Hutcheson • Susan Holstein Scott and Denyse Demner • Lori Braciak Flo Kramer • Sandy Ribakoff Cy Barnett and Cindi Spurgeon Steven and Laurie Levine Meryl Poweski • Lois Schoenbrun Annette Romaine • Jon and Shelly Sundheim Sharon Stein and Jerry Goldstein • Julius Higger Bruce and Jennifer Paster • Svetlana Shtrom Jeff and Lisa Goldblatt • Steve and Julie Dross Steve and Bonnie Baronoff Josh and Christie Greenberg Sam and Susan Nager • David and Sharon Zishuk Rob Smith and Shari Dworkin-Smith • Dale Mester Rheda Epstein • Harvey Kansol Michelle Sherman • Aaron and Jennifer Sherman Andrew and Joan Stolzar • Shep and Fern Burr Michael and Virginia Bibliowicz

Your generosity support the ritual, educational and social programming at Temple Shir Shalom this year. We are only a few hundred dollars short of our pledge goal of \$7000 for 2015. We are also well on our way toward our secondary goal of having 100% of our members contribute to our High Holiday appeal. You can still help us reach our goal by e-mailing Treasurer Laurie Levine (treasurer@templeshirshalom.org) with your pledge amount. You can also contribute directly through our website (http://www.templeshirshalom.org). Just look for the "High Holiday Appeal" link in the main menu bar. Please help us reach both our financial and participation goals by pledging or donating today!



IF ANYONE HAS ANY TOWELS, SHEETS, BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, OLD DOG AND CAT FOOD BOWLS, AND ALSO COLLARS, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD HELP TO KEEP OUR 'BABIES' AS COMFORT-ABLE AS WE CAN. WHEN WE HAVE THESE COLD NIGHTS, EVERY SINGLE DOG AND CAT GETS A BLANKET TO SNUGGLE IN, AND SO WE GO THROUGH MANY A WEEK. YOU CAN DROP ITEMS OFF AT TEMPLE BEFORE SERVICES OR YOU CAN CALL ME AT 407-365-0510 TO ARRANGE A PICKUP. SANDY RIBAKOFF

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Temple Shir Shalom as your charitable organization, and start shopping!

Thanks to those who donated knitted yarn to me this

past year With the yarn that was donated and varn I purchased it allowed me to send over 100 warm hats to homeless shelters here in Florida and up North, I will continue to do this as long as I am able. If you would like donate one ball of knitting yarn {Red Heart} the cost is about \$3.00 toward this cause it



would help a great deal. Let me know at 321-274-5220. Thank you all again, Eileen

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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).

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! Sherri Eistenstein is organizing our delegation's attendance, so please contact her at <u>sherrieisen@gmail.com</u> if you are attending.

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<u>TEENS</u>

BBYO REGIONAL BROTHERHOOD SLEEPOVER:

WHEN: October 16th, 6:30 PM - October 17th 5:00 PM

WHERE: The Roth Family JCC, 851 Maitland Avenue, Orlando FL

WHO: BBYO Members Only, Males Only in grades 9-12

COST: \$40.00 due by 10/16/2015 RSVP: <u>http://b-linked.bbyo.org/</u> event/82469 NFR Regional Brotherhood

Young men of the North Florida Region, it is time to come together and grow our Brotherhood and Fraternity. Come Rush North Florida Region (NFR) and become a part of the greatest group of young Jewish Men in the Order. Grow your leadership skills while growing as Alephs as well. This is an event you will not want to miss. Questions? Contact Jonah Goldberg at<u>NFRAZAGodol@gmail.com</u>

<u>SHFTY</u>

Halloween MAD LIBS. Join us for the FUN and Crazy MAD LIBS. Held at the home of Heidi Smith 640 Cedar Forest Circle Orlando FL 32828. From 5:00 to 7:30 on October 25th. Dinner and drinks will be provided.

LIL SHFTY:

Saturday October 18th, Join Lil SHFTY in making Halloween masks, Mini pumpkin decorating and learn Michael Jacksons "Thriller" dance. 12:00 – 2:30 at the Double RR School. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Cost \$3.00 per person.

'LIL SHFTY & SHFTY:

Fall Kallah October 9-11. Please join us for Friday Night Services attending the convention or not at Congregation of Reform Judaism, 928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

PJ Library

Orlando has a PJ Library for children 6 months - 5 1/2 years old that is sponsored by the Jewish Federation. The program mails for free children's Jewish literature and music to families on a monthly basis. The books are a gift from your Jewish community and are totally free. All you have to do is signup! Check out the website at <u>http://www.pjlibrary.org/communities/jewish-federation-greater-orlando/160</u>.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Julia Geismar 3 Jeremy Holstein 3 Kimberly Isaacson 3 Sarah Schulman 3 Steve Seed 5 Sarah Schafer 10 Valorie Karter 13 Rose Moskowitz 16 Joseph Glusky 16 Jennifer Paster 17 Samuel Kaplan 17 Jennifer Sherman 17 John Harry Zielinsky 18 Michael Sonnenschein 24 Toby Gutman 26 Anna Lesnick 28 Gabriel Barnert 29 Melissa Kweller 31 Adam Collin

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Sam Nager 9 Michael Bianco 9 Ed Foote 10 Steven Levine 10 Marc Vogin 11 Alexa Schein 18 Jennie Huse 18 Kari Miller 18 Brent Terwilliger 19 Reva Fedigan 22 Andrew Dross 24 Thomas Ullman 25 Jake Hopkins 26 Ana Weiser 26 David Zishuk 27 Sheila Cooper 30 Karyn Schulman
- OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
 1 Shawn & Reva Fedigan
 8 Jerry & Beth Hutcheson
 10 David & Daun Cooper
 13 Kevin & Kari Miller
 13 Brent Terwilliger & Mary
 Moskowitz
 29 Steve & Julie Dross
 29 Cliff & Shari Geismar

29 Joshua & Christie Greenberg

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

14 Marc & Tracy Vogin 15 Shep & Fern Burr 25 Harry & Kim Glusky 25 Michael & Nancy Raymond

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 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 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.



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Teen Day Schedule

Located on the campus of Jewish Academy of Orlando

- 8:30 9:00 **Registration & Breakfast**
- 9:00 9:30 Introduction
- Breakout Sessions with Israel Defense Forces Soldiers 9:30 - 11:00
- Acts of Kindness—What Can I Do? 11:00 - 11:30
- 11:30 12:00 **Concluding Session**

2:00 (optional) Musical IDF Ensemble Concert at Congregation Ohev Shalom

Open to all 8th - 12th Graders

Register online by October 26th

Support local families this Thanksgiving by bringing 2 cans of food with you for JFS Orlando's Pearlman Food Pantry.







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