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Mark Your Calendar!

All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • September 9th

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel
at 7:30 pm

Thank you to the TSS religious school
parents for sponsoring the oneg in honor of
the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Vogin

Saturday • September 10th

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Vogin at 10:00 am

Sunday • September 11th

Religious School at 9:00 am

Friday • September 16th

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel
at 7:30 pm

Sunday • September 18th

Religious School at 9:00 am

Sunday • September 25th

Religious School at 9:00 am

Friday • September 30th

Shabbat Service at Temple Israel
at 7:30 pm

Temple Shir Shalom services are held
at
Temple Israel,
50 S Moss Road, Winter Springs FL

L' Shanah Tovah
Have a sweet year!



FROM THE BIMA Cantor Kim Singer

Judaism teaches that God is continually renewing creation. It's a radical idea: we perceive that things have permanence, but really, every day is a reboot. (Another version of the teaching says that the full reboot takes 7,000 years. I guess that puts Windows 10 into perspective.) But there is no denying the power of new-ness--whether it's a new relationship, a new restaurant or a new Religious School. There is an inherent excitement and sense of optimism in new experiences. For me, the idea that all of creation is new every day challenges us to discover ways to find the energy that comes so naturally with new endeavors in things and situations that are more familiar.

I've had two particularly strong examples of "new energy" during the first few weeks of MAGAL, our new collaborative Religious School. On the first day the last two hours were an educational and community building program with the entire school. As a group of about a dozen students enthusiastically charged by in search of the next stop on their scavenger hunt, Rabbi Neely—my partner in running the school—turned to me and said, "you know, I'd forgotten what this many kids in the building feels like." The next week we had all the students on the bimah practicing for our first Shabbat service together (Friday Sept 2!). We said, "that was nice, but can you sing a little louder?" The volume doubled. Their voices filled the Temple Israel sanctuary. It was beautiful and inspiring.

But as I said, those are the easy times. It's a challenge to keep tapping into that energy over time. Many of my friends posted photos of their child's first day of school. But not of the second, and probably not of the 150th. Don't get me wrong. New things are special and should be recognized. We even have a bracha for that—shehecheyanu. But the idea that creation renews every day reminds us that life continues to be amazing even when it has become a bit more routine.

That's a big part of what the High Holydays are for. Reminding us to pay attention to the cycle. We pray (among other things) chadeish yameinu: renew our days; chadeish aleinu Shana Tova: renew a good year for us. So I ask you, in the weeks leading up to Rosh Hashana—set aside some time to consider what that renewal might look like for you. Temple Shir Shalom is firmly in its "teen years" now. If you have been part of the congregation for some time, think about the energy and excitement of the early days. What parts of that can we

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

By the time this goes out to everyone in the congregation, there will be just a few official calendar weeks of Summer left. However, if you have school/college age kids like me, you probably recognized the “end of Summer” when school started (or perhaps when camp ended). Was it just me, or did this Summer absolutely fly by? The saying, “time flies when you’re having fun” may be partially to blame. My family and I enjoyed so many good times this year. Graduation, a learner’s permit, a couple of fun vacations, business growth, and mostly good health and times around us. We feel very fortunate.

Here at our beloved Temple Shir Shalom, over the past 2+ years, the winds of change have been blowing. Those winds feel more like refreshing breezes of late, though I hope. For example, we’ve enjoyed a new spiritual home for about 3 months now. I want to thank so many of you for the appreciation you’ve shown our Board team over the new partnership at Temple Israel. It sounds like our new environment has contributed mightily to our Shabbat experiences when we gather together. And, the breeze ushered in an amazing new opportunity for our area Jewish youth with the launch of MAGAL and the addition of Tricia Torrence as our new SHFTY/NFTY leader. What a combination...In addition, none of this would have been possible without the support and hard work of Cantor Kim, who earlier this Summer celebrated her 1 year anniversary leading us. I don’t know about you, but I feel so lucky our search committee was able to find Cantor Kim.

She’s certainly ushered in some fair winds, especially in the past several months.

As we look ahead, there is much going on as we drift into Fall, and more importantly, our High Holiday Season. While some things will be quite similar, such as our beautiful space at FUMCO, other small tweaks will hopefully show continued effort by our Board team to add value and sincerity to your experience with Temple Shir Shalom. I want to thank Aaron Sherman and our ritual committee and all the volunteers in advance, for the efforts they’ll put forth to help make certain our journey through the High Holidays is rich and meaningful. All of you who will help to lead services, sing in our choir, sit on the Bima, or simply just attend and enjoy, I want to thank you for inspiring our Temple Shir Shalom family to have the most rewarding of New Years.

We have many things to be thankful for. And yet, we have much work still to do to build and sustain the future that we envision in our hopes and dreams. Please continue to do all that you can to share the good vibrations and refreshing breezes we are enjoying. Growth of our TSS Family is still our top priority; strong numbers will help us withstand unwanted storms.

*With Appreciation,
Josh and the Board Team*



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.



Attention parents of college children.... especially those with newly minted freshmen. TSS is starting its very own Boxing Club. What is a

boxing club? We will be gathering every few months to box up care packages for our children. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please contact Peri Goldberg at peri@embarqmail.com. **Our first "meeting" will be on Sunday September 25 from 7-9pm to box up a High Holidays care package.** Appetizers and wine will be served. You must RSVP if you are boxing, so we know how many items needed to bring for the boxes. Parents who are not yet ready to "box" or have no need to, are also welcome to come and observe.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

MAGAL is rolling

The Meitin Alliance for Growth and Learning (MAGAL) got off to a great start in August. We have over 40 students enrolled in this collaborative effort with Temple Israel, and the building was filled with their energy and excitement—especially during our Pokemon-themed school-wide program on opening day. We spent time the first few classes evaluating each student's Hebrew level and we will now be jumping back into our self-paced Hebrew learning. We're excited to add an online study component this year, which makes home practice more engaging and enables teachers to more easily track student progress and identify areas that need additional support. Parents: if you have not sent in the permission slip to allow child to use the Online Learning Classroom, please return it as soon as possible! Contact Cantor Kim (cantorkim@gmail.com) if you need another copy. We want your child to have the best tools available to succeed at Hebrew!

We also celebrated our first Shabbat as a school community. These monthly services throughout the year give students the chance to put their Hebrew learning into action, and allow us to put our commitment to diversity into practice by experiencing some of each others' customs and traditions.

Throughout the year we will be looking for volunteers to share their skills and interests with our school community. Do you knit? Bake? Are you passionate about genealogy? Something else? Please let us know. We are hoping to involve congregants of all ages in the mitzvah of teaching our children.

Please note that there are no Sunday classes on October 2.

Jacob Wayne Vogin



Jacob is in 7th grade at Sanford Middle School.

He is passionate about science and is hoping to one day become a veterinarian. Jacob enjoys soccer and has been playing since he was about 4. He also enjoys bowling, reading and electronics.

For his Mitzvah project Jacob has enjoyed helping with fostering cats through Cats-can.

He is fortunate to be able to have friends and family from Tampa, South Florida, Connecticut, Maryland, Arizona, and Michigan come help us celebrate this special time.

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reclaim? What might help you to renew your connection? If you are new to our family—and we are delighted to have welcomed several new families in the last month—what would help you feel more firmly a part of your Temple family?

The month of Elul is nearly here. That is when our personal preparations for Rosh Hashana are supposed to kick into gear. However you approach this period of reflection and renewal, may it bring a sense of positive energy for the work ahead.

Best, Kim



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& Arthur (AJ)

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.

September 13: Teshuva, Tefillah, Tzedakah--
preparing for the High Holy Days


September 27: The women of the Rosh Hashana Torah readings







Upcoming Little SHFTY events
(6th-8th graders)


Laser Tag: September 17th



Oviedo Mall Scavenger Hunt:
November 13th



Bowling with Big SHFTY:
December 3rd



Thank you Oneg Sponsors!

September 2nd:

Pot-luck (with Religious School families contributing in honor of RS Shabbat)

September 9th:

B'nei Mitzvah class in honor of Jacob Vogin
(Cooper family, Nemery family, Bianco family and Fox/Hopkins family)

September 16th:

Oneg in honor of Sam Morgan's Bar Mitzvah [TI]

September 30th:

Pot-luck

New! Please sign up to sponsor an Oneg by using SignUpGenius at:
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—birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any happy occasion. Every family is encouraged to sponsor at least one Oneg each year. If you have any questions please contact Svetlana Shtrom at shtroms@yahoo.com



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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.

SAIL INTO BBYO

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On the 18th of September, the SS. Builder sets forth for an afternoon
of fun and adventure! Cruise the beautiful Florida waterways on our
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making new ones too! Sail the day away with food, dancing, friends,
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September 18th, 2016.

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Questions? Contact Lory Conte at lconte@bbyo.org

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Julia Geismar
3 Jeremy Holstein
3 Kimberly Isaacson
3 Sarah Schulman
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
27 Rachel Wood
28 Gabriel Barnert
31 Adam Collin

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Shawn & Reva Fedigan
8 Jerry & Beth Hutcheson
10 David & Daun Cooper
13 Brent Terwilliger
& Mary Moskowitz
29 Cliff & Shari Geismar
29 Joshua & Christie Greenberg



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