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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The celebration of the *New Year* is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, Babylonians celebrated the beginning of a new year on what is now March 23, although they themselves had no written calendar.



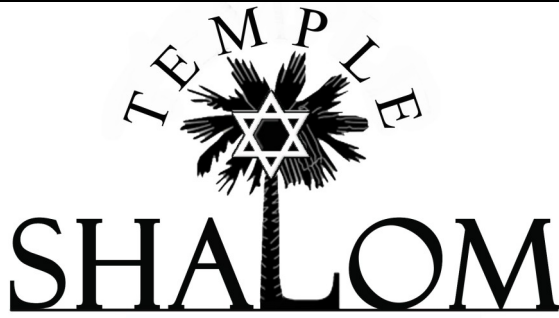
Late March actually is a logical choice for the beginning of a new year. It is the time of year that spring begins and new crops are planted. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian *New Year* celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern *New Year's Eve* festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the *New Year* on March 25, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the *New Year*. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the *Julian Calendar*. It again established January 1 as the *New Year*. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

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On **Saturday mornings** services begin at 10:30 am. We use the Grand Strand Senior Center located at 1268 21 Ave. N., just east of Robert Grissom Parkway in Myrtle Beach. Attendees will enter through the door to the left of the main entrance. A small Kiddush is celebrated after services.

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There are six plots for available for purchase by our members in the cemetery. Should you be interested in making this type of advance need purchase please direct your questions to LilyAnn Revitch.

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Temple Shalom Newsletter

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events and information you wish to share to:

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FROM THE RABBI

It all started while I was suffering through a tedious lecture in physics while attending college. As the professor droned on, a previously unknown female student leaned over and whispered in my ear, "This class is as boring as my Zayde's seder."

The student knew that she did not look Jewish, nor did she wear any identifying signs like a Star of David. So foregoing the awkward declaration, "I'm Jewish," she devised a more finessed way of informing me that she and I had the same heritage.

This incident is an example of what is sometimes called, "bageling." We Jews, regardless of how observant or affiliated we are, have a powerful need to connect with one another. To that end, we find ways to "bagel" each other -- to "out" ourselves to fellow Jews.

Several weeks ago, I attended a breakfast at a local eatery for male residents of Lakeside Crossing, the community in which I live. A man whom I did not know was sitting next to me. He explained that he was renting a home at Lakeside Crossing for a month to determine whether or not to move into the community. He asked me, "Can you tell me where I can buy good bagels in the Grand Strand area?" Immediately, a light lit up in my head. I told him I was the rabbi of Temple Shalom. He told me that his mother-in-law always likes to attend synagogue services in areas she visits. I invited him to attend our services.

There are two ways to bagel. Brave or unimaginative people will simply tell you straight out that they are Jewish. But the more creative will concoct subtler ways to let you know that they, too, are children of Israel.

I suspect that Jews have been bageling even before real bagels were invented. And while I certainly didn't invent bageling, I do seem to have a steady diet of bagel encounters. Just two weeks ago, I was working out on the weight resistance machines at Lakeside Crossing when someone who had just moved into the community entered the fitness center, extended his hand to me and said, "Shalom, my name is _____." Or there was an occasion on a Saturday when I was walking around a lake at a resort and an impish girl in a bikini scampered over to say, "Shabbat Shalom." Or the time I was waiting on line for a ride at the Busch Gardens Theme Park in Williamsburg, Virginia, when a man just behind me asked his wife in a very loud voice, "I wonder where I can find a kosher-style deli in this town."

I have been bageled in elevators, at parties and even at the supermarket checkout. However, there was one place where I did not get bageled, not even once. That was in Israel, where there is no need.

Why do we Jews feel the need to bagel? Does it stem from our shared heritage, our history of discrimination and isolation, a common love of latkes and matzah brei, or just the human need to be cliquy? Perhaps it is a bit of each of these.

But the next time a sweaty stranger at the gym says to you, "I haven't been this thirsty since Yom Kippur," just smile and let it warm your heart. You have just been bageled - adding another link in the Jewish circle of connection.

Rabbi David Weissman

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Temple Members,

As we start 2009 I look back at the past year. It was a devastating year for Ze'ev & myself having suffered a house fire in July. We are still not back in our house, but we have great hopes of returning in the next month or so. One learns a lot about oneself when struck by such a thing. It will either make you stronger or totally devastate your life forever. I believe and pray that we will continue to grow stronger together and ready to face life straight on.

During this time I continued to take care of Temple business. We have made a few changes to our Board of Directors. Two seats became vacant; Bob Yaseen & Bob Selig's seats will be replaced by Michael Sachwald & David Pflaster we are pleased to welcome them to the Board.

This past year we welcomed Rabbi David Weissman as our Rabbi at a wonderful reception in June. I think we all feel that Rabbi Weissman has certainly fit in well with our congregation and the community. I think we have to thank Mary, as the story goes she was the one that wanted to move to Myrtle Beach, and so their journey began.

We need to ask the question how will our Temple grow in this coming year. Who will be among our leadership, what are our aspirations for a place of our own. A President & a Rabbi can only do so much. We need everyone's input to continue to have a flourishing congregation.

As I write this message I am looking forward to our wonderful Hanukkah celebration working with Natalie Kramer, Mary Weissman, Cookie Brenner & Dorothy McCawley as well as all those that have volunteered to help at the event. It has been a wonderful experience, thank you.

As we welcome new people that visit our congregation we must be sure we are hospitable & friendly but not overwhelming. It takes time for many people to feel comfortable enough to join a congregation, it is something that can not be rushed.

Last month I said that we need people to lead some committees. Donna Gore would like someone to take over the Oneg committee, we need a chair for our Membership committee, there is also an opening on the Ritual committee. If you would like to fill one of these positions please call me.

Our Temple depends on our membership, our membership depends on its leadership and together we make a great congregation.

Happy New Year, from both Ze'ev and myself,

Lily Ann Revitch
President



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~ Brotherhood ~

The January Men's Club Meeting will be held at the Golden Corral in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center across from the Tanager Outlet off Hwy. 17 on Jan. 12 at 6:00 PM.

We will be discussing our 2nd Super Bowl Party which will be held Sunday Feb. 1st at East of Chicago on Business 17. 3901 Kings Highway.

Steve Firestone, **President**

Anniversaries This Month

29 Ron & Beth Crow

Birthdays This Month

20 Stan Marks

20 Linda Post

23 Flo Pflaster

January Yahrzeits

1 Lillian Wine Fogel

2 Alex Kramer

6 Ethel A. Firestone

6 Theodore Lippman

8 Iris Pieniek

9 Hans Bamberg

12 Oscar Hamerov

16 Lena Warshafsky

30 Wolf Bereslawsky

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Mi Shebeirach

We extend wishes for quick and complete recovery to our members who are facing health issues.

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If you have someone you'd like to make a special prayer request for, please give a note to the Rabbi with the person's name and your relationship before the service begins.

~Sisterhood~

Sisterhood held it's annual Hanukkah dinner at the Grill House this year. We all had a lovely time. A donation was collected in lieu of gift exchange this year and was to be donated to the Soup Kitchen in Myrtle Beach

January's meeting we will find us back at Friendly's 6:00 PM on January 19th. Hope to see you there.

Carrie Selig, **President**

January 2009

4 Tevet - 6 Sh'vat 5769

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				I 5 Tevet	2  4:59 PM Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Ina & Art Falk 6 Tevet	3 Parashat Vayigash Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 6:30PM 7 Tevet
4 8 Tevet	5 9 Tevet	6 10 Tevet	7 No Classes 11 Tevet	8 12 Tevet	9  5:05PM LilyAnn & Rachel leading Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Felice & Sam Braidner 13 Tevet	10 Parashat Vayechi Burt Kramer leading Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 6:36PM 14 Tevet
II 15 Tevet	12 Brotherhood Meeting 6PM @ Tanger Golden Corral 16 Tevet	13 17 Tevet	14 Religious School 6:05 pm Board Meeting 7:30 PM @ Senior Center 18 Tevet	15 19 Tevet	16  5:11PM Service: 8:00 PM Oneg: Beth & Ron Crow 20 Tevet	17 Parashat Shemos Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 6:42PM 21 Tevet
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25 29 Tevet	26 1 Sh'vat	27 2 Sh'vat	28 Religious School 6:05 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah 7:10 pm Adult Education 8:15 pm 3 Sh'vat	29 4 Sh'vat	30  5:25PM Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Carrie & Bob Selig 5 Sh'vat	31 Parashat Bo Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 6:56PM 6 Sh'vat

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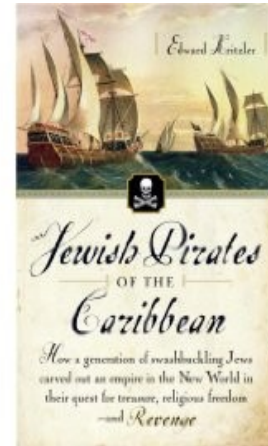
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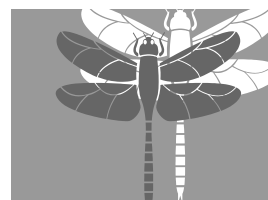
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If you have any suggestions for a "Book of the Month" - Or a great Movie or Music that you'd like to share—with a Jewish theme, please e-mail it to me at tsmb@rdhess.com

Thanks!



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The Osher *Lifelong Learning* Institute

In January, our own Rick Wasserman, CSA will begin teaching two courses with the Lifelong Learning Institute. Rick is an avid cinema enthusiast. He has studied creative writing with professional screenwriters and worked as a creative and financial consultant for several feature films notably, *A Woman Under the Influence*, starring Gena Rowlands. He is currently presenting a course in **Lost Cinematic Treasures** that views and analyzes independent films. Rick will also be teaching **Dare to Create: Anatomy of a Screenplay**

Lost Cinematic Treasures will be taught in Conway on Mondays, North Myrtle Beach on Wednesdays and Myrtle Beach on Thursdays from 1-4 PM for 8 weeks. Beginning in mid January.

Sign up to explore and share the best of human experience which is being realized on the big screen for small independent film audiences. Great stories are being told! Share this rare opportunity to see hidden gems and then discuss them afterwards to enhance the viewing experience. (no class on Feb 12)

Dare to Create will be taught at the Waccamaw center on Tuesdays from 11AM to 2PM on Tuesdays and will also be an 8 week course.

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