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The Book of Esther prescribes "the sending of portions one man to another, and gifts to the poor" (9:22). Over time, this mitzvah has become one of the most prominent features of the celebration of Purim.

According to the halakha, each Jew over the age of bar or bat mitzvah must send two different, ready-to-eat foods to one friend, and two charitable donations (either money or food) to two poor people, to fulfill the gifts to friends are ("sending of portions"), and pastries; alter-salads or any foodstuff

Although the sending technically limited to for some the custom gift-giving event. dozens of homemade baskets to deliver to relatives on Purim day. tions, synagogues, Jew-groups also tap into the turning *mishloach* raising device. These money from members actual food gifts to other members, or *mishloach manot* "certificates" which indicate that a donation has been made to their organization.

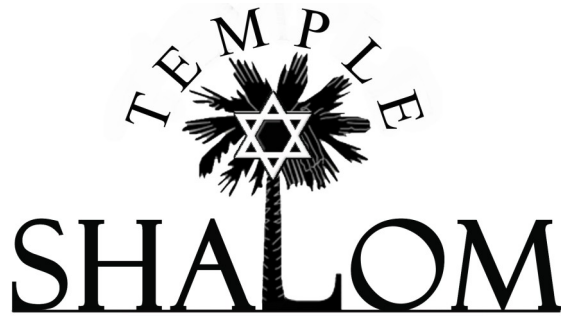


fill these two mitzvot. called *mishloach manot* and often include wine nately, sweets, snacks, qualifies.

of *mishloach manot* is one gift for one friend, has evolved into a major Families often prepare and store-bought food friends, neighbors, and Charitable organiza-ish schools and other spirit of gift-giving by *manot* into a fund-organizations collect and either send out ac-

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Our **Friday evening** services begin at 8:00pm. We use the small chapel at Trinity Episcopal on the ocean side corner of Business 17 and 30th Ave North in Myrtle Beach. Enter the parking lot from 30th Ave. Then, from the parking lot, enter the building thru the main side doors in the courtyard. Follow the first hall to the left and zig-zag back and forth into the sanctuary. There is an Oneg after services

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.

Plots For Sale

There are six plots available for purchase by our members in the cemetery.

Should you be interested in making this type of advance need purchase please direct your query to LilyAnn Revitch.

Thank You ...to our February hosts for their delicious onegs



Rachel Hess & Carol Rosenbloom
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Temple Shalom Newsletter

Please send notices of events and information you wish to share to:

Rachel Hess at
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FROM THE RABBI

Life consists of contrasts. There are times of joy and there are times of sorrow. There are times for seriousness and times for hilarity. And so it is in Judaism. The somber mood of a holiday like Yom Kippur contrasts with the lightheartedness of a holiday like Purim. In many ways, the holiday of Purim is a spoof. In fact, if one wishes to speak negatively about a rabbi, the rabbi can be referred to as a "Purim rabbi." For a "Purim rabbi" is a rabbi whom no one takes seriously. A "Purim rabbi" is a clergyman who is a joke.

Purim is one of the happiest days on the Jewish calendar. It occurs on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar. In a Jewish leap year, when there are two Adars, Purim is celebrated on the fourteenth day of the second Adar. The holiday commemorates the deliverance of Persian Jewry from their intended destruction by Haman (boo!), the chief minister of King Ahasuerus, husband of beautiful Queen Esther. The story is related in the biblical Book of Esther.

On Purim, we are commanded to be charitable to everyone, even to beggars whose request for charity we have reason to believe are bogus. Another Purim tradition is to send mishloach manot (gifts of food and drink) to other people. The minimum gift is two portions of different foods. They must require no preparation and be ready to eat.

Temple Shalom's Purim Celebration will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday evening, March 9th, at the Grand Strand Senior Center on 21 Ave. N. just east of Robert Grissom Parkway. The event is open to the entire community. Admission is free, but you must make a reservation to attend. If you have not already made your reservation, call 903-6634 and leave your name and how many will be in your party on the answering machine or email

Although it is not a requirement, congregants are encouraged to attend in costume. The more hilarious the costume the better. Of course, Mary and I will be wearing special attire as befits the occasion. Those in attendance will make noise with graggers and stamp their feet when the name of the villain, Haman, is mentioned. If you play a musical instrument, bring it with you and sound it when you hear Haman's name. Purim song sheets will be distributed to everyone in attendance. And, of course, hamantashen will be served.

Purim is a fun holiday. Don't miss it.

Rabbi David Weissman

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We have had a busy week at Temple Shalom. I want to thank Natalie Kramer & Roberta Atkins For planning a wonderful Dine & Schmooze with over 50 people in attendance.

At our January Board Meeting Linda Post was asked to head our nominating committee, I thank her for taking on this task, I know her committee will do its best to ensure the smooth transition of leadership at the end of our fiscal year, June 30. For me it has been a wonderful rewarding experience to start a new congregation & be its leader for four years. One must always know when it is time to allow new people to step up to a leadership roll. I know whoever is at the helm of this congregation will do their utmost to continue the work that we have begun.

At our February board meeting, the Strategic Planning chair, Sam Breidner put forth for the boards consideration the concept that we might consider holding all of our Temple activities at the Grand Strand Senior Center on 21st Avenue.

As you know since October our Rabbi has conducted Shabbat morning services at the Senior Center as well as Religious School & Adult Education classes on Wednesday evenings at the same location. It is the boards opinion that to have our activities scattered around town is not the best arrangement. So perhaps this is a time for change.

If you know the history of Temple Shalom our very first Shabbat services were held at our home, we then moved to the Hampton Inn on 67th & 17th avenue north, from there we moved to Eagle Crest and then on to the Myrtle Beach Middle School before we were invited to use the Chapel at Trinity Episcopal Church, so perhaps our journey is not finished. Maybe with the willing help of this congregation and the Blessing of G-d our next move will be to a building of our own.

We will be holding our Purim service & celebration at the Senior Center on March 9th this will be a good time for all to come out and enjoy Purim as a community and get a feel for this location. If all goes well we could consider the move by the end of March.

We will always be grateful to our friends at Trinity Episcopal Church and hope we will share many new experiences together.

Your thoughts and input are always welcome.

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President



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~ Brotherhood ~

Brotherhood will be having their next meeting at the Golden Corral Hwy 17 at 22 near the Tanger Outlets. On March 16th at 6PM.

We will be discussing plans for our upcoming Yard Sale in early May among other things.

See You There!

Steve Firestone, **President**

Birthdays This Month

7 Dave Pflaster
30 Sydelle Cohen

Yahrzeits This Month

2 Vivian Wallach
3 Mona Pflaster
3 Lorrie Kidder
8 Lester Reich
9 Meyer Cohen
10 Gertrude Schenker
11 Trudy Schenker
16 Mildred Gottlieb
16 Ernest Rymer
20 Samuel Fairbloom
21 Sophie Johnson
28 David Selig

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 is helping with the upcoming Purim festivities. Hope you all have made your reservations so we know how many to prepare for.

We are continuing to plan our Shabbat Spring Dinner on March 20. The charge will be \$5 per person and the meal will be dairy. Please call Carrie and let her know if you will bring an appetizer, an entrée or a salad.

Carrie Selig, **President**



March 2009

5 Adar - 6 Nisan 5769

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5 Adar	2 6 Adar	3 7 Adar	4 8 Adar Religious School 6:05 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah 7:10 pm Adult Education 8:15 pm	5 9 Adar	6 10 Adar Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Linda & Bob Post	7 11 Adar Parashat Tetzaveh Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 7:28 PM
8 12 Adar	9 13 Adar Purim Celebration @ Sr. Center 7 PM	10 14 Adar <i>Purim</i>	11 15 Adar Religious School 6:05 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah 7:10 pm Adult Education 8:15 pm	12 16 Adar	13 17 Adar Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Sydelle & Norman Cohen	14 18 Adar Parashat Ki Sisa Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 8:23 PM
15 19 Adar	16 20 Adar Brotherhood Meeting 6PM @ Tanger Golden Corral	17 21 Adar	18 22 Adar Religious School 6:05 pm Board Meeting 7:30 PM @ Senior Center	19 23 Adar	20 24 Adar SISTERHOOD SHABBAT DINNER Service: 8:00 PM Oneg: David & Mary Weissman	21 25 Adar Parashat Vayakhel- Pekudei Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 8:39 PM
22 26 Adar	23 27 Adar Sisterhood Meeting 6PM @ Friendly's	24 28 Adar	25 29 Adar Religious School 6:05 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah 7:10 pm Adult Education 8:15 pm	26 1 Nisan	27 2 Nisan Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Chippy & Stan Marks	28 3 Nisan Parashat Vayikra Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 8:44 PM
29 4 Nisan	30 5 Nisan	31 6 Nisan				

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My grandchildren and great-grands have purchased a fairly new house and are in the processing of moving in.



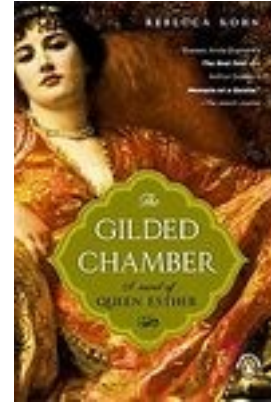
On their behalf, I would again like to thank everyone from Temple Shalom and Hadassah. Your contributions to their welfare after the July 3, 2008 house fire that destroyed all of their belongings were so kind.



Love to all from
Roberta, Stan and the Steigers



Book of the Month:



The Gilded Chamber

A fictionalization of the Story of Queen Esther

Esther, Queen of Persia, tells her own story beginning with her childhood, beginning with the day she was orphaned at age 10. Having been betrothed as a child to her cousin Mordecai, she is sent to live with him and grows up under his care, but when the wife of Xerxes, the king, is banished, a replacement is needed--and the beautiful Esther is chosen. Then Xerxes orders that all Jews in the kingdom be executed, and Esther reveals to him that she is a Jew. Out of his love for her, Xerxes relents. Rebecca Kohn's telling of this Biblical story thoroughly reimagines the world of ancient Persia on all fronts--political, religious, and domestic.

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

Oneg News

Thanks to all of you who have contacted me to provide Onegs. We have an availability on April 17 and then on May 8, 15, 22, 30. The Temple Board has voted to allow reimbursement for the purchase of wine, as well as coffee and paper goods. You may submit your receipts to me.

Thanks,
Flo Pflaster
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Celebration

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