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FROM THE RABBI



The story is told of a rabbi who is invited to conduct a Shabbat service for a congregation that is seeking a new spiritual leader.

"What will your sermon be about?" the chairperson of the rabbinic search committee asked the rabbi on the telephone.

"I'm going to talk about the importance of being a good person," replied the rabbi, "the importance of giving to charity and supporting the synagogue, of comforting the bereaved and visiting the sick."

"I don't think too many congregants will find that to be very interesting, Rabbi," the chairperson advised. "I wouldn't recommend that topic."

"Well, then I'll talk about the weekly Torah portion and discuss the insights of some of the great Jewish thinkers throughout the ages regarding the issues dealt with in the Torah portion," the rabbi suggested.

"The Torah portions are usually pretty boring. We don't want to put the congregation to sleep. Stay away from the Torah portion," admonished the chairperson.

"Perhaps, then, I might devote time to teaching the congregants the pronunciation and the melodies of some of the Hebrew prayers which are part of the Shabbat liturgy," said the rabbi.

"That's not a very good idea," the chairperson interjected. "Many of our congregants don't read Hebrew and find the transliterations difficult. You would be better off if you kept the amount of Hebrew in the service to a minimum."

"I'll talk about the importance of Shabbat in the Jewish tradition. The importance of making Shabbat a special day. The importance of regular attendance at Shabbat services. Making Shabbat different from the other six days of the week."

"No good, Rabbi," said the chairperson. "Many of our congregants like to watch football on Shabbat or do their shopping on Shabbat or go out to dinner. They just don't have time for the things you are talking about. And if you ask them to increase their level of observance, they will think you are Orthodox."

"I don't understand, the rabbi responded. "If I can't talk about the importance of being a good person, about the Torah portion, about the Hebrew prayers in the service or about Shabbat, then what do you want me to talk about?"

"You're a rabbi," replied the chairperson. "Talk about Judaism."

Rabbi David Weissman

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SHABBAT SERVICES

We use a room at the Grand Strand Senior Center located at 1268 21st Ave. N., just east of Robert Grissom Parkway in Myrtle Beach. Attendees will enter through the door to the left of the main entrance. Parking is located in front and on the far side of the building.

Our **Friday evening** services begin at 8:00pm. There is an Oneg after services. On **Saturday mornings** services begin at 10:30 am. A small Kiddush is celebrated after services.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Temple Shalom has reached a crossroad of decision-making for its future. There are really only two questions facing us: Should we find a place to rent? or Should we buy our own building? These questions need to be contemplated by each of us during the month of November. We could possibly find a facility to rent. Some people feel renting is throwing money away. They say we could never make a rental feel like our own with Judaism represented on the walls and building. Also, they say renting doesn't give us any permanence and could cause us to have to move again some time in the future. On the other hand, others say renting is much more affordable. These members feel we can't afford to buy a building and support it month to month.



Our search committee, Richard Reich, Sam Breidner, Cookie Brenner and me, has been looking very diligently for either a rental or an opportunity to buy. The committee has had to limit the search area due to distances many of our members travel to come to services and activities. We also need to be sure any location considered has sufficient parking, lighting, interior space, room for expansion, some office space, a classroom, an oneg/social area, a kitchen facility, sufficient restrooms, storage areas, etc. You can see how, when realizing all that's involved, finding a location that we can be happy in isn't easy.

President (cont'd)

I want to encourage everyone to help in this endeavor. Please call any of us if you know of, or even think you know of, a location we should consider. If the search committee feels a location meets many of the criteria desired, it will refer the property to the Board of Directors. Once the Board of Directors has determined a property is worthy of strong consideration, the property will somehow be shown to the congregation. Eventually, based upon feedback from all, a decision will be made. Please help the committee and the Board reach a good decision by participating in this process. We are all in this situation together and all need to resolve it together.

Sandy Lempert, President

Mi Sheberach list

We all pray that those who are mentioned on the Mi Sheberach list each Shabbat regain their health and continue to join us. However, Beginning immediately, persons whose names are on the list will be mentioned each Shabbat for a period of 30 days. If you want to extend that mention beyond the 30 days, please contact Rabbi Weissman each month as appropriate. As always, at Shabbat services you can add a name to the Mi Sheberach list.

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**ONEG
NEWS**

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. So many of us traveled in October and have had great vacations. We have had wonderful onegs and look forward to more. It's not too early to look ahead to 2010 so if you have a special occasion coming up, or want to provide an oneg for the first time, please call me with a date-even well into the future. I have already scheduled our first 2010 oneg for March 26 to celebrate our 42nd anniversary.



Flo Pflaster

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From the editor's desk

**Deadline for December Bulletin is
November 23, 2009**

Submission is via e-mail to either:
webmaster@templeshalommyrtlebeach.com
Or
davter2002@yahoo.com

~ Brotherhood ~

Our November meeting will on November 9th
at the Golden Corral.

Bring your checkbooks as we need to collect
this years dues.

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Sisterhood Update:

Our Oct. 5th meeting was very brief, due to the fact that a program was planned. But we did discuss some upcoming Sisterhood functions. On Nov. 1st The Carolina Master Chorale will present "An American Hallel", which some of us are attending. On Nov. 16th there will be an all day bus trip to Charleston. For more information, contact Mary Weissman. We also discussed the Sisterhood Sabbath which will take place on Nov. 13th (Fri. night). Any Sisterhood member who would like to take part in this, please contact either one of us. There are English and Hebrew speaking parts available and also non-speaking parts. We are also planning a special Oneg for that evening, so please let us know what you intend to bring.

Special thanks to Wendy and to Irene for helping to make the Oct. meeting so special. Their talks were very informative. And then we had the treat of watching Natalie's movie about the synagogue in St Thomas.

During the Oct. meeting, the members who put the Break Fast together and worked so hard on it were applauded for the wonderful job they did. Thank you for your work.

The next meeting will take place at 7 PM at the Sr. Center on November 2nd. Rachel is preparing a special program for that evening. Hope to see all of you there!

Natalie & Felice
Co-Presidents

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Mi Shebeirach

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

Anniversaries

Norman & Sydelle Cohen November 6

Birthdays This Month

Ronald Crow	November	1
Marjory Gans	November	4
Alvin Hall	November	5
Burton Goldspinner	November	11
Carrie Selig	November	16
Stanley Atkins	November	20
Max Mayer	November	21

Yahrzeits This Month

Freida Selig	Mother of Bob Selig	November 3
Murray Asch	Father of Roberta Atkins	November 10
Julius Langenthal	Grandfather of Brian Lang	November 17
Tillie Falk	Mother of Arthur Falk	November 22
Victoria Fais	Mother of Dorothy Reich	November 22
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Rita Radner	Mother of Felice Braidner	November 27
Rosanne Slavins	Mother of Beth Crow	November 29

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Anyone interested in attending Temple Shalom's Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class should call Rabbi Weissman at 234-0494 as soon as possible. The class is open to Temple Shalom members at no cost, but advance registration is required. The class will meet from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings (except the third Wednesday of the month) beginning on November 4th. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah service will be held on a Saturday morning in June 2010. However, the class will be scheduled **ONLY** if there is sufficient registration. So if you are interested, don't delay in speaking to Rabbi Weissman.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Temple Shalom's Adult Education class will meet from 8:15 P.M. to 9:15 P.M. on Wednesday evenings (except the third Wednesday of the month) beginning on November 4th. No prior registration is required and there is no cost for temple members. This year's topic will be "Examining the Jewish Bible From a Modern Perspective." Relying heavily on the scholarship of Professor Amy Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University, who has appeared numerous times on the History Channel, the class will study in detail the Jewish Bible from beginning to end. Ample opportunity will be given for discussion and questions.

November Topics - Adult Education

Nov. 4 - In the Beginning

Nov. 11 - Adam and Eve





Nov. 24 - Murder, Flood, Dispersion



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14 Cheshvan — 13 Kislev 5770



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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