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MESSAGE FROM JOYCE GELFAND, BOARD TRUSTEE

As we enter February of 2026, our temple family is thriving! I am always impressed with the knowledge, generosity and caring of our temple members. It is incredible to me that approximately 40% of our membership attends weekly Friday evening Shabbat services. Our participants lead services addressing the week's Torah Portion or other information relevant to us, with Dr. David Katz, our cantorial soloist, accompanied by Dr. Alan Solomon and Glenn Stern. Kudos, gentlemen! You create a wonderful, warm atmosphere, helping lead us in prayer and music.

Judi Migdol, our president, often leads services as do members Glenn Alan Solomon, Glenn Stern, Idit Stern, Dr. Carol Roark, Dr. Catherine Bukovitz, Jeff Marks, and myself. What a phenomenal group we have! If you are interested in leading a service, please see Judi. Tu BiShvat, the New Year for Trees, is celebrated on February 1st this year. Per the Chabad website, the Torah states, "...We are nurtured by deep roots, as far back as Abraham and Sarah; we reach upwards to the heavens while standing firmly on the ground; and when we do all this right, we produce fruits that benefit the world—namely, our good deeds." What a great quote!

Also on February 1st was our second annual Sock Hop, this year an Italian Dinner Dance with music by the Goldtones. What a wonderful success! This has become our major fundraiser for the temple, and so many of you attended! Our delicious food was greatly enjoyed and we appreciate all the many volunteers who helped the evening proceed smoothly.

This season is very busy. Temple Shalom's Sisterhood Game Day will be held on Monday, Feb 9 and both women and men are invited for this fun-filled event with more great food and prizes. The Temple Cruise will be held in March and we are looking forward to delightful weather and great times!

Purim is in March, we are offering a glass fusion art class, and, no joke, Passover which begins on April 1st! Brotherhood continues planning and preparing behind the scenes, including a

steak dinner! You will see more information about our many events elsewhere in this month's Shalom.

Would you like to be a Shabbat Greeter? This involves less than an hour of your time welcoming people on Friday evenings. We already have several volunteers and would love more! Please see Arnie or Joyce if you would like to be involved.

The Board is considering additional security measures to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you all for continuing to authenticate our delightful Temple Shalom Family with wonderful Judaic traditions.

MESSAGE FROM SHELLY POLLACK, BOARD TRUSTEE

The Temple Shalom fundraiser, "Taste of Italy" has just taken place and was a sold out success. Thank you to all who attended and a special thank you to the volunteers who spent endless time coordinating all the details of this event.

On Monday, February 9, Sisterhood will be holding their annual game day. Tickets are still available. Please contact Naomi if you wish to attend. Although Mah Jongg typically has been the game of choice, you are not limited in your game choices. Play scrabble, bridge, tile rummy, dominos, canasta. You choose. All are welcome. Thank you Naomi for all your hard work to make this event fun for all.

Jeff and I just returned from a cruise to the ABC Islands. While on Curacao we were able to visit Mikve Israel Emanuel Synagogue and Jewish Historical Museum. The synagogue has been in continuous use since the 1700's and has a membership of 200. The museum has recently been added which showcases religious life in Curacao via exhibits and an audio tour. The third floor has a moving Anne Frank exhibit. I encourage you to visit this facility if you are ever in Curacao.

February is the "Hallmark" holiday of love. I hope you all are able to tell those closest to you how much you care.

Thank you for being members of Temple Shalom.

YAHREZITS

February 6, 2026

Horace Davis Miriam Goldstein Harry Handleman Estelle Hennenberg	Joan Hoffman Abraham Itchkawich Fred Kirschbaum Richard Lieberman	Harry Raskin Moses Sarfati Sadie Schneider Joseph Shulman	Robert Sless Philip Smolker Claire Kahan St. Clair Sophie Wolsky
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February 13, 2026

Nathan Bader Helen Bernstein Tillie Buchwald Burke Burton Joseph Copperman Adolph Ellenbogen	Elizabeth Felman Charles Goldberg Robert Green Lena Handleman Harry Hellman Sidney Hoffman	Tillie Hoffman Lewis Horenstein Leona Itchkawich Harry Loeb Dorothy Pekus Jack Pereira	Irving Phillis Capt. Henry Potnick Samuel Reisner Arlene Snyder Howard Solomon Charlotte Van Cleve Harry Weiss
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February 20, 2026

Leonard Berkwits Wladyslawa Brudzynski Melvin Dworet Esther Goldstein	Samuel Handleman Jean Hoar Leon Korb Moishe Netzer	Sol Netzer Katie Saxe Leon Schiffman Arthur Stark	Harris Warshaw Dr. R. Paul Zusman
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February 27, 2026

Sandra Alexander Solomon Bearak Max Bennett Joseph Blaustein Sandra Ann Brown	John Bukovitz Celia Chorest Sadie Fleshman Sadye Gleaner Yetta Jobrack	Maurice Koehler Mildred Kohn Edna Pereira Fannie Rennert Leah Rimanow Lee Roth	Warren Silberkleit Arnold Silverman Edward Silverman William St. Clair Faye Taylor David Winter
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FAMILIES THAT ARE OBSERVING A YAHREZIT DURING THE MONTH ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE DURING WHICH THE NAMES WILL BE READ PRIOR TO KADDISH.

A DONATION TO THE TEMPLE IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE IS AN HONORED TRADITION.



DONATIONS

Lydia Gattanell	In memory of Shirley Gattanell
Elaine Sless	In memory of Gladys Hutkin
Paul and Judy Leight	In memory of Bernard Engleman
Leon and Anna Schlossberg	In memory of Genya Sorkin
Barry and Joyce Gelfand	In memory of Lenny Katz
Rebecca Wellhouse	Donation
Shelly Harris	In memory of Jeanette Puskin
Temple Shalom Opera Group	Donation
Dr. Jerome Cohen	Donation
Al and Elaine Lubiner	In memory of Minnie Davis
Gayle Druker	In honor of Judi Migdol
Louise and Elizabeth Sinoff	In memory of their parents



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



Shelly Harris	February 3 rd
Alan Schulman	February 5 th
Dr. Douglas Hershkowitz	February 7 th
Frank Waxman	February 11 th
Becky Wellhouse	February 11 th
Rhoda Hammer	February 12 th
Amira Bernstein	February 18 th
Paul Galburt	February 19 th
Jennifer Mergentheimer	February 20 th
Dr. Janice Nord	February 22 nd



Dr. Janice Nord and Robert Tholemeier
February 14th



You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to Temple as a sign of a “Mitzvah of Concern”, that we have an obligation to help those who are in need in the community.

Do you have any **GOOD IDEAS** for the Temple – functions, fundraisers, and committees? If so, please let us know. Please contact any board member with your thoughts. This is **your** temple, and we want **your** input!!!!

Would you like to sponsor and shop for an Oneg Shabbat? It could be for a life cycle event – birth of a child, birthday, anniversary, or just to do it. Please call Naomi Alexander to schedule it. We really need different members to sponsor and shop for Onegs.

Would you like to advertise in the Shalom (and reach all our congregants) – or do you know someone who would like to advertise? If so, please call Judi Migdol at 516-635-9871 for information.

We have a wonderful library in Temple Shalom. Please let us know what kind of books you would like us to obtain for your reading pleasure.

Amazon.Smile is a charitable component of Amazon Corporation that provides income to charitable organizations, such as the Temple, based on purchases made by Amazon customers

Any camera buffs in our congregation? Please take some pictures at our functions and some of our Shabbat Services and forward to Jeff Marks.

Please check our gift shop for any gifts you might need.

See Suzanne Berland.

On Friday evening, February 13th, Rabbi Marc Kline will be leading our Shabbat Services at 7:30pm.

Please plan to attend.

Sisterhood Card/Mah Jongg Party

Monday, February 9th – 11am

See Naomi

BROTHERHOOD

If you would like a Mezuzah hung in your home, the Brotherhood will supply it and install it for you free of charge. Please call Jeff Pollack to arrange it.

They also have a Sunshine Committee now. If you would like someone visited, please let Jeff Pollack know.

Please be sure to notice the new plantings next to the building by the parking lot. The Brotherhood members worked so hard on getting this done. It looks beautiful and has added to the appearance of our building.

The Brotherhood is really stepping up to the plate.



A MESSAGE FROM JUDI MIGDOL, PRESIDENT

I would just like to thank all the members that helped make our “Tour of Italy” dinner dance a huge success, Without all of you – and without all our attendees and their guests – it would never have been the success it was.

Looking forward to doing it again next year with a whole new theme!!!



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