



Temple Sholom

Celebrating **100** Years



Winter 2017-2018 Program Guide

December, January, February





WEEKLY SERVICES

Shabbat

Friday evenings, 6:30 pm

Saturday mornings, 10:00 am

Followed by a Kiddush lunch.

Minyan

Sunday mornings, 8:30 am

Musical Shabbat

Friday, December 15, 6:30 pm

Friday, February 2, 6:30 pm

Join Cantorial Soloist Mikhal Weiner and BANOT for this lively Musical Shabbat service. Let the warmth and energy of their music help us welcome in the Sabbath together.

Rock Shabbat

Friday, January 5, 6:30 pm

Musical guest Sheldon Low will be here once again to rock Shabbat with us. Sheldon infuses our Friday night service with his toe-tapping energy. Whether it's your feet, fingers, legs, heart or soul, Rock Shabbat with Sheldon Low is guaranteed to move you.

Learner's Minyan

Saturday, January 20, 9:30 am

This special Learner's Minyan is open to anyone with a desire to familiarize themselves or get re-acquainted with the Saturday morning Shabbat service.

HOLIDAYS

Chanukah Parenting Workshop with Rabbi Mitch

Friday, December 1 — See page 4

Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 10, 11:00 am–Noon

Come enjoy a festive Chanukah party complete with latkes and *sufganiyot* (donuts), facepainting and other holiday-themed activities. You can also make and take home your own edible menorah or dreidel.

Chanukah Dinner

Friday, December 15, 7:30 pm

Join us for a festive Chanukah dinner following Musical Shabbat with BANOT.

The cost to attend dinner is \$18 per adult, \$10 per child (under the age of 12).

RSVP to alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.

Purim Megillah Reading

Wednesday, February 28

5:45 pm Purim Nosh

6:15 pm Full Megillah Reading

7:15 pm Refreshments

Join Rabbi Mitch, Rabbi Chaya and Ritual Director/Hazzan Sheni Ezra Konigsberg for a full traditional Megillah reading. Costumes encouraged.

Please join us! We gather after every Shabbat morning and holiday morning service for a Kiddush lunch. This is a great opportunity to connect with friends and new faces. We welcome everyone to feel a part of our Kehilla (community).



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Shabbat Study

Saturdays, 9:00 am–10:00 am

Shabbat Study is a friendly, engaging and in-depth discussion of the Tanach. This weekly group is led by a rotating group of clergy, congregants and special guests. Learners of all backgrounds are welcome and no prior knowledge is required. Join in at any time.

Lunch 'n Learn*

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Study Jewish ethics through the lens of the rabbinic sages with Rabbi Mitch or a special guest teacher. A free kosher lunch is provided.

***Will not meet on Dec. 26 or on Jan. 2.**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Game Night

Hosted by Sisterhood

Mondays, 7:00 pm–9:15 pm

December 11, January 8, February 12

Masters and novices alike are invited to join in and play either Mah Jongg or Canasta. Meet new people, develop lasting friendships and have some fun. The cost is \$5.00 to play or \$10.00 with an instructor. RSVP to Laurie Siegel, LAS8807@aol.com.

Jewish Meditation

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

December 20, January 31, February 21

Join Rabbi Chaya and music specialist Adam Feder for a musical, spiritual experience. You will sing, chant, meditate and refresh, as you connect to yourself and the community.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Post-ISIS Void: The New Realities of Today's Middle East

with Robert Ford, Former United States Ambassador to Syria

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 pm

As the U.S. Ambassador to Syria from 2011-2014, Robert Ford was the State Department lead on Syria, proposing and implementing policy and developing common strategies with allies to try to resolve the Syria conflict. He is currently a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington and is teaching at Yale at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs as a Kissinger Senior Fellow. This free program is presented in partnership with AJC Westchester. Registration is required to alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.

Jewish Life in Europe's Most Dynamic Community

with Jonathan Ornstein, Executive Director, JCC Krakow

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 pm

More details to follow.

From the Front Lines

with David Harris, AJC CEO

Monday, February 5, 7:30 pm

More details to follow.



Parenting Workshop with Rabbi Mitch

Friday, December 1, 9:15 am–10:00 am

Rabbi Mitch will discuss ways to help our children understand the true meaning of Chanukah.

Party Planning Showcase

Sunday, January 7 — See back cover

Free and open to the community. Upcoming b'nai mitzvah families are strongly encouraged to attend.

Women's Paint Night

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Let's eat, drink and be artsy at this annual ladies' night out. We will provide wine, snacks and all of the paint supplies that you need. Bring your friends. \$35 per person for Temple members. \$45 per person for non-members. Registration is required to 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

Winter Concert

Featuring Mikhal Weiner and BANOT

Sunday, January 21, 3:30 pm

Come hear the magical sounds of our Cantorial Soloist Mikhal Weiner and BANOT. This free concert will give them an opportunity to shine with some of their own original music, as well as some old classic tunes.

Temple Sholom Annual Gala

Saturday, January 27 — See back cover

This year's Gala will feature the musical sounds of New York City Swing. Bring your dancing shoes and help us celebrate three women who have contributed a lot to Temple Sholom: Travis Azous, Beth Cutler and Phyllis Rakowitz.

Nuts and Bolts of the B'nai Mitzvah

Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm

This workshop is intended for families with b'nai mitzvahs scheduled in 2019. We will review the process leading up to your child's simcha, and discuss tutoring, choosing a mitzvah project, writing a d'var torah and more. Eileen Robin (Executive Director), Alice Schoen (Congregational Coordinator), Rabbi Mitch and Ezra Konigsberg (Ritual Director/Hazzan Sheni) will be available to answer all of your questions.

JEWISH NETWORK OF YOUNG COUPLES

Bowling Night

Saturday, January 20, 7:30 pm

Hit the lanes with JNYC. JNYC is open to anyone living in Fairfield or Westchester Counties, regardless of Temple membership. Price and location to be determined. For more information, contact JNYCGreenwich@gmail.com.



Temple Shalom's Social Action Committee (SAC)

is actively involved with fulfilling the mitzvah of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) throughout the year. In addition to the projects listed, we support many other local organizations and engage in a number of ongoing programs. If you would like to volunteer, please email Scott Kramer, Social Action Chair, at skramer175@gmail.com.

COLLECTIONS

Collection bins will be located in the lobby of Temple Shalom for the month of December.

Annual Toy Drive

December 1–December 31

Your gift of a new, unwrapped toy will be donated to David's Treasure Tree Closet located in the pediatric unit at Stamford Hospital. Your contribution helps all children admitted to the hospital receive a gift.

Diapers & Wipes Drive/ Winter Accessories Drive

December 1–December 31

We will be hosting a diapers and wipes drive, as well as collecting NEW winter accessories including gloves, scarves, long underwear and hats to donate to Mothers for Others and Neighbor to Neighbor, respectively.

Mitzvah Project Fair

Sunday, January 7, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Calling all upcoming b'nai mitzvah families! Come connect with representatives from non-profit organizations and learn about available community service projects both locally and abroad. The Mitzvah Project Fair is free and open to the public, and is part of the Annual Party Planning Showcase (see back cover).

Community Blood Drive

Monday, January 8, 1:30 pm–6:30 pm

The Temple Shalom Social Action Committee has a long-standing commitment to working with the American Red Cross. Temple Shalom hosts regular blood drives throughout the year. Participate in this important mitzvah by contacting the American Red Cross directly to schedule an appointment, 203-681-3298 or www.redcrossblood.org.

Project Ezra Senior Luncheon

Sunday, February 4, Noon

Volunteers of all ages are needed to make this annual Senior Luncheon a success! Our guests from Project Ezra of the Lower East Side and the local area will arrive for lunch at noon. Volunteers can choose to set up and prepare lunch or help greet and serve our guests. Shifts begin at 10:00 am. To sign up for a shift, contact alice.schoen@templesholom.com, 203-542-7165.



UNDER 18 MONTHS

Itsy Bitsy Playgroup*

*Wednesdays, 10:30 am–11:30 am
December 6, 13; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;
February 7, 21, 28*

Whether you are a first time parent or have multiple children, come chat and play with us at this free playgroup for parents with infants and toddlers. Connect with other parents over the joys and bumps of parenthood, while children are engaged in a group setting with music, motor play and story time. Weekly discussions are facilitated by the group leader on topics relevant to Jewish or Interfaith parents, and parenting professionals will be brought in occasionally to share their area of expertise. For more information contact David Cohen, Nursery School Director, 203-622-8121, david.cohen@templesholom.com.

**Itsy Bitsy will not meet on December 20 & 27 or on February 14.*

PRE-SCHOOL AND YOUNGER

Pajama Shabbat

*Fridays, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm
December 8 with Adam Feder
January 5 with Sheldon Low*

This spirited introduction to Shabbat features singing, dancing and storytelling. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. A family-friendly dinner will follow. No charge, but please RSVP to alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Book Fair

*Monday–Friday, December 4–8
8:45 am–2:15 pm
Sunday, December 10, 9:00 am–1:00 pm*

Shop for Jewish titles, secular books, and gifts for children and adults. This is a great way to do some holiday shopping and to help support our Temple Sholom Selma Maisel Nursery School.

Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 10 — See page 2

Sisterhood Chanukah Giftique

Sunday, December 10, 9:30 am–Noon
We invite you to stop by the Temple Sholom lobby and browse our special selection of Chanukah gifts and essential holiday items at our Sisterhood giftique.

Movie Playdate: Sing

Thursday, December 21, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
We’re having a playdate at our house. Come watch the movie “Sing” with your friends. A family-friendly dinner and munchies will be provided. Program is free, but please RSVP so we know how much food to order. All ages are welcome. **NOTE: This is not a drop-off program.** RSVP by Monday, December 18 to alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.



YOUTH 2ND–4TH GRADE

Winter Luau

Sunday, January 21, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Warm up at our winter beach party. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

YOUTH 3RD–6TH GRADE

Creative Arts Lab Session II

**Sundays, December 3, 17; January 7, 28;
February 4, 25**

11:30 am–1:00 pm

Presentation: Sunday, March 4

Purim is coming. Help us create a multi-media Purim presentation. Creative Arts Lab is run by music specialist Adam Feder and Youth Director Rabbi Chaya and is meant to encourage all different kinds of artistic expression and creative thinking. There is no fee to participate. Children are welcome to bring a friend, regardless of Temple Sholom membership. Registration is required to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

YOUTH 5TH–6TH GRADE

Club FiveSix Youth Hangout: Chanukah Edition

Sunday, December 17, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Calling all 5th and 6th graders. Come hang out with your friends. Since it is Chanukah we will be making (and eating) our very own *sufganiyot* (donuts). RSVP to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

Club FiveSix Youth Hangout: Purim Edition

Sunday, February 25, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

At this hangout, we will make and eat *hamantaschen* to celebrate Purim. RSVP to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

8TH–12TH GRADE

BBYO

Meets on alternating Tuesday nights 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

BBYO is a Jewish youth movement that engages teens in fun and meaningful experiences that inspire a lasting connection to the Jewish people. BBYO is led by teens giving plenty of opportunities for leadership development. The Greenwich Chapter of BBYO meets at Temple Sholom, but teens can join regardless of affiliation. For more information, contact Chapter Advisor Rabbi Chaya at rabbichaya@templesholom.com.



2018 Party Planning Showcase & Mitzvah Project Fair

Sunday, January 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

TEMPLE SHOLOM, 300 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH, CT

Come meet over 30 local vendors specializing in photography, entertainment, catering, décor, floral arrangements and much more at our FREE showcase!

Register in advance at: <https://2018-party-showcase.eventbrite.com>

Representatives from non-profit organizations will also be on hand to help with mitzvah project ideas!



Save the Date

Temple Sholom Annual Gala

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Featuring the musical sounds of New York City Swing

Honoring:

Travis Azous • Beth Cutler • Phyliss Rakowitz

