



Temple Shalom



Winter 2018-2019 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

MONTHLY SERVICES

Learner's Minyan

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 am–10:00 am

Focus on Shabbat afternoon/Torah service

Saturday, January 26, 9:00 am–10:00 am

Focus on Friday night/Torah service

Come familiarize yourself with the basic order and “choreography” of the different Shabbat services.

Musical Shabbat

Friday, January 11, 6:30 pm

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

SHABBAT DINNER

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat Dinner with Rev. Jim Lemler

Friday, February 8, 7:30 pm

The cost to attend is \$18 per adult and \$10 per child (12 and under). Registration with payment is required to Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

HOLIDAYS

“Festivals of Light” Parenting Discussion with Rabbi Mitch

Friday, November 30, 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Rabbi Mitch will lead a special discussion for parents. A light breakfast and coffee will be provided. While there is no cost to attend, please register with Tracey Goodman at tracey.goodman@templesholom.com or 203-622-8121.

Sisterhood Chanukah Giftique

Sunday, December 2, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

We invite you to stop by the Temple Sholom lobby and shop a special selection of Chanukah gifts and essential holiday items.

Donuts, Dreidels & DJ Chanukah Celebration

Hosted by the TSLC Parent Association

Sunday, December 2, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Come have a LATKE fun at our Chanukah dance party with DJ Adam Craig. There will be fun games, prizes, arts and crafts, latkes and donuts. While there is no cost to attend, please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our Toy Drive. RSVP to Michele Strauss at 203-542-7161 or michele.strauss@templesholom.com.



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 Mitchell M. Hurvitz or a special guest teacher. A free kosher lunch is provided.

Note: Lunch ‘n Learn will not meet on December 25 or January 1.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Game Night

Hosted by Sisterhood

Mondays, 7:00 pm–9:15 pm

December 10, January 14, February 11

Masters and novices alike are invited to play Mah Jongg or Canasta. The cost to play is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 with instructor. Registration is required to Laurie Siegel at LAS8807@aol.com.

SISTERHOOD

Rosh Chodesh Program

Monday, January 7, 7:00 pm

Join Sisterhood and Cantor Sandy as we explore the meaning of this monthly women’s holiday, as well as the power of *b’rakhot* (blessings). RSVP to sisterhood@templesholom.com or Audrey Kahn at 203-661-2055.

Tzitzit Tying

Sunday, January 20, 9:30 am–11:30 am

Volunteers are needed to perform the mitzvah of tying the tzitzit on the remaining women’s tallitot that were donated by Sisterhood and Advah Designs. If you would like to participate, RSVP to sisterhood@templesholom.com or call Audrey Kahn at 203-661-2055.

“Adult Children: What’s Your Responsibility?”

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 pm

Join Sisterhood for a discussion with psychologist Betsy Stone, adjunct lecturer at Hebrew Union College. Those with adult children and grandchildren face all kinds of issues, from neediness to distance. What should our responsibilities be? How can we stay involved? And conversely, how do we say no? Dr. Stone will lead us in navigating the joys and disappointments of these complicated relationships. This program is open to the community and free of charge. RSVP to sisterhood@templesholom.com or call Audrey Kahn at 203-661-2055.



Infant/Child First Aid and CPR/AED Course

Wednesday, December 5, 9:15 am–11:30 am

This course, taught by American Heart Association certified instructors, will teach you how to respond to and manage illnesses and injuries in a child or infant until professional help arrives. The cost to attend is \$65.00 per person. Registration with payment is required to Alice Schoen, alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.

“Putting God on the Guest List”

Sunday, January 6, 10:00 am–11:00 am

Rabbi Mitch will discuss how to add spiritual meaning to your simcha. Those in attendance will receive a complimentary copy of the book, *Putting God on the Guest List*. RSVP to Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

Party Planning Showcase & Mitzvah Project Fair

Sunday, January 6, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Come meet more than 30 vendors specializing in photo/video, entertainment, catering, venues, décor, flowers and more at this free showcase! Representatives from different organizations will also be on hand to discuss *tikkun olam* (social action) opportunities for upcoming b’nai mitzvah as part of the Mitzvah Project Fair. Register in advance: www.templesholom.com/PartyPlanningShowcase2019

Nuts and Bolts of the B’nai Mitzvah Year

Thursday, February 28, 7:30 pm

This workshop is intended for families with b’nai mitzvahs scheduled in 2020. 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. Rabbi Mitch, along with other clergy and staff, will be available to answer all of your questions. Register with Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

SOCIAL

A Night of Amazement & Astonishment with Mentalist Ken Salaz

Saturday, January 26 – See back cover

Women’s Paint Night

Hosted by JEWEL (Jewish Enrichment for Women Engaged in Learning)

Tuesday, February 5, 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. The cost to attend is \$35 for Temple members/SMNS parents and \$45 for non-members. Registration with payment is required to Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.



Annual Toy Drive

Through December 28

Help us stock the shelves with toys at David's Treasure Tree Closet in the Pediatric Wing of Stamford Hospital. While doing your holiday shopping, think about picking up something extra to donate. David's Closet provides toys year-round to children who are staying at the hospital. Collection bins will be located in the Temple lobby throughout the month of December.

Mitzvah Project Fair

Sunday, January 6, 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 page 4

SOCIAL ACTION FOR TEENS

Temple Sholom/J-Teen MLK Weekend Service Trip to New Orleans

Friday, January 18–Monday, January 21

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Prepare & Serve a Meal at Inspirica Women's Shelter

Thursdays, January 17, February 21

*5:30 pm–7:00 pm (off-site at Inspirica's
Woodlawn Campus in Stamford, CT)*

Temple Sholom and Christ Church are continuing this great social action initiative. By volunteering for an available slot, you are committing to bringing an item and serving the food. Slots are available for individuals or families. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen Interfaith friendships, make new ones, get our children involved in social action, and make a difference for those who are hungry. Contact Lori Baden at 203-542-7172 or lori.baden@templesholom.com if you would like to volunteer.

Project Ezra Senior Luncheon

Sunday, February 3, 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 seniors from 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, 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.



UNDER 18 MONTHS

Itsy Bitsy Playgroup

Wednesdays, 10:30 am–11:30 am

December 5, 12, 19; January 9, 16, 23, 30;

February 6, 27

Whether you are a first-time parent or have multiple children, come chat and play with us at this free playgroup for parents with children under two years old. The unique format of this playgroup allows parents to connect with each other over the joys and bumps of parenthood, while the infants/toddlers are engaged in a group setting with music, motor play and story time. For more information, contact David Cohen, Nursery School Director, 203-622-8121 or david.cohen@templesholom.com.

Note: Itsy Bitsy will NOT meet on December 26, January 2, February 13 or 20.

PRE-SCHOOL AND YOUNGER

Pajama Shabbat

Fridays, December 7, January 11, February 1*

5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Bring the little ones to celebrate Shabbat with Cantor Sandy and Rabbi Chaya. We will sing, dance and hear a story about Shabbat. Children will receive a special gift from Temple Sholom during their birthday month. Everyone is invited to stay after for a family-friendly dinner. Older siblings welcome. Free and open to the community. RSVP to Alice Schoen at alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.

***Consider donating a toy at this PJ Shabbat to support our annual toy drive for David's Treasure Tree Closet at Stamford Hospital.**

FOR ALL AGES

Book Fair

Hosted by the Selma Maisel Nursery School

Wednesday, November 28, 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Thursday, November 29, 8:00 am–7:00 pm

Friday, November 30, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Sunday, December 2, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

SMNS is partnering with Main Street Books for a wonderful holiday fundraiser. Come explore an exciting selection of books and gifts for children and adults, and help support our nursery school.

Donuts, Dreidels & DJ Chanukah Celebration

Hosted by the TSLC Parent Association

Sunday, December 2 – See page 2

Movie Playdate: “Trolls”

Thursday, December 27, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

Come watch the movie “Trolls” with your friends. A family-friendly dinner and munchies will be provided. Program is free, please RSVP so we know how much food to order. All ages are welcome. RSVP by Thursday, December 20 to Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

Note: This is not a drop-off program.

FOR PARENTS

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KINDERGARTEN–4TH GRADE “Summer” Camp

Sunday, January 6, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Just as the camp memories are starting to fade, we are going to pretend it is still summer. Join us for arts and crafts, gaga, s’mores and more. Show your camp pride by wearing a camp t-shirt. Lunch will be provided. While there is no cost for this program, please RSVP to Rabbi Chaya at rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

“Kindness to Animals”

Sunday, February 3, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Come meet and learn about different animals. We will also do an arts and crafts project honoring the animals in our own lives. Lunch will be provided. While there is no cost for this program, please RSVP to Rabbi Chaya at rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

4TH GRADE & UP Youth/Teen Choir

Meets Sundays, Time TBD

Share your voice with the new youth/teen choir! Learn more about the choir by contacting Cantor Sandy at 203-542-7160 or cantorsandy@templesholom.com.

5TH–7TH GRADE Club FiveSixSeven Hangouts

**Wednesdays, December 12, January 16,
February 6, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm**

Pizza, games, friends...what’s better for a mid-week break? While these hangouts are free, please RSVP to Rabbi Chaya at rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

5TH–7TH GRADE (Continued) Mitzvah Project Fair

Sunday, January 6 – See page 5

8TH–12TH GRADE BBYO

Sunday, December 9, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
(Judah BBYO Family Chanukah Party, off-site)
Tuesdays, January 8, 22, February 5, 26
7:00 pm–8:30 pm

BBYO is a Jewish youth movement that engages teens in fun and meaningful experiences. The Greenwich Chapter of BBYO meets at Temple Sholom, but teens can join regardless of affiliation. For more information, contact Rabbi Chaya, Chapter Advisor, at rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

9TH–12TH GRADE MLK Weekend Service Trip

Hosted by Temple Sholom & J-Teen Leadership
Friday, January 18–Monday, January 21

Join other teens on a community service trip to New Orleans. See first-hand the progress made since Hurricane Katrina and partake in meaningful service work. Teens will also visit the Tulane Hillel and enjoy downtown New Orleans. The cost to attend is \$990 (scholarships available), including airfare, bus, hotel and food. Participants will be awarded 20 hours of community service. For more information or to register, contact Rabbi Chaya at rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

A NIGHT OF AMAZEMENT & ASTONISHMENT

with **Mentalist Ken Salaz**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 8:00 PM

\$30 for Temple Members/SMNS Parents • \$40 for Non-Temple Members

TICKETS INCLUDE PERFORMANCE, DESSERT & DRINKS

Reserve your seat at: www.templesholom.com/Night-of-Amazement