



Temple Sholom

Celebrating **100** Years



Spring 2018 Program Guide

March, April, May





WEEKLY/MONTHLY 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

Fridays, March 9, April 13, 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.

Sisterhood Shabbat & Luncheon

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 am

Join us for a special Shabbat service for the whole community, led by members of Temple Sholom's Sisterhood. A festive lunch, sponsored by Sisterhood, will follow. If you are a Sisterhood Member who would like to participate in the service, contact Joan Mann at 203-869-4417 or jbmman59@yahoo.com.

Rock Shabbat

Friday, May 4, 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 is guaranteed to move you.

PURIM

Purim Eve Trip to JTS in NYC

Wednesday, February 28

Bus departs from Temple Sholom at 5:00 pm
 Bus departs New York City at 9:00 pm
 Join Rabbi Chaya and Ritual Director Ezra Konigsberg for a fun, festive evening with a full megillah reading and Purim shpiel at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC. There will be *hamantaschen* and a wine reception (for those over 21). While the program is free, registration is required to Alice Schoen, 203-542-7165, alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4 — See page 6

PASSOVER

Fast of the First Born Siyyum

Friday, March 30, 7:15 am–8:30 am

A siyyum (celebration) is a custom that overrides the requirement for all firstborns to fast, commemorating those first born Israelites that were spared during the Ten Plagues. Join us for a brief service followed by breakfast.

Passover Services

Saturday, March 31; Sunday, April 1;

Friday, April 6; Saturday, April 7 (w/Yizkor); 10:00 am

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).



SHAVUOT

Tikkun Leil Services

Saturday, May 19, 8:00 pm

Help us celebrate the receiving of the Torah. This brief service will be followed by short teachings and a special dairy dessert.

Shavuot Services

Sunday, May 20; Monday, May 21 (w/Yizkor); 10:00 am

Tot Shavuot

Monday, May 21 — See page 6

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.

**Lunch 'n Learn will not take place May 8.*

Special Edition Lunch 'n Learn

Tuesday, March 13 — See page 4

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Game Night

Hosted by Sisterhood

Mondays, 7:00 pm–9:15 pm

March 12, April 9, May 7

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

Mah Jongg & Canasta

Hosted by Sisterhood

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23

The cost to play is \$5.00 per person (no instructor). RSVP required to Laurie Siegel, LAS8807@aol.com.

Jewish Meditation

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

March 21, May 9

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. For more information, contact Rabbi Chaya, rabbichaya@templeholom.com.



Comedy Night

Saturday, March 3 — See back cover

Special Edition Lunch 'n Learn

Tuesday, March 13, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Guest speaker Dalia Rosenfeld is a fiction writer, freelance journalist and creative writing instructor at Bar Ilan University in Israel. She will discuss her recent collection of short stories, *The Worlds We Think We Know*. A free kosher lunch will be provided.

Wine Goblet Painting

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm

Enhance your seder table with your very own artwork on Elijah and Miriam cups. All are welcome to decorate a pair of wine goblets to use for Pesach or any occasion! We'll supply everything you need, plus hors d'oeuvres and wine. RSVP to sisterhood@templesholom.com or Audrey Kahn at 203-661-2055 and send a check for \$36 to "Temple Sholom Sisterhood" by March 6 to reserve your spot.

Only a few tickets remaining!

Winter Broadway Trip: The Band's Visit

Sunday, March 18, 3:00 pm Matinee

Bus departs from Temple Sholom at 1:00 pm. The cost to attend is \$150 per person and includes Orchestra seating and round-trip transportation. Tickets are first-come, first-served. Contact Lori Baden at 203-542-7172 if interested.

Spring Concert: Gòn's Great Israeli American Songbook

Sunday, May 6, 4:00 pm

Cantorial Soloist Gòn Halevi — joined by four musicians — will perform songs from his collection of new arrangements of beloved popular songs from both America and Israel. This concert has been performed in numerous venues across the U.S. and abroad, and has received critical acclaim. Gòn is a singer, pianist, actor and composer. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. RSVP to Alice Schoen at alice.schoen@templesholom.com or 203-542-7165.

Sisterhood Annual Lag B'Omer Trip

Tuesday, May 8, 8:15 am–5:00 pm

Want to be an Ivy League student for a day? Join Sisterhood for a trip to Yale University where we will attend a class and visit the Yale Art Museum for a tour of an ancient synagogue and other Judaic exhibits. Lunch at Hillel is included. The cost to attend is \$50 for Sisterhood members and \$55 for guests. RSVP by April 23 to sisterhood@templesholom.com or to Sally Schneider at 203-661-9386.

Annual Meeting

Monday, May 14, 6:45 pm

All members of Temple Sholom are invited to attend our annual meeting.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Friday, April 13–Saturday, April 14

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Behind the Pages with Author Andrew Gross

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm

All Temple members and friends are invited to spend an evening with local resident, Andrew Gross, *New York Times* bestselling author of 11 thrillers and co-author of five James Patterson books. His talk will focus on one of his latest books, *The One Man*, a thriller set during WWII. Admission is free of charge. RSVP by April 9 to sisterhood@templesholom.com or Sally Schneider at 203-661-9386 to reserve your seat.

“Are American Jews Losing their Jewish Identity?” with Dr. Richard Rubin

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 pm

Dr. Richard Rubin, author of *Jewish in America*, will present his well-researched view on the current state of Jewish identity in America and what it portends for the American Jewish future. Dr. Rubin’s goal is to jumpstart the conversation on Jewish identity and continuity among as many audiences as possible. Free and open to the community. RSVP required to Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

Temple Sholom’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.

Community Blood Drive

Monday, March 5, 1:30 pm–6:30 pm

The Temple Sholom Social Action Committee has a long-standing commitment to working with the American Red Cross. Temple Sholom 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.

Pre-Passover Food Drive

March 16–March 29

Please help us collect non-perishable food items to support Neighbor to Neighbor, our community food bank. There will be collection bins in the Temple lobby.



UNDER 18 MONTHS

Itsy Bitsy Playgroup*

*Wednesdays, 10:30 am–11:30 am
March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 11, 18, 25;
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

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 April 4.*

PRE-SCHOOL AND YOUNGER

Pajama Shabbat

*Fridays, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm
March 9 with Adam Feder
May 4 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.

Tot Shavuot

Monday, May 21, 10:45 am–Noon

Geared for children in pre-school, this special program is an introduction to the holiday of Shavuot through music, movement and arts and crafts. Led by Danette Meigel, SMNS music teacher, and Rabbi Chaya. Snack will be provided. Older siblings welcome. Everyone is invited to stay after for a congregational lunch.

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4, 11:00 am–12:30 pm

Wizardry and wonder will fill the air at Temple Sholom’s magical Harry Potter-themed Purim Carnival! Bring the kids for carnival games and prizes, face painting, an obstacle course and more. There will also be special activities for pre-school and younger. Costumes encouraged!

Tickets can be bought in advance (\$18 for one child, \$36 for 2 or more children) or at the door (\$20 for one child, \$40 for 2 or more children). Parents enter free! For tickets or for more information, contact Michele Strauss, 203-542-7161, michele.strauss@templesholom.com or purchase advance tickets online at www.templesholom.com/PurimTickets2018.

YOUTH 2ND–4TH GRADE

Chocolate Seder

Sunday, March 25, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Passover is around the corner. Join us for a sweet pre-Passover treat to help us learn about the seder in a fun way. Don't miss out on chocolate matzah, 4 cups of chocolate milk and much more. In addition to all of the chocolate, a nutritious lunch will also be provided. Program is free. Registration is required to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

Art Palooza

Sunday, April 22, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Get artsy and create your own masterpiece! We will be making recycled art projects in celebration of Earth Day. Lunch will be provided. Program is free. Registration is required to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

Mother's Day Madness

Sunday, May 13, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Come participate in Israel-themed relays in celebration of Jerusalem Day and make something special for Mom! Lunch will be provided. Program is free. Registration is required to rabbichaya@templesholom.com.

YOUTH 5TH–6TH GRADE

Club FiveSix: Chocolate Seder

Wednesday, March 28, 5:45 pm–7:00 pm

A chocolate seder is a special way to get ready for Passover and to remind us that freedom is sweet! Join your friends for a twist on tradition as we substitute delicious sweets for Passover foods. Dinner will be provided. Registration is required 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.

Temple Sholom's 2nd Annual

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 pm



Featuring Matt Koff, Emmy Award-Winning
Writer on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*

Tickets cost \$25 per adult for show, dessert & drinks.
Purchase at: www.templesholom.com/2018ComedyNight

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Lauren Tuchman

Friday, April 13

7:30 pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner
(following Musical Services with BANOT)

Topic: The Torah of Disability.

The cost to attend is \$18 per adult.

Saturday, April 14

12:00 pm Lunch and Shabbat Discussion

For more information or to RSVP for
either program, contact Alice Schoen
at alice.schoen@templesholom.com
or 203-542-7165.

