CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM
Song of Peace

CHAI NOTES

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June 2016 **Iyar - Sivan 5776**

Saturday, June 4th at 7:00pm
Congregation Shir Shalom presents

Transition in Song Concert

With music by
Cantor Sharon Colbert
Cantor Arlene Frank
Cantor Barbara Ostfeld
accompanied by Paul Staley and Special Guests

Free and open to the community

Join your family and friends at Shir Shalom on Friday, June 3rd

Happy Half-Hour
6:30pm

We will have wine for the adults, punch for the children, along with pizza, hors d'oeuvres and snacks.

Erev Shabbat Family Service
7:00pm

June's Family Service will be planned and presented by our Youth Group - STARRY.

Oneg including Kids "Kook-off"
8:00pm

Come taste and judge the entries of our younger CSS cooks. If you and your child are interested in entering the kook-off please contact Bruce at 636-8387 or corrisb@hotmail.com

Make Friday Night Family Night!

Sunday, June 5th at 11:30am
Shir Shalom Sisterhood Presents

A Summer Fling

Donors' Luncheon and Fashion Show
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Fashions furnished by Chico's,
basket auctions and silent auction of a doll collector's treasures

Program Co-chairs - Bambii Brody & Renee Klein

Prior reservations required

Friday, June 10th at 7:30pm

Celebrate Your Anniversary in June!

A Marriage Reconsecration event will take place during Erev Shabbat Services on June 10th at 7:30pm. Couples celebrating a "special" anniversary during the year 2016, starting with the 5th year and in five-year increments until the 50th, and every year past 50 are invited to receive blessings on the Bimah with Rabbi Lazarus-Klein and Cantor Colbert. This joyful way to recommit to the sacred bond of marriage is a most uplifting experience.

Please provide your name and anniversary number to Karen in the Temple office at 633-8877 or karen.houser@shirshalombuffalo.org.

Friday, June 24th at 7:30pm
Join us for a
"Farewell Cantor Colbert"
Erev Shabbat Service

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"Song of Peace"

OUR MISSION IS TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY AND TO ENHANCE ALL ASPECTS OF JEWISH LIFE.

WE ARE:
- Reform and Reconstructionist
- Diverse
- Multigenerational
- Inclusive and Interfaith

WE SHARE:
- Joy in Judaism
- Compassion and support
- Lifelong learning
- Traditions with flexibility

WE AFFIRM:
- Reinterpreting our heritage
- Repairing the world
- Embracing uniqueness and unity
- Recognizing the relevance of Israel

August 2016 Chai Notes Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the **August 2016** issue of Chai Notes is **June 21, 2016**.
Please submit articles
to the editor at laura.yellen@shirshalombuffalo.org

From the Clergy

This year marked the seventh anniversary of the passing of our beloved Cantor Susan Wehle in the crash of flight 3407. Her absence has been felt both in our community and in the community at large. As someone who was so passionate about her work and about being a *Rodef Shalom*, a pursuer of peace, her loss left a gaping hole in our lives. Her smile, her energy, can never be replaced. And, yet, I know she is looking down from her post in heaven cheering us on and helping to guide us in the right direction. In that spirit, I would like to use this newsletter article to send her a note.

Dearest Susan:

While we didn't know each other for that long, you left an indelible mark on my life. As a new rabbi, and a newbie to the Buffalo area, you really helped me feel comfortable in my new community. A wonderful portrait of you greets me every time I walk through our building.

Speaking of which, the two communities you worked with, Temple Sinai and Temple Beth Am, have merged to become one community called Congregation Shir Shalom. It is truly a magnificent place, full of life and passion. You would be so pleased by the level of camaraderie and cooperation between what once were, as you know, two distinct communities. Our name, Shir Shalom, "song of peace," is the perfect homage to all you gave to us in your all too short life.

I also want to fill you in about your predecessor in the cantorial post. Sharon Colbert is someone you would have loved to get to know. She is the consummate professional, with an amazing voice and spirit. She is funny, with a deadpan Texas humor, and, above all, caring and full of mentschlichite. While she is retiring this month, she did an amazing job guiding the ship in difficult times. Our incoming cantor, Arlene Frank, is also someone you would have loved. I know she will continue to inspire others in the joy of Jewish music and Yiddishkeit.

All in all, our community and Buffalo are doing great. Please continue to send down your blessings and healing prayers.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

Meet with the Rabbi

If you need guidance, advice, or if you just want to schmooze, Rabbi Alex is available every Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Call Rabbi Alex at 308-4558 to make an appointment.

All good things….

And it has been good. I hope it was good for you too. I'm talking to each and every one of you personally. Every joyous occasion – births, baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah, confirmations, graduations, weddings – I thank every one of you for trusting me and inviting me into your lives. You've seen my tears – happy and sad. Sickness and death, personal travails – we've shared them all.

I find it difficult to express the depth to which you have enriched my life. How fortunate I have been to spend these past seven years of my life connected to the Frozen Chosen. I don't know what else to say – I feel that over the past year I've said it all, since this year was an extension from last June. But this time it's for real. In just four weeks I'll be riding shotgun as we move seven years of life back to Houston. It isn't going to be easy. It's amazing how much a person can accumulate in seven years.

I'll let you into my life and what is upcoming for me and my family: We have owned our home in Houston for going on twenty-nine years, living full lives along the way. It's interesting what has happened in that house in Mom's absence. It's been Paul's campaign and business consultant office, the AEPi chapter of Houston frat house, my granddaughter's play house and general all around place to flop for my son Nathan's friends. The house in Houston also housed Nathan's music and photography studio. Since my arrival in Buffalo, Nathan has graduated from college and gone off to Israel. My granddaughters have entered their teenage years, Emily is about to start High School in the Fall, and Ashley is entering Middle School. She was only starting kindergarten when I left. Paul has endured three legislative sessions in Austin and countless commutes between Houston/Austin/Buffalo.

Now, because of the open floor plan of my Houston home, I hope to again host large Seders, birthday parties and Thanksgiving dinners for my friends and family. I have inquiries from three congregations from three different cities across the country, including Houston, to preside over High Holidays, special services and lifecycle events. Paul and I have plans to travel and I hope to do volunteer work. So retirement isn't really retirement. I am so happy to be going back home to my family. I've missed them every single day. There will be tears – tears of joy and tears of sadness – but no tears of regret.

May your lives be healthy and fulfilling. May your paths be full of love and kindness. I sincerely hope you remember me with the sweetness of good memories as I will remember you.

Cantor Sharon

CSS Religious School, Youth & Family Programming

Friday, June 10th at 6:30pm

Tot Shabbat Service

Complimentary pizza dinner at 6:00pm.

- Mini Service with lots of joyful singing at 6:30pm
- Shabbat craft
- Make new friends and catch the Shabbat spirit!

Don't miss this chance to share Shabbat with the little people in your life!

Our 2015-16 Seventh Graders get ready to move on up!

7th grade students (pictured above with Tzedek Corp teacher Rachel DiDomizio and Judaic Studies teacher Shiri Kester) have now completed their formal Religious School education. We loved seeing them grow into fine young women and men. We hope that they will all continue their Jewish education by attending our once a month teen class and/or Hebrew High.

2016 - 2017 Religious School Registration

Soon, our 2016-2017 Registration for Ganainu through High School will be mailed to current Religious School Families.

Please let us know of any families with potential students, so that we can offer them our Early Bird Registration opportunity.

Youth Group

Friday, June 3rd at 7:00pm

Join us for Erev Shabbat Family Service

June's Family Service will be planned and presented by our Youth Group - STARRY.

Friday, June 3rd at 8:00pm

Youth Group Pizza Party

Following 7:00pm Erev Shabbat Family Service.

Congregation Shir Shalom ST✡RRY News (Shalom Reform - Reconstructionist Youth)

The Youth Group will continue to be active over the summer! We are planning some fun outdoor events; information will be sent out soon. The Youth Group is always happy to welcome new members, students entering grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend a meeting or event. If you have any questions about the Youth Group, please feel free to contact Shiri Kester, Youth Group Advisor, at shirikester@gmail.com or just stop by an event!

Community Events

Thursday, June 9th at 6:30pm

Parkinson's Support Group Meeting

The Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9th at Congregation Shir Shalom.

For additional information, please call
Grace Wach 341-6279 or Lauren Ashbrun 983-0642.

Saturday, June 11th
Maariv: 10:15pm • First Session: 12:00am

Community Tikkun Layl Shavuot

Study Torah through the night with some of the finest Torah teachers in Buffalo

Temple Beth Tzedek
621 Getzville Road • Amherst, NY 14226

Keynote Speaker at 10:30pm
Dr. Noam Pines, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, UB
"The Love of a Dog: A Reading of a Poem by David Fogel"

Worship in a sunrise Shaharit service
Eat delicious blintzes for breakfast

Presented by Congregation Shir Shalom, Jewish Discovery Center, Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion, Buffalo Board of Rabbis and Cantors

Sessions led by;
Rabbi Adam Scheldt, Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, Rabbi Perry Netter, Rabbi Laizer Labkovski and Cantor Penny Myers.

Sunday, June 12th at 10:30am

Joint Liberal Shavuot Yizkor Service

Temple Beth El, Niagara Falls

Save the Date

Saturday, July 30h
at Island Park in Williamsville.

9th Annual Walk Off Hunger for the Food Bank of WNY

Congregation Shir Shalom is proud to co-host Walk Off Hunger and Summerfest 2016

Environmental Column

Horse Manure, Buggy Whips, and Global Warming by Joseph Morris

Many of those who deny global warming and oppose alternative energy sources argue that a move away from fossil fuels will cost the United States millions of jobs and weaken our economy. To that I say balderdash.

Introducing new technologies is often accompanied by something called creative destruction in which thriving companies and industries disappear. For example, artisans such as textile weavers and blacksmiths disappeared with the introduction of the steam engine and were replaced by factory workers and white collar positions.

With the industrial revolution, we moved from a rural to an urban society with a new set of problems. In 1900, there were 100,000 horses in New York City, creating thousands of pounds of manure that had to removed. Hundreds of workers toiled to remove that mess. The automobile was introduced and touted as a means of cleaning up the cities. I bet the workers who cleaned those city streets, along with buggy whip makers, were among those who derided these new fangled toys, and probably shouted, "Get a horse!" With the introduction of the car came hundreds of companies trying to make them and capture the market. As with any new industry, many of those companies failed. Detractors pointed to the failing early automobile companies as showing the folly of this technology. (Just like the opponents of global warming are decrying the failure of companies like Solyandra). The car seemed to be a toy, a plaything of the rich, much as the Tesla electric car is today.

Then along came Henry Ford and the Model "T" automobile, and everything changed. He made the Model "T" "everyman's" car while paying the highest wages in the industry to enable his workers to afford to own their own car. Now the average worker could afford cars.

What do you think happened to those workers who cleaned the manure off city streets? They probably ended up with jobs paving them. And those who worked for the buggy whip makers? They found higher paying jobs in automobile factories. In Buffalo, we can see the start of the new industry with the opening of the SolarCity plant.

I'm reminded of that wonderful diatribe by Danny DeVito in the movie "Other People's Money" where he played a corporate raider trying to take over a family-run manufacturing firm. In his diatribe he talks about buggy whip makers. "You know, at one time there must've been dozens of companies makin' buggy whips. And I'll bet the last company around was the one that made the best goddamn buggy whip you ever saw." Then the zinger. "Now how would you have liked to have been a stockholder in that company?"

Yes, disruption will occur as we switch to renewable energy and sustainable manufacturing. However, new industries will be created to grow the economy. That's the way the world works. Better yet, we may save the world for our children and grandchildren, but that's a subject for another day.

Sisterhood

First and most importantly, Sisterhood would like to thank the following volunteers who helped with our April rummage sale:

Yolanda Ammerman	Jackie Korchowsky
Paul Baginski	Robin Mack
Lynne Berg	Jean Messinger
Chris Cohan	Jennie Pohl
Julia Cohan	Eric Posses
Bruce Corris	Larry Posses
Rella Corris	Robin Raphael
Nancy Davidson	Adrienne Rothstein Grace
Rick Ellis	Carol Schmeidler
Marina Finkelstein	Anthony Seefried
Jill Hamilton	Janet Slonim
Tobi Horwitz	Jennelle Whitcomb

The rummage sale is one of our biggest fundraisers, and we couldn't do it without all of the people who donate goods to be sold, and all of our helpers who work tirelessly setting up before the sale, running around helping people during the sale, and cleaning up afterwards. You are doing a mitzvah, not only by raising money for our temple, but also by providing gently used goods to those who need them. Even our unsold items are donated to worthy charities. Additionally, as our volunteers know, there is nothing more satisfying than enjoying the camaraderie of others while engaged in worthwhile hard work. Our next sale will be October 30th. We will be accepting donated items throughout the month of October, and we look forward to seeing all of you again!

The Sisterhood Donors Luncheon will take place on Sunday, June 5th, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. In addition to a delicious meal, we will have a basket auction, and a fashion show featuring clothing by Chico's. This event is open to both women AND men. We always have a great time together, and we hope that you have sent in your responses and we'll see you there!

Jill Hamilton

Men's Group

The Men's Group wishes everyone a great summer! We will be taking a break from monthly meetings until August. We have had a good year, with lots of interesting speakers at our meetings. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

Our monthly poker games will continue. The dates are announced by email, so if you are not yet on the Men's Group email list, send us an email (see address below) and we will be happy to add you. Most of our communication is through email, so get on the list to be informed of what we're doing.

Have a great summer, everyone! Don't forget to use sunscreen.

Daniel Kester
Men's Group President
mensgroup@shirshalombuffalo.org • 536-5628

Sisterhood member Elaine Kellick prepares Seder plates for the CSS Second Night Seder at the Marriott.

Manager Wanted
Congregation Shir Shalom
Sisterhood Gift Shop
Starting September 1st.
Contact Jean at 634-3504 if interested.

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

Shop at Shir Shalom

During the summer, the Gift Shop will be open by appointment only.
Call Jean at 634-3504 or the Temple at 633-8877.

Shabbat Programs

Friday, June 3rd at 6:30pm

Shabbat Happy Half-Hour

We will have wine for the adults, punch for the children, along with pizza, hors d'oeuvres and snacks.

June 17th at 6:30pm

Congregational Potluck Dinner

Please bring a main or side dish to share – enough to feed about ten people. This month, we will be having a "dairy" potluck; please bring a dairy/parve/vegetarian (no meat) main dish or side dish to share. Dessert foods are not needed.

June 17th at 7:00pm

"Healing Service"

A quiet time for healing prayers for loved ones in need.

Friday Night Speaker Series

On the third Friday of the month, we invite a speaker from the community to address the congregation at the end of an abbreviated 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service.

June 17th

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Members of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will speak about their year-long journey preparing for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

June 18, 2016 at 10:30am

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service

One year ago eleven adult members of our congregation embarked on a journey of growth and learning in preparation for their adult B'nai Mitzvah. Please join us as we celebrate their accomplishments at a special service and kiddush and motzi in the foyer.

The B'nai Mitzvah class regrets, that due to space limitations, the Kiddush luncheon will be open to invited guests only.

Adult Education

June 1st and 8th at 11:30am

Wednesday Bible Study Group

The Sisterhood Bible Study group will be meeting June 1st and 8th and will then take a break for the summer. We will reconvene in September on a date to be announced.

Join us at 11:30am for a brown bag lunch, schmooze, and enjoy each other's company. At noon, Rabbi Alex starts the discussion as we open our Tanachs. Our weekly discussion

Thursdays at 10:30am

Women's Torah Study with Rabbi Alex

Weinberg Campus Card Room

This discussion group will meet on the first, second, fourth and, if applicable, fifth Thursdays of the month at 10:30am. All women are welcome.

January 8 - 19, 2017

Jewish-Presbyterian Geo-Political trip to Israel and the West Bank

Total cost, including round-trip airfare from Toronto to Tel Aviv: $3,596/person

There are only 30 spots available at this very low rate!

A trip informational session will be held on
Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00pm at
North Presbyterian Church • 300 North Forest Road
Williamsville

During the months of July and August, Friday evening Erev Shabbat Services will be held at 6:00pm outside under the tent

Fundraising and Tikkun Olam

Chesed Caring Committee

The CSS Chesed Caring Committee wants you to know that we take care of our members in a very special way; namely, by providing meals for families who: have a loved one just returning home from the hospital; are experiencing the birth of a new baby; or are observing Shiva. All we need is a call from someone in the family to let us know that one of the above situations exists, and we will provide a delicious meal for the immediate family.

We also are looking for volunteers who would be able to pick up the meals and deliver them to the recipient's home. This does not have to be a long-term commitment. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be called to help.

To request a meal be provided to a member or to volunteer, please call Adrienne Crandall at 875-7061, or email her at adrienne.crandall@gmail.com

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to the Kester Family

On May 3rd, the Kester Family, Daniel, Gunilla and Shiri, were the recipients of the Network of Religious Communities Religious Service Award. The Kester's are very involved members of CSS. Dan is the President of Men's Group, Shiri is the Youth Group Advisor and teaches in the Religious School. Gunilla is a classical guitarist and author who has participated in and planned many temple programs.

Please join us in congratulating Dan, Gunilla and Shiri, and thanking them for all they do for Congregation Shir Shalom.

Mazel Tov Nicholas Lowinger!

During the 2016 Hebrew High School Graduation Nick was presented with the Ahavat Torah Award from the Jewish Theological Seminary .
left: Nick with his proud mother Gwyn.

Book Group and Library Corner

Friday, June 24th at 11:30am

Between the Covers

"A Tale of Love and Darkness"
by Amoz Oz

We will enjoy our brown bag lunches at 11:30am, and begin our discussion of the book at 12:00pm.

A family saga and a magical self-portrait of a writer who witnessed the birth of a nation and lived through its turbulent history. *A Tale of Love and Darkness* is the story of a boy who grows up in war-torn Jerusalem, in a small apartment crowded with books in twelve languages and relatives speaking nearly as many. The story of an adolescent whose life has been changed forever by his mother's suicide. The story of a man who leaves the constraints of his family and community to join a kibbutz, change his name, marry, have children. The story of a writer who becomes an active participant in the political life of his nation.

LIBRARY CORNER A literary sensation in France, *The Travels of Daniel Ascher,* by Déborah Lévy-Bertherat (translated by Adriana Hunter), is a charming but bittersweet tale of love, loss, family secrets, and the role of literature in dealing with life's tragedies and travails.

The novel starts when 20-year-old Hélène Chambon moves to Paris to study archaeology and stays in an apartment belonging to her great-uncle Daniel, a successful but reclusive author of a popular children's adventure series. Daniel, as it turns out, is not a family member by blood, but was rescued by her family as a 10-year-old Jewish boy during the Occupation, when his entire family was deported and perished.

Although Hélène had never read the books as a child, she becomes intrigued by them, and by Daniel's life, when she gets involved with a young man who is an avid fan of the series, and sets off on her own personal "archaeological dig" to learn more about this complicated man whom she had always seen as childish and somewhat silly, in the process learning sometimes uncomfortable truths about herself and her own family legacy, and finding a new maturity in the process.

The Travels of Daniel Ascher can be obtained through the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system.

Leslie Jaszczak
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Shir Shalom Funds

If you wish to honor those whose memories are dear to you, or express your gratitude for a joyous occasion, you are invited to make a contribution to Congregation Shir Shalom. Below is a list of funds available for your donations:

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Spivack Youth Library Fund
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Edith and Joel L. Cohen Memorial Prayer Book Fund

If you have questions regarding any of the funds listed above, please contact Joanne Marquisee in the Temple office at 633-8877.
If you choose to contribute to more than one fund, a separate check for each donation would be greatly appreciated.
$10 minimum donation is requested.

CSS Library

Sometimes you just need a Book

For those of us who think a perfect hour involves walking around a bookstore or library and being intrigued by a colorful cover or a title that grabs your attention, please come to the Congregation Shir Shalom Adult Library. Our collection contains fiction by preeminent authors like Amoz Oz, Shalom Aleichem, Bernard Malamud, Anita Diamant, Gloria Ehrenreich and even Philip Roth.

We have: biographies and memoirs, feminist perspective, Yiddish (in English), folktales (who doesn't love a good folktale?!) as well as information about the Reconstructionist and Reform Movements. We have an extensive selection on Jewish history, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. Additionally, our collection contains Jewish ways to plan weddings, bar mitzvahs and baby names. Want to learn more about the other end of the life cycle? We also have information on death, grieving and funerals.

There is so much more that hasn't been mentioned. Have some time to schmooze and browse? The library is open whenever there isn't a meeting in there, so please check with the office before driving over. All books are available for loan.

CSS Second Night Passover Seder

136 people participated in the Seder led by Rabbi Alex and Cantor Colbert

The youngest Seder attendees helped Rabbi Alex tell the Passover story.

Each table was named for one of the ten plagues.

General Programming and Announcements

Video Streaming of Friday Night Services

Live video streaming of Friday night services at Congregation Shir Shalom is available to anyone with a computer and an internet connection. To access it, simply go to the Temple's website, **www.shirshalombuffalo.org** and click on the "Live Video Streaming" link. It's easy!

The video streaming is a joint project of the CSS Sisterhood, Men's Group and Communications Committee, with the goal of making services available for those unable to get to Temple, especially our ill and/or immobile congregation members. Please note that we occasionally experience technical difficulties that are beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Save the Date!

Friday, July 1st at 6:00pm

Please join

Cantor Arlene Frank

for her first Erev Shabbat Service at CSS

and

immediately following the 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

The Membership Committee invites you to a

Kickoff Summer BBQ

We're providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. We're asking you to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. The side dishes and salads should be parve, the desserts can be dairy.

Please let the Temple office know if you're coming so we can make sure we have enough burgers, etc.
Come for the service and stay for dinner, or just come for the BBQ....but we hope to see you there!

High Holiday Services Participation

If you would like a part in our High Holiday Services, please contact Mindy Weinman, at toothdocs2@aol.com or 689-7518.

Requests will be granted to the best of our ability.

Opportunities

Planned Giving

Planned Giving provides people who have been synagogue members an opportunity to recognize our congregation that has been there for them, at times of joy and sadness, and that has been so important in their lives.

A Planned Gift can be as simple as a bequest, or more complex, both providing income and tax advantages for the donor. If you would like to leave a legacy, some examples of a Planned Gift that would benefit Congregation Shir Shalom in the future include: Wills, Charitable Gift Annuities, Gifts of Life Insurance and Charitable Trusts.

You also can endow our future by naming rights. Various areas in the building can be named with your family's name, a legacy which would last forever and also be enjoyed by you today.

If you would like more information, please contact Joanne Marquisee, Executive Director at 633-8877.

Any Reason is a Good Reason to Sponsor an Oneg!

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat after Friday Erev Shabbat Services is a lovely way to honor someone you love, to celebrate an upcoming simcha, or to remember a loved one in a special way. It's a great way to celebrate a special event: birth, baby naming, engagement, wedding, anniversary, birthday, graduation, return to good health, a new job, awards, etc.

As a sponsor, your name and dedication will be read from the bimah as part of our announcements and will be included in the service leaflet.

The cost of sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is $180. You also can co-sponsor with another person or family. All dates must be pre-approved. For more information, please contact Joanne Marquisee, our Executive Director, at 633-8877 or joanne.marquisee@gmail.com. What a nice way to honor those individuals who are important in your life!

Please share your pictures with us!

Do you have a picture of an event that you attended at temple; a picture of a family Shabbat you had at home; an interesting picture from a meeting; or other photos that you'd like to share with us?

If so, please send them to: shirshalomphotos@gmail.com along with a **very brief** explanation of the particulars for each photo (who, what, when, where, why).

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mother of Bruce (Francine) Pleskow

Upcoming Services

June 2016

Parashat Bechukotai ~ Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

June 3, 2016
7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service
co-led by STARRY Youth Group

Saturday, June 4, 2016
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Mishebeirach and Mourner's Kaddish
10:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service

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Parashat Bamidbar ~ Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

Friday, June 10, 2016
6:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service
7:30PM Erev Shabbat Service and
Marriage Reconsecration

Saturday, June 11, 2016
9:00 AM Torah Study at Canterbury Woods
11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
at Canterbury Woods

Sunday, June 12, 2016
10:30 AM Joint Liberal Shavuot Yizkor Service
Temple Beth El, Niagara Falls

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Parashat Naso ~ Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

Friday, June 17, 2016
7:00 PM Healing Service
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
and Speaker Series

Saturday, June 18, 2016
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service

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Parashat Behalotecha ~ Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Friday, June 24, 2016
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
"Farewell Cantor Colbert"

Saturday, June 25, 2016
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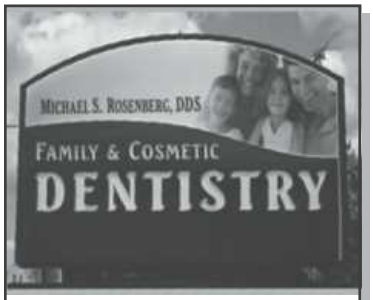

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5 11:30am Sisterhood Donors' Luncheon - offsite	6 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	7 7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	8 11:30am Sisterhood Bible Study	9 10:30am Women's Torah Study at Weinberg Campus 1:30 - 3:00pm Meet with Rabbi Alex (appointment requested) 6:30pm Parkinson's Support Group Meeting	10 6:00pm Tot Shabbat pizza dinner 6:30pm **Tot Shabbat Service** 7:30pm **Erev Shabbat Service and Marriage Reconsecration**	11 9:00am Torah Study at Canterbury Woods 11:00am **Shabbat Morning Service** at Canterbury Woods 10:15pm Community Tikkun Layl Shavuot Program @ TBT
12 10:30am Joint Liberal Shavuot Service - Temple Beth El, Niagara Falls	13 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	14 10:00am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	15	16 1:30 - 3:00pm Meet with Rabbi Alex (appointment requested) 4:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah rehearsal	17 6:30pm Potluck Dinner 7:00pm **Healing Service** 7:30pm **Erev Shabbat Service** followed by Shabbat Speaker Series	18 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am **Shabbat Morning Service and Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service**
19 *Happy Father's Day!*	20 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	21 *Submissions for August Chai Notes due* 7:00pm Board Meeting	22	23 10:30am Women's Torah Study at Weinberg Campus 1:30 - 3:00pm Meet with Rabbi Alex (appointment requested)	24 11:30am Between the Covers Book Group 7:30pm **Erev Shabbat Service - Farewell to Cantor Colbert**	25 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Mishebeirach & Mourner's Kaddish 10:45am **Shabbat Morning Service**
26	27 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	28	29	30 10:30am Women's Torah Study at Weinberg Campus	July 1 6:00pm **Erev Shabbat Service Under the Tent Welcome Cantor Frank** 7:00pm Kickoff Summer BBQ	2 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Mishebeirach & Mourner's Kaddish 10:45am **Shabbat Morning Service**