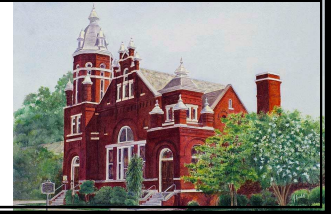


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Rabbi's Message

I was recently asked to speak at First United Methodist about my relationship with God. My relationship has been an evolving one and has been impacted especially by me becoming a mother. I realized that prior to motherhood, my thoughts of God were one of a Divinity who could take care of me, who would look out for me, who would look out for others, or who would help those in need. At times I thought of God as distant, removed from the world, similar to Aristotle's "Unmoved Mover" - yet I did personalize my relationship with Him/Her. After motherhood began, perhaps due to the fact that I was nursing or simply by giving my child life, I started to think of God as a Sustainer. Through my own actions, I sustained my daughter. I was present for her to clean her bottom, feed her and change her. It was only then that I truly started to internalize much of the imagery that is present of God as the Sustainer of life. The very story of the Exodus parallels motherhood. God takes the Israelites out of hard labor (childbirth) with outstretched arms (a midwife) and they wander in the desert growing toward adulthood while being fed manna (mother's milk) and quail. I started to think about all the ways in the Torah, all the descriptions of God as the Sustainer - that God created a world, established a covenant with Abraham promising offspring as numerous as the sands on the seashore

(Genesis 17) and through God's actions continues to sustain the world. It is God who created the world - like a watch maker. God set the world into motion, creating the intricate parts and then stepped back to watch it tick or pulse. The concept of God as the Creator led me to further struggle with the concept of gratitude. I recall as a young child taking so much for granted from my parents - of course they would purchase for me what I wanted. They were my parents. But it was only when I began to grow, and now especially as one who has had many sleepless nights since my daughter has come into the world, it truly is work to provide for her all that she needs. The concept of gratitude is now present. I want her to be able to say thank you to me for providing for her. Just as I now am VERY thankful to my own parents for what must have been a HUGE task - raising me and my sister. Assuming God exists, I must also assume that God wants me to turn around and say thank you for sustaining me and my family. Even though God is sustaining us, there are times when we feel God is absent from our lives, times when things are tough and challenging. It is those times that I think of God again like a parent, present in our lives and supporting us as we go through problems on our own. Perhaps since mother's day is near, this is an opportunity to further thank our mothers for helping sustain us, and perhaps we can use it as a moment to thank God also for sustaining us.

~ Rabbi~



President's Message

A big **THANK YOU** to Caroline Lampert and her committee, along with Rabbi Bahar for making a TRUE Community Passover Seder - a reality. Over 80 people from the Congregations of Temple B'nai Sholom, Etz Chayim and the community-at-large, enjoyed the second night of Passover as we celebrated in the Temple social hall. The story of Passover was retold and acted out in story and song and I believe all in attendance enjoyed the evening. I also want to say thank you to those who made financial contribution to support

this event. Without your help the evening would not have been possible.

Also during the past month, members of our 3rd year B'nai Mitzvah class led us in worship on Friday night, April 12th. Under the direction of Marla Baer-Peckham and her team of Hebrew teachers (Leesa Wilson and Caroline Lampert), these kids gave us a glimpse of what is to come in the next year. The idea of this class leading services, is part of our expanded B'nai Mitzvah Program. The Program has been quite successful and we believe we have a record number of kids (9) who will celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in the next year!

~ Brad ~

May 2011

Services, Onegs, Yahrzeits, and Bima Duty

May 6 - 6:00 PM – Pot Luck Supper and Study

Bima: David Berkowitz

Yahrzeits (May 1 – May 7)

Gertrude Krantz Kerr, Benny Snyder, Rose Ginsburg Harrison*, Elizabeth Schwartz*, Rose Hirschorn, Blanche Rubinsky Weisberg, Joseph Kaplan, Derek Creel Levine, Robert Marx, Ben Block

May 13 – 7:00 PM – Family Service

Bima: Michael Goodman

Oneg: Jackie Turman to handle

Yahrzeits (May 8 – May 14)

Max Berkowitz*, Saul Neidell, Max Bruck, Sam Goffstein, Beckie G. Glaser*, Alexander E. Streit*, Bessie Bilsky, Elsie Gardner, William Grisham, Ruth S. Kobler*, Helen Schenker

May 20 – 7:00 PM – Confirmation Service

Bima: Fred Tamm-Daniels

Oneg: Michael Goodman and Robbie Hood—in honor of their son Sam's Confirmation

Yahrzeits (May 15 – May 21)

Goldie Kaplowitz, Esther Kathrins*, George Linton, Perry Schlein, Jacquelyn Stern*, Leonard Grass, Ethel H. Katz*, Herbert Peter Hoehne*, Abraham Dembo, Henrietta Fischer, Harold Strusiner, Helen Albert Preston*

May 27 – 7:00 PM – Educational Service

Bima: David Block

Oneg: Jackie Turman to handle

Yahrzeits (May 22 – May 28)

Jack Greenberg, Ida Gersh, Israel Louis Schure, Rita Ifshin*, Linda Lindy*, Leone De Haas, Jonas M. Schwartz*

June 3 - 6:00 PM – Summer Service

Yahrzeits (May 29 – June 4)

Elizabeth P. Vatz, Mackie Lee Kyle, Bradley Mack

Additional names to be included in the June Temple Times

Refuah Shlemah

We wish all who are in need of healing
a *refuah shlemah* speedy recovery

Irene Anderson	Maurice Kraselsky
Nancy Bunker	Richard Lapidus
Bobbelise Ceigler	Leila Levine
Morley Denbo	Jackey Maynard
Arthur Frost	Buddy Miller
Sydney Gaylord	Byron Eugene Miller
Gabrielle Giffords	Carl Pearsall
Susan Gilbert	Eidele Sainker
Harvey Golden	Edward Small
Seymore Goodman	Ana Tamm-Daniels
Roz Howard	Paul Zubrod
Pat Guttman Milligan	

Donations

Library Fund

In Memory of Rabbi Ballon

From: Edward and Alvera Bandyk

General Fund

For Community Seder Expenses

From: Seth Spraggins

From: William and Dorothy Goldberg

From: Morris and Sarla Scherlis

From: Hank Stern

From: Jerome and Arlene Averbuch

From: Katherine and Renee Levine

In honor of Southern Jewish Historical Society

From: Margaret Anne Goldsmith

Huntsville Historic Pilgrimage

The Temple has been selected to be part of the Huntsville Historic Pilgrimage Tour on **Saturday, May 7th** from 10 AM—4 PM. Members of the community will be coming to the Temple to tour our beautiful sanctuary.

Study Group

ADULT EDUCATIONAL EVENT: COUNTING OF THE OMER

From April 24 (Pesach) to June 5 (Shavuot), I am offering a workshop on the seven Sefirot. They are: Lovingkindness (chesed), Discipline (Gevurah), Compassion (Tiferet), Endurance (Netzach), Humility (Hod), Bonding (Yesod), Nobility (Malchut).

This study will be based on the booklet entitled [The Counting of the Omer: 49 Steps to Personal Refinement According to the Jewish Tradition](#) by Rabbi Simon Jacobson.

Please call me at (256) 536-0530, if you plan to participate. The 7 sessions will be weekly: We will meet at the Temple Library on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served during social time. Please buy the publication now or ask me for assistance with purchase. Prizes for good attendance!

~ Renate Stone ~

Temple Officers

President Brad Lapidus
Vice-President Larry Banks
Secretary Michael Goodman
Treasurer Saul Ginsburg
Past President Richard Brooks

Trustees:
 David Block David Berkowitz
 Jennifer Kaplan Blair Eurton
 Ann van Leeuwen Sue Hassett
 Lisa Walker Fred Tamm-Daniels

May Anniversaries

Morris and Sarla Scherlis	5/20
David and Marla Baer-Peckham	5/27
Charles and Sara Crocker	5/28
Michael Goodman and Robbie Hood	5/30
James and Jennifer Kaplan	5/30
Jay and Linda Dinerman	5/31

Bar Mitzvah Project

My name is Aaron Simon. I am collecting items for my bar mitzvah project to distribute to senior citizens in Madison Co. for an assistance organization called CASA. Items needed for donation include low sodium and low sugar non-perishable foods (i.e. soups, peanut butter, crackers), adult pull-up protective undergarments in Large and X-large (i.e. Depends), Ensure or Glucerna nutritional drinks, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, soap), gift cards to Wal-Mart and Kroger, toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.), and electric heaters and fans (new with safety features).

There will be a box in the Temple lobby for these items. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

May Birthdays

Kenneth Eccher	5/3
Rachelle Eccher	5/4
Marcy Simon	5/4
Wendy Taylor	5/4
Rabbi Bahar	5/6
Marsha Marks	5/6
Yuri Shtessel	5/6
Renee Zelickson	5/6
Abigail Brazda	5/7
Harry Delugach	5/9
Sharon Childress	5/11
Jennifer Kaplan	5/12
Belinda Bishop	5/13
Morley Denbo	5/15
Karin Feldman	5/15
Larry Cantor	5/16
Jessica Waltress	5/17
Eugene Hassett	5/18
Dale Howard	5/19
Cindy Butler	5/22
Ann Denbo	5/23
Justin Kleinman	5/23
Sofya Bromberg	5/24
Harvey Golden	5/24
Ernestine Daniels	5/25
Jonah Weinberger	5/25
Meredith Taylor	5/26
Jarrett Kaplan	5/28
Sara Wilson	5/28
Linda Dinerman	5/31

Tot Shabbat

The time for Tot Shabbat has ended for the year. It is now time to enjoy the beautiful weather and spending time outside. It is now time to reflect back over what we have done together during our times at Tot Shabbat. It is time to keep in mind that, "We are the Jewish people." That has always been the theme through all our lessons. We must be PROUD of who we are. I am very proud of all the friends who spent those Saturday mornings with me. I love all my friends and their parents who took the time to help bring us all together.

Have a wonderful summer,
 ~ Suzanne Druckman ~

Save the Date



Please save Wednesday, Sept 7th, to hear Phil Weaver and Microwave Dave for their Classical Blues Cabaret for a fund raiser at the Temple. They always get overflow crowds wherever they perform and are well regarded musicians in the area.



Please put this date on your calendar.
 ~ Bob Druckman ~

Confirmation Service

Please join Sam Goodman as he is confirmed Friday May 20th at 7pm. Sam will be delivering the sermon that evening in honor of all of his hard work. The Oneg is sponsored by Michael Goodman and Robbie Hood in honor of their son's accomplishment. The congregation is invited

Important Message From Rabbi Bahar

Please let me know if you are sick or if you know of someone who is sick. I would like to come and visit!

Torah Study

Parshat: Bechukotai
When: May 21st 10am
Where: Temple Library
Topic: *What does it mean to be in a relationship with the Divine?*

Sisterhood Closing Out the Year

Thank you to those who actually read my note last month. Many of you have commented it made you think about what you can do. That was the point. Rabbi Bahar and I had a conversation the other day about volunteering. She said: THIS IS YOUR TEMPLE.

In other words, if you want to see something happen, then you need to step up and express this, BUT you must have the plan/thought ready of how to accomplish it. Not just put the idea out there and expect someone else to do it. Great things come from great ideas that are implemented.

What's On The Calendar

The Month of May is a busy time for Sisterhood. The month marks the end of the year for the current Sisterhood Board Members, and also means that A Night with the Chefs is fast approaching.

Fundraising: A Night With The Chef's, Sunday, May 22, 2011:

Have you bought your tickets yet? Let's get together with our friends and have a great evening of fun, food, and fundraising!!!! If for some reason you have not received your invitation, or have any questions, please contact me (Jodi Weiner, jweiner@aol.com) .

MORE HELP STILL NEEDED

ON THE DAY OF to setup. This is a great time to volunteer just a little time.

Contact Marion Lapidus, Fern Brazda, Sarla Scherlis.

PLEASE NOTE REDUCED PRICE OF "A NIGHT WITH THE CHEFS" (\$65 per person). Come out and support Sisterhood.

DID YOU KNOW? The Sisterhood is giving 10% of the proceeds from Night w/the Chefs to the New Hope Children's Clinic. The clinic provides desperately needed medical care to an economically depressed area.

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The Ledges, 11:00 a.m.

COST: \$16 per person

In accordance with the constitution of Sisterhood, a General Membership meeting must be scheduled to elect new officers and to update the Membership of ongoing programs. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at The Ledges Club House. Cost is \$16 per person, and a menu of pre-selected items will be available for individual choice.

We hope that ALL Sisterhood Members will attend. A flyer has been sent to all Members in good standing. You must be a Member of Sisterhood to attend this meeting. If you haven't joined, now is a great time.

Still Need: Nominations Are Being Accepted:

Several Sisterhood Members have graciously stepped up to the call of serving on the 2011-2012 Board. There are still openings for all of the Board. Don't be shy; nominate yourself.

Programs and Membership: Membership Tea, Sunday, August 21, 2011.

Judy Kunitz has graciously stepped in and offered her lovely new home on Habersham for the Sisterhood Tea. Please mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. to attend this important meeting. Membership Renewals will be sent out in the usually timeframe of July. The purpose of this event is always

1. Get together with Sisterhood Members for good fellowship
2. Renew your Membership (if not prior to that)
3. Meeting includes Budget approval for 2011-2012

Shalom,
Jodi

News From the Congregation

Hannah Grisham, daughter of **Michael and Clare Grisham**, received the Henry G. Dalton Fellowship at the annual Kenyon College Honors Day Convocation on April 12th. This fellowship is awarded by the American Studies Department for Graduate work in American Government, History or Literature. Congratulations to Hannah on her outstanding achievement.

MAY 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 6:00 PM Shabbat Service	7 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Huntsville Historic Pilgrimage
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 6:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	12	13 7:00 PM Shabbat Service	14 Community Volunteer Day (details to follow)
15 12:00 Noon - Yom Ha- Atzmaut Celebration - after the last day of NACHaS 1:00 PM Adult Education Class	16	17	18	19	20 7:00 PM Confirmation of Sam Goodman	21 10:00 AM Torah Study
22 Lag B'Omer 1:00 PM Adult Education Class 6:00 PM - Night With The Chefs	23	24	25 11:00 AM— Sisterhood General Membership Meeting	26	27 7:00 PM Shabbat Service	28
29 1:00 PM Adult Education Class	30 Memorial Day	31				



Mark Your Calendars!!!
Reduced Prices

Fifth Spectacular

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Ruth's Chris
Embassy Suites

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

*A Night
with
the
Chefs*

Cooking Demonstrations
Recipes
Cash Bar

Silent Auction
Prize Drawing
Dressy Casual Attire

Cash and Checks Only

Temple B'nai Sholom Summer Camp is Coming!

**Jewish
Cooking**
Challah,
Charoset,
Kugel &
Hamantaschen!

**Jewish
Story Time**
Interactive
stories!

**Outside
Play**
Green Space,
Football,
Softball,
Dodge Ball &
Water play!
(Movie if it
rains)

**Art
Project**
Challah Covers,
Sand Jars &
Havdalah
Candles!

For ages 5-10 years
Cost is only \$75 per child

The Book Club

The Book Club has been rescheduled to June 12th. It will be a the home of Jerry and Arlene Averbuch at 7pm. The book is Day After Night by Anita Diamant

Renew or Join Sisterhood

\$40 will pay your Sisterhood Membership through 2012. Contact Sue Farbman or Jodi Weiner for information.

NACHaS

Last Day of
NACHaS is
May 15th

Library Report

Ann van Leeuwen



Artist Byron E. Wolfe's depiction of the charge of Chief Roman Nose at the Battle of Beecher Island, 1868.
American Jewish Archives

In 1864 fourteen year old Sigmund Shlesinger left Hungary bound for America. Shlesinger drifted westward from place to place working as a store clerk, bartender, cook, waiter, mule herder, and a shoveler for the railroad. Always making enough to eat, but never enough to realize his dream, he fell on hard times in the summer of 1868. Out of money and hungry, he went from army camp to army camp looking for work. He learned that Colonel George Forsyth of Camp Hays, Kansas, was looking for experienced frontiersmen to serve as scouts against the Indians. Shlesinger applied and became the 50th member of Forsyth's unit because there were no other volunteers. Shlesinger, a small Jew with little knowledge of firearms or horsemanship, was an unlikely candidate for Indian scout. Yet, he served with valor through savage Indian fighting. In later life he went on to become a successful businessman and a pillar of the Cleveland Jewish Community. Does this sound like a piece of fiction or a Jewish version of Little Big Man? Well, its not. Shlesinger was one of many Jewish settlers who had contact with the American Indians. Many of their adventures are retold in M. L. Marks' book, Jews Among the Indians. History buffs, you will love these short well researched stories.
drop.

~ Ann ~

Sisterhood Sunday Mind, Body, and Spirit

Due to the Adult Educational Event: Counting of the Omer, our Sisterhood Sunday — Mind, Body and Spirit will be postponed until further notice.

JFHNA - Yom Ha-Atzmaut - May 15 Israel Independence Day Celebration

The Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama (JFHNA) invites everyone to the Temple on May 15 (the last day of Sunday School) from noon until 4:00 PM for an exciting community celebration of Yom Ha Hatzmout, Israel's Independence Day.

Bobbie Wyso and Uzi Bahar are the co-chairs of this event. Refreshments will be provided by the Sisterhoods of B'nai Sholom and Etz Chayim, NACHAS parents and teachers, volunteers from both congregations and the Youth Group. There will be hot dogs and Israeli foods for lunch, and all refreshments will be kosher style. Entertainment will include an inflatable 20 foot slide and various games with prizes, plus a treasure hunt and a raffle. Two additional exciting features will be an outdoor Israeli style coffee house and an Israeli market selling items imported especially for the event.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us as our Jewish community celebrates the anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel sixty three years ago. That day was and continues to be a 20th century miracle for Jewish people around the world.

Note: if it rains, the event will be postponed until the following Sunday May 22nd.

JFHNA Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Sunday May 1 at 3 pm Temple B'nai Sholom

A service to remember so that others can never deny Dr. Wm. Samelson, professor emeritus from the University of Texas and himself a Survivor, is our special guest and speaker. Dr. Samelson was a prisoner of the Holocaust and a partisan fighter of the Nazis. Dr. Samelson speaks first hand of his memories from those dark days.

A musical program will feature the cello of Gonca Huff and piano of Frank Contreras with compositions from Holocaust composers. The supporting narrative will provide court-room testimony and eye witness accounts of the historical events.

The JFHNA will honor this year's essay contest winners. Call ahead reserved seating 256-881-2477

No charge and reception and Q&A discussion with Dr. Samelson follows an important learning experienced for our young people. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama (JFHNA)

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