The Kibbitzer

Temple Am Shalom
Mentor, Ohio

JUNE 2018

SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5778

A WORD FROM RENÉE

Hello Friends,

The month of May has been filled with wonderful things to celebrate. On Sunday, May 6th, about 14 people converged on the Temple to clean up and beautify our building and its grounds. It was a lovely spring morning complete with donuts provided by Andy, followed several hours later with a taco brunch buffet which was enjoyed by all. Many rooms were cleaned out including the classroom and the storage closet. Our very old lawnmower is on its last leg. They don't even make parts for it anymore. We're looking for a used mower if anyone has one. Also, we're still on the hunt for a couch for the youth lounge. We thought we had one, but it didn't pan out. We now have a doorbell, office air conditioner, an alarm system, plus we just signed Royal Heating & Air Conditioning Company to service our system and remove both of the old window air conditioning units. Once removed, we plan to install glass block into those spaces. Perhaps, that will put an end to the birds in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who planted, painted, schlepped and purged stuff from our building. Your help was and always is so appreciated.

Thanks to Elise for leading two services this month. I heard that they were both well attended and deeply spiritual. Our final service in May will be on the 25th at 7:30 p.m. In June, we will have 3 services on the 1st, 8th & 22nd. The first 2 services will be at 7:30 p.m. The service on the 22nd will be preceded by a Pasta dinner &, the drawing for the Heinen's gift card. A Shabbat service & Oneg will follow. Please R.S.V.P. to the Temple @ 440 255-1544 by June 18th so we know how much food to buy.

A very huge Mazel Tov to **Jennifer Magid** and **Gary Tucker** on their wedding, which is taking place on Saturday afternoon, May 26th. So glad you have found one another and we wish you many years of health and happiness! Also, congratulations to **Ben Magid** on his High School Graduation!

Congrats to **Alissa Bittinger** for fulfilling her dream of becoming a Majorette at Mentor High School for next year. A Mazel Tov is also extended to the Donohue family on the graduation of **Maddie Donohue** from Kirtland High School.

Come join Andy's Memoirs class on Wednesday evenings, June 20 & 27. More info inside.

Now I'd like to discuss something that is really bothering me. I was recently contacted by a grandparent whose grandson attends school in Willoughby and plays in the band. She wrote an opinion piece in the News Herald on Saturday, May 12, regarding this concern and was not met with an appropriate response, so she called me. It seems that the Lake County Music Educators' Association has a band extravaganza every year on the 3rd Wednesday of September. Well, wouldn't you know it? The Yom Kippur Holy Day falls Tuesday night and Wednesday, that exact date. The Mentor Schools are hosting this event this year. Unfortunately, last year the Mentor Schools held the Homecoming game & dance on Yom Kippur, as well. Several of our congregants approached me then, however, that is exactly when I suffered my broken arm. But I am on top of it now. I contacted our wonderful friend, Tina Green, whose husband works in the Mentor Schools and they have relationships with many in Lake County. One person that Tina contacted is the treasurer on the Lake County Music Educators' Association. As it stands now, there is some movement in a positive direction with other people getting on board with support for change. Perhaps a squeaky wheel can be oiled and what always has been can be altered for the good of all. Let's hope and pray this is the beginning of forward progress in a society that reeks of anti-Semitism, hate and misunderstandings. These "People of Peace" (Am Shalom) long for a "World filled with peace". Amen.

B'ahava v'Shalom! (in Love and Peace)

Renee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Shabbat Services

Friday June 1

7:30pm service

Friday, June 8

7:30pm service

Friday, June 22

6pm Pasta dinner & 7:30pm service

Men's Fellowship Group

8:00a.m. SUNDAY, **JUNE 17,** *Mentor Family Restaurant.* Contact Lee Hawthorne at (440) 725-6852.

Sisterhood

10 a.m. SUNDAY **JUNE 10 ,** *Manhattan Deli, Mentor* Contact Rita Rose at (440) 867-2268 or *rrose@oh.rr.com*

Board Meeting

7:30pm WEDNESDAY JUNE **6**

Congregants, get involved!

Memoirs Class

7pm WEDNESDAY June 20 & 27

Spring Clean up Day!!!!

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you!!!!

To **everyone** who came out and helped Temple!

Thank you to Andy/Renee for providing doughnuts and taco lunch.

Let's do this again next year

Steaking Our Claims

Congratulations Temple Am Shalomers we've done it again. It's another successful fun-draiser. Wednesday, May 16 we gathered at Texas Roadhouse to use up those gift cards we bought and enjoy a delicious dinner together. We spent $1,626.67 and raised $163 for the Temple. Thank you to our favorite churches for helping us spread the word about our fundraiser. And a special thank you to Janet Evangelista and her committee for arranging for this great event.

NOTE FROM TEMPLE PRESIDENT

What a great May! Our Cleanup Day crew attacked the insides and outsides of Temple Am Shalom. We painted our new doors, cleaned the sanctuary seats, and replaced bulbs in the sanctuary on the inside. Meanwhile, the flower beds were cleaned out and mulched, the Star of David was painted, and a new Ring doorbell was installed outside. The doorbell is necessary because when we are in Shabbat services we lock the building. Latecomers have to knock very loud to be let in. Now, we can see them on our phones and let them in, and see if anyone comes to visit when we are not in. Our tired group then sat down to a taco lunch. Thank you all.

Next, we dined together at Texas Roadhouse and raised money for the Temple. But, we're just getting started. In June, we have a pasta dinner and Shabbat service on June 22. That's also the day when we draw the raffle ticket to see who wins the $30 Heinen's gift card. Remember, you still have time to enter, just attend Shabbat services. Wednesday, June 20 and 27 at 7 pm I will be leading a class on memoir writing. Please join us.

Finally, at our recent Board meeting, we voted to purchase additional prayer books, because our attendance on Friday nights is up. This is a good thing. We also voted to have a company remove the two old air conditioners that have been hanging out of the building for years, and cover the holes. This is a necessary thing, although the resident birds and bats are not happy with our decision.

Thank you all for making Temple Am Shalom an active community.

Thanks for The Memoirs

What's a Memoir, and Why Should I Care?

On two Wednesdays in June (20 and 27) Andy Kenen will be leading a free class on how to write memoirs at 7pm. Memoirs are personal stories that you would like to leave for your family and friends. They are meant to "fill in" the void left when your family puts together a family tree. These days it's easy to find information about your family. Ancestry.com has dates and important papers, but what is missing are the stories. That's what this class is all about. No writing experience is necessary because we are just being ourselves. The first week we'll learn the process and generate topics. The second week we'll share our stories and talk about publication. Everyone who attends gets a free e-edition of Seymour Rothman's book Your Memoirs: Collecting Them for Fun and Posterity. This class is open to Temple Am Shalom members and non-members alike, so bring a friend. To enroll email akenen@gmail.com and include Memoir in the heading or call 440-708-3112 and leave a message.

Am Shalom Annual Meeting

10 a.m. SUNDAY JULY 22!!!!

We will be discussing the yearly budget, and Temple updates.

This is open to everyone!!!

Come out and get involved!!

AN INVITATION TO Join Am Shalom's Annual Toronto Show Tour

ALL-INCLUSIVE! - One Cost ADULTS ONLY

Toronto Show Tour- October 2nd & 3rd, 2018

(**Passports or pass cards Needed)**

Highlights (6) Attractions

(1) "**Come From Away" 4-star musical attraction**- *Great Seats!* -

(2) **Robert Michaels in Concert-**Selections from his new album

(3) **"JEWS ON THE ROOF"**- A COMEDY CLUB OF TOP JEWISH COMEDIANS

(4) **Ballroom Dancing Exhibition** & Group Dance lessons

(5) **Meet & Greet** Cast Members of **"Come From Away" & Comedians**

(6) Visit to **Niagara on the Lake**

Six Great Meals –No Tipping!

1. Breakfast at **Cracker Barrel- Erie Pa.**
2. Lunch at Betty's Restaurant- Niagara Falls
3. Dinner at Tucker's Marketplace, Burlington, Ontario
4. Continental Breakfast-Quality Suites-Oakville
5. Full Buffet Lunch-Frankie Tomatto's
6. Dinner at Mandarin –Niagara Square Mall

TOUR ALSO PROVIDES, WATER, COOKIES, MOVIES, REST STOPS, GIFTS

Deluxe Anderson Motor Coach-Leaves from **Temple Am Shalom**

Parking available at Temple Am Shalom, **7599 Center Street, Mentor, Ohio 44060**

All Inclusive Cost**: $440 p.p.** Dbl. Occ. Single Occ. at **$500**

$240. Refundable Deposit per person due now or by April 30, 2018

$200. Balance due by August 1, 2018 (Single Balance **$260)**

Method of Payment: Make checks payable to: **Am Shalom//Toronto Trip** c/o Ronald Rose, 5636 Primavera Drive 44060-9106.

Please enclose your **e-mail** or **phone number**. **Trip is limited to 48 passengers**. This trip is a fundraising event to raise funds for Temple Am Shalom, a non-profit religious organization. Please contact Ron Rose at **440-867-2268** or e-mail at: rrose@oh.rr.com

Are Ya Feeling Lucky?

Are you feeling lucky? Have you ever won the lottery? You have three more opportunities to win a $30 Heinen's Gift Card. Each time you attend Shabbat services on June 1, 8, and 22 you have a chance to win. Just fill out a raffle ticket with your name and phone number. On June 22, after the pasta dinner and service, we will have our drawing. The more you attend, the more chances you have to win. Think of the party you can have with your winnings.

SISTERHOOD—
Meeting for breakfast
SUNDAY JUNE 10_
10:00 am
at Manhattan Deli, Mentor.
Let's schmooze.

Take me out to the BALLGAME

Indians vs Twins

August 9th @ 1:10pm

Jerry Blane is trying to get some of us together for the ball game. If interested please contact Jerry Blane @ 440-639-9482 or 440-479-6001. RSVP before July 14 to get the right number of tickets purchased.

Captains Game

Jewish Heritage Day

Sunday August 19 @ 7pm

Classic Park Eastlake!!

Tickets Are $9 At the door

Healing Prayers

Marc Steindler
Joel Everly
Arlene Everly
Jane Rosenberg
Owen Boerner
Janet Evangelista
Samirah Siddiqui
Bud Sudar
Marv Guttman
Len Gilbert
Dorothy Epstein

Happy Happy

Birthdays

Robert Hrusch	6/1
Jason Sobol	6/2
Amy Katz	6/3
Daniel Katz	6/9
Madison Donohue	6/10
Kathy Alscher	6/13
Brian Zinner	6/13
Aaron Steindler	6/14
Bob Weinberg	6/18
Kartyr Sobol	6/19
Marti Ann Brazil	6/20
Robert Sobol	6/20
Stuart Abbey	6/21
Matthew Katz	6/29
Elinor Schuster	6/30

Anniversaries

Steve & Renee Blau	6/24
George & Janet Evangelista	6/29
Matthew & Rebecca Bittinger	6/30

Literary Club

Our next book club will be

THURSDAY JUNE 7@ 7pm

reading "The Nightingale"

by Kristin Hannah

Come and join the fun, even if you don't read the book.

Yahrzeits

Light Yahrzeit candles the evening before the date.

These names will be read during services in the month of June:

Name	*Actual Date of Death*	*Hebrew Date corresponds to:*	*Yizkor Date Obsrvd*
Charles Harris	6/2/64	Sivan 22, 5724	6/5
Hyman Lefkowitz	6/3/64	Sivan 23, 5724	6/6
Gloria Waldman	6/4/11	Sivan 2, 5771	6/5
Rose Altman	6/6/73	Sivan 6, 5733	6/9
Helen Antonovsky	6/7/07	Sivan 21, 5767	6/4
Stanley Friedland	6/7/86	Iyar 29, 5746	6/3
Rabbi Phillip Horowitz	6/7/02	Sivan 27, 5762	6/10
William Magid	6/10/10	Sivan 28, 5770	6/11
Wendy Marie Hughes	6/14/88	Sivan 29, 5748	6/12
Mary Jo Fagin	6/22/10	Tammuz 10, 5770	6/23
Stan Steindler	6/29/77	Tammuz 13, 5737	6/26

If you are following the civil calendar, then you will light the candle the evening before the civil date; if you are following the Hebrew calendar, then you will light the candle the evening before the observed Yizkor date.

Help us update our records. Any corrections and/or information on the names listed would be appreciated.

Torah Portions for MAY

JUNE 2	—	Behaalotecha	Numbers 8:1-12:16
JUNE 9	—	Shlach	Numbers 13:1-15:41
JUNE 16	—	Korach	Numbers 16:1-18:32
JUNE 23	—	Chukat	Numbers 19:1-22:1
JUNE 30	—	Balak	Numbers 22:2-25:9

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Shabbat Service 7:30pm* 8:36pm	2 9:45pm
3 Hebrew Class 10a.m.	4	5	6 *Fundraising 6:30pm* *Board Meeting 7:30pm*	7	8 *Shabbat Service 7:30pm* 8:40pm	9 9:50pm
10 *Sisterhood Breakfast* *10a.m. Manhattan Deli*	11	12	13 *Rosh Chodesh*	14 *Rosh Chodesh*	15 8:44pm	16 9:54pm
17 Men's *Fellowship* 8:00a *Mentor Family Restrnt* *Hebrew Class 10a.m.*	18	19	20 *Memoir Class 7:30pm*	21	22 *Pasta Dinner 6pm* *Shabbat Service 7:30pm* 8:46pm	23 9:56pm
24	25	26	27 *Memoir Class 7:30pm*	28	29 8:46pm	30 9:55pm

Key: Candle Lighting time Havdalah or End of Holiday

Renée Blau, *Spiritual Director & Cantorial Soloist*
Elise Aitken, *Asst. Spiritual Dir. & Cantorial Soloist*

The Temple Board

President	Andrew Kenen
Vice President	Janet Evangelista
Secretary	Pene Obenour
Treasurer	Brian Zinner
Youth Group	Elise Aitken
Education Director	Renée Blau
Facilities Maintenance	

Members at Large:
Bob Sobol & Mark Obenour

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Please kibbitz with us by contributing to our newsletter!

Address your news, articles, suggestions or corrections to Pene Obenour - amshalommentor@gmail.com (be sure to include an identifying Subject line in your email); or send mail to the temple (by the 21st of the month **prior** to the issue you want your information to appear):

P.O. Box 1507, Mentor, Ohio 44061-1507.

Thank you!

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