

**October 2021**  
**Temple**  
**Am Shalom**



**TISHREI-**  
**HESHVAN**  
**5782**

## A WORD FROM RENÉE

Hello my friends,

It definitely feels like fall weather today. The temperature has dropped; the rain and winds are here; it's sweater weather, as I refer to it. I love the changing of the seasons, except that I know winter is not too far behind. I hope it won't be a harsh one.

I want to again thank everyone who attended High Holy Day services, whether it was in person or on Zoom. Your presence made my heart swell. The Sukkah is standing right outside our front door and the decorations look beautiful. Thanks to everyone who came on Sunday. Unfortunately, I missed the chance to get us a lulav and etrog this year. The holiday turnaround was very quick and I arrived too late to pick one up. However, we celebrated Shabbat on Friday night with a cookout and service for Sukkot.

I love, love, love this time of year at Am Shalom. My weeks have been very busy with weddings, a baby naming and many services. Plus, I so love having my daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters around and involved in the holidays. I truly hope that you got to spend time with your own families over the last few weeks. Even if it had to be on Zoom, it is better than not being together at all. It is my hope and prayer that this virus can be eradicated soon and we can return to a "normal" way of living, whatever that is!

October brings another wedding. Congratulations to Elinor and John Schuster on the wedding of their daughter, Rachel, to her fiancé, Anthony Southavilay. They will be married on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Mazel Tov to one and all! Our Shabbat services will be on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew will be on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom with Youth Hebrew class following at 11:15 a.m. (Note change in dates for Hebrew School) As we speak, I was asked to do another baby-naming, so I altered the dates for Hebrew class. Sorry! The board will be discussing the planning of a Chanukah party in December. Again, due to Covid-19, we are hesitant to bring everyone together since we will need to unmask to eat. Look for further details in next month's Kibbitzer.

B'ahava,

(with love) Renee



**Shabbat Services**  
**Oct 8th and 22nd 7:30 pm**

**Sisterhood Breakfast Sat.**  
**Oct 9th 10:00 a.m. Concord Family Restaurant**

**Game Day Sun. Oct. 3rd**  
**12:00 pm**

**Men's Breakfast\* Note**  
**new location and date**  
**Sun. Oct 10th 8:00 a.m.**  
**Market Street**  
**Family Restaurant**  
**8450 Market St.**  
**Mentor**

**Adult Hebrew**

**Oct 3rd and 17th 10:00 a.m.**  
**Youth Hebrew following 11:15**  
**a.m. on zoom**

**Book Club**

**Wed. Oct 20th 6:00 PM BJ's Restaurant**

THE KIBBITZER



Fun Time building the Sukkah. Andy provided the donuts, a basic Temple necessity for all morning functions.



A perfect morning for Teschlich at Headlands Beach.



Jane showing off some of her decorating skills



Enjoying the wind and waves for our Teschlich celebration

## Notes from your President

As I write this we are relaxing after the holidays and our Sukkot is on display in the parking lot. Hopefully, you joined us for hotdogs and chips before the September 24<sup>th</sup> Shabbat service. It's so nice to share a meal with you.

This issue of the Kibbitzer has two important forms for you to complete and return to the Temple. The first is a membership information update. As we continue to update our Yahrzeits and the Yizkor Book, it's time to concentrate on member information. I hope you don't think we're getting too personal, but people have moved, land lines are no longer used, and emails change. Please update the information and send it in or drop it off. We also want to check again to see if we can email you this Kibbitzer instead of sending it out through the mail. Frankly, printing and postage for each Kibbitzer is almost \$2.00. If we can email it to you all the pages are in color, and we can expand it for no additional postage. I realize that some of you would prefer the printed copy, and that's fine. I currently send out about 20 Kibbitzers each month. We are also asking for birthdays and anniversaries. No, we aren't going to send out lavish gifts, although, we have plenty of Am Shalom pens and flashlights if you would like one. We just want to acknowledge these events in the Kibbitzer. I might point out that we're asking for your birthday not your birthdate. Your age is your secret, I'm 70.

The second form is the Annual Dues Pledge. Our fiscal year begins in October, right after the holidays. We haven't changed the dues; they are still the lowest of any of the Temples in northeast Ohio. We ask single members to pay \$450 each year and families \$600. Students are asked to pay \$100. if their families are no members.

If this is a financial issue, please meet with Renee and our treasurer, Ron Cooper. No one who wishes to worship with us is turned away, but we do ask for a reasonable donation. The fact is we survive as a congregation because members support us. Yes, we have a very nice endowment fund, but we only spend the interest, and only when we must. Luckily, you have been very generous every time we've needed your support. I mentioned at my annual holiday address that we really have no idea how the dues were set. I refer to them as folkloric. When Ron and Rita Rose handled our finances they came up with these amounts and they seemed to work. However, we've had a tough two years for fundraising, and Ron's Toronto trips were major fundraisers. Ron Cooper and I will be trying to finally come up with a budget before our next annual meeting. At that point the Board will take another look at our dues.

As I said at the holidays, my theme this year is restoring our souls. The best way to do that is to get involved at the Temple. Join us for Shabbat services, Game Days, Sisterhood and Men's Breakfasts, and Book Club. Join us for Activity Committee meetings and the Board meetings. It's time to get off your ZOOM and safely join us.

Andy



This recipe is brought to us by Renee.

### COCONUT BARS

Use a box cake mix of your choice. Bake as directed on box. I use a jelly roll pan. Once cake is cooled, freeze it. Cut the cake into pieces when frozen. Put cake back into freezer. This can be done ahead of time. Make a simple syrup, enough for one box of cake mix.

#### SIMPLE SYRUP

Mix together 2 cups of water, 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup of unsweetened cocoa in a sauce pan. Boil 10 minutes on low flame, mixing occasionally. Cool syrup or put in refrigerator to cool.

Work with frozen pieces of cake ( about 6-8) at a time. Then dip cake into cold cocoa and then into coconut using Alesci's fine baking coconut. Place in cupcake papers for a pretty presentation. Easy peasy!!



Please send us your recipe!

### Healing Prayers

Joel & Arlene Everly  
 Bud Sudar  
 Mary Guttman  
 Marilyn Fowler  
 Marie Vidmar  
 Bill Romig  
 Nancy Hall  
 Jane Wolewodka  
 Marc Steindler  
 Helen Cooper  
 Ron Rose  
 Dave & Tammy Cooper  
 Kathy Pearlman  
 Jaye Call

**A note about Healing Prayers:**  
 If you place a name on the list it is your responsibility to update it . If healing prayers are no longer needed, please request a removal.

### **ACTIVITIES MEETING**

### **& TEMPLE BOARD**

**Wed. October 6th**

**6:30 pm Activities Meeting**

**7:00 pm Board Meeting**

**We need your ideas and your help**

### ONEG SIGN-UP

Jane Rosenberg is now in charge of our Onegs. We need the help of anyone who can commit to a shabbat service and provide the challah and dessert. Drinks are provided by the temple. In lieu of purchasing the food, a \$25.00 contribution can be made.

If you can sign up for an oneg, please call the temple office at 440-255-1544.



### What's Cooking Around Town

In case you haven't noticed, Swenson's has a new location at Euclid Ave and Rt 91. I've heard mixed reviews. Give it a try and report back to us.

### Cemetery Plots Available

Cemetery plots at Western Reserve Memorial Gardens (Rt 306 in Chesterland. Temple Am Shalom has their own section. Plots cost \$750.00 for members. Call Bob Weinberg if interested at 440-256-0835.

### Book Club

The book for October is The Husbands Secret by Liane Moriarty.



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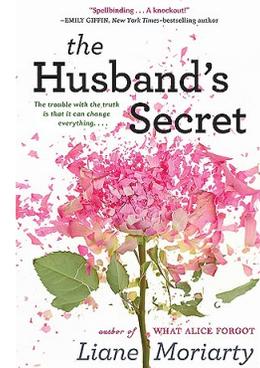
Temple Am Shalom  
Hebrew Classes for  
Youth & Adults

Oct 3rd and 17th

Adult  
Hebrew  
Class



To Get the ZOOM Link  
Email Andy Kenen  
akenen@gmail.com



## Happy Happy

### Birthdays

<b>Beth Long</b>	<b>10/5</b>
<b>Rachel Ann Abbey</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Sidney Rosen</b>	<b>10/14</b>
<b>Maxwell Aitken</b>	<b>10/18</b>
<b>Steven Sobol</b>	<b>10/24</b>
<b>Jenifer Magid</b>	<b>10/27</b>

### Anniversaries

<b>Alan &amp; Nadine Sherman</b>	<b>10/2</b>
<b>Brian &amp; Michele Zinner</b>	<b>10/8</b>

### Donations

**Marc & Gail Steindler**  
**Peter Alscher**  
**Ava Stewart**

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## Yahrzeits

Light Yahrzeit candles the evening before the date. These names will be read during services in the month of October

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Yahrzeits for October 2021

Richard Hughes	11/10/2020	23 Cheshvan 5782	10/29/21
Doris Glaser	11/15/1973	20 Cheshvan 5782	10/26/21
Kenneth Arthur Carlson	11/11/1968	20 Cheshvan 5782	10/26/2021
Edward Abbey	10/26/1987	3 Cheshvan 5782	10/9/2021
Wallace Berkowitz	11/23//2008	25 Cheshvan 5782	10/31/2021
Leo Bilsky	10/22/1998	2 Cheshvan 5782	10/8/2021
Marc Bilsky	11/6/1971	18 Cheshvan 5782	10/24/2021
Christy Calvert	10/30/2012	14 Cheshvan 5782	10/20/2021
Dr Ron Chapnick	10/15/2015	2 Cheshvan 5782	10/8/2021
Leonard Cohen	10/31/2015	18 Cheshvan	10/24/2021
Sam Gugliotta	11/10/1987	18 Cheshvan 5782	10/24/2021
Elaine Metzung	11/4/1999	23 Cheshvan 5782	10/29/2021
Benjamin Sachs	10/16/1964	10 Cheshvan 5782	10/16/2021
Jeanette Sachs	10/26/2007	14 Cheshvan 5782	10/20/2021
Sidney Singer	10/23/1979	2 Cheshvan 5782	10/8/2021
Lauren Weinberg	10/23/1993	8 Cheshvan 5782	10/14/2021
Norman Weinberg	11/2/2014	9 Cheshvan 5782	10/15/2021
Edward Wolfson	10/8/2003	2 Cheshvan 5782	10/8/2021
Deanna Wylen	10/15/2002	9 Cheshvan 5782	10/13/2021
Harry Zeid	11/3/2014	10 Cheshvan 5782	10/16/2021

## Zichronam liv'rachah

### *Torah Portions for October*

October 2	Gen 1:1-6:8/5:1-6:8
October 9	Gen 6:9-11:32/11:1-11:32
October 16	Gen 12:1-17:27/16:1-17:27
October 23	Gen 18:1-22:24/21:1-22:244
October 30	Gen 23:1-25:18/24:53-25:18

## THINGS TO NOTE

### Change to Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

Effective October, breakfast will be on the second Sunday instead of the third.

### Sisterhood Breakfast

Second Saturday of the month going forward.

### Book Club

Effective Sept. Book Club will be the third Wednesday of the month.



## Game Day

Still looking for a mahjong teacher for our Game Day. Please come and join us and bring your favorite game and an appetizer. Game day is always fun so we decided to make it a monthly event.



## **MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT**

Our own beloved Sharon Whitney! Sharen was born in Cleveland, the youngest of three children. The earlier part of her life was spent in South Euclid followed by three years in South Carolina. While living in New Jersey, she met and married Don in 1992. Eventually, they settled in Willowick, where they had two sons, Ben and Lief. Sharon is also the birth mother of Marly whom she reconnected with 12 years ago. Marly has given Sharon her first grandchild.

Sharon has worked various interesting jobs, which included being a preschool teacher. She has worked in the field of pension benefits for the past eight years.

She was introduced to Temple Am Shalom by a friend in 2001. She has been a valued member of our Temple since then and presently serves on the Board.

Bet you didn't know that Sharon was awarded the Emerging Leadership Award by the National Council of Jewish Women in 2000.



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	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
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<b>3</b> Hebrew Class 10:00/ youth 11:15  Game Day Noon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Activities committee 6:30 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Sisterhood Breakfast 10:00 a.m.
<b>10</b> Men's Break- fast 8:00 a.m. Market St. Family Restaurant	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Hebrew Class 10:00 a.m. / Youth 11:15 a.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Book Club 6:00 pm The Husband's Secret Liane Moriarty	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Renée Blau**, *Spiritual Director & Cantorial Soloist*

**Elise Aitken**, *Asst. Spiritual Dir. & Cantorial Soloist*

### The Temple Board

President	Andrew Kenen
Past President	Steve Blau
Vice President	Janet Evangelista
Secretary	Pene Obenour
Treasurer	Ron Cooper
Youth Group	Elise Aitken
Education Director	Renée Blau

### Members at Large:

Bob Sobol, Mark Obenour, Sharon Whitney & Stephanie Singer

**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 21<sup>st</sup> of the month **prior** to the issue you want your information to appear):

7599 Center Street Mentor, Ohio 44060-6059.

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**Mentor, OH 44060-6059**

### **A LOOK AHEAD**

Beginning the first Sunday in October, at noon, we will be starting a game club at Temple.

We are looking for a skilled Mahjong player to teach. Also we will have a second game going, either cards or board games. This is a great way to get together as cold weather is approaching. We can order pizza or bring appetizers. We can discuss our options at the first meeting.

Also, for those fast readers in the Book Club, November's book is *A Man Named Ove* by Fredrik Backman

***Check us out at***  
**[www.amshalom.org](http://www.amshalom.org)**  
***also at:***  
**[clevelandjewishnews.com/](http://clevelandjewishnews.com/) *CJN Connect / Am Shalom***



## Temple Am Shalom Annual Membership Commitment

\*Single Membership \$450 per year

\*Family Membership \$600 per year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: (Circle One) Full Payment by October, 2021

Three payments of 1/3: Oct. 1, 2022  
Feb. 1, 2021; June 1, 2022

Monthly payments due on the first week of each month

Membership includes: Use of Temple facilities, Participation in all religious and social activities, Voting privileges at the Annual Membership Meeting, Right to purchase burial plots in the Am Shalom Cemetery at a special member price, Free Yizkor Book listings, Subscription to the Kibbitzer, other membership perks.

What goes into the Temple's budget? Our biggest expense is salaries and associated payroll taxes. Our second biggest expense is utilities, including gas, electricity, water, sewers, telephones, and wi-fi. Next, we have to take care of our building. This includes insurance, snow plowing, fire alarms, cleaning, pest control, and security. We have two professional obligations, Union for Reform Judaism and the Cleveland Jewish News. Twice a year we have a professional cleaning service come in to clean. Finally, a small amount goes to office supplies, copies, and postage. Each year special projects appear. This year we redecorated the sanctuary, installed new lights, and painted the lobby.

We ended the fiscal year with a little over \$11,000 in our checking accounts. We have an endowment of over \$200,000. We do not spend it, but used some of the interest to fund the upholstery project. The Temple is supported from your dues, donations, and fundraising. We have tried to keep our dues as affordable as possible. Members experiencing financial difficulties need to talk to Renee and our treasurer, Ron Cooper, about a dues adjustment. We truly appreciate those members who make donations above and beyond their annual dues or just "buy things" for the Temple.

Please return this form with your payment to:

**Temple Am Shalom 7599 Center Street Mentor, OH 44060**

**or leave it in the Treasurer's mailbox in the Temple Office**

**Temple Am Shalom  
Membership Update**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Children and Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Can we send the Kibbitzer and other Temple notices to this email? \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this form with your Annual Dues Commitment***