

## Upcoming Events

### Simchat Torah Morning Service & Luncheon

Thursday, October 12th  
10:30am

Please join us for the Joint Liberal Service and complimentary luncheon that follows.

### Annual Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 15th  
9:00am

Rabbi and Cantor will bless our pets and families will receive a certificate. Pets must be accompanied by an adult and will not be allowed into the building. The Erev Shabbat Service on October 20th will be dedicated to pets as well. This service is for humans only so send in pictures of your pets to be posted in the sanctuary. Blessings and memorials will be offered for our beloved animals.

### Men's Group Meeting

Sunday, October 15th  
9:15am

This meeting will feature Edgar Award winning mystery writer, Gary Earl Ross, as the featured speaker. Bagels and lox will be served. All are welcome to attend.

### Flu Shot Clinics

Sunday, October 15th at 9:00am and  
Tuesday, October 17th at 4:00pm

Flu vaccinations will be offered to anyone 18 years of age and older. There are different pricing structures based on the number of strains covered, person's age and insurance.

### Sisterhood Fall Rummage Sale

Sunday, October 22nd  
9:00am-1:30pm

Drop off your gently used items between October 3rd and October 20th during Temple office hours. Donate, Volunteer, Shop—each one supports the Temple. Thank you.

### Super Saturday Bingo

Saturday, November 4th  
7:30pm

Jackpot amounts are significantly increased with a super jackpot for the final game. Join the excitement as a player or volunteer!

### The Gift Shop At Shir Shalom New Hours

Sundays: 9:00-11:30am Tuesdays: 4:30-7:00pm Fridays: 6:00-7:00pm

For details on all these programs, please check your Chai Notes and our website, [www.shirshalomsbuffalo.org](http://www.shirshalomsbuffalo.org)

## Events This Week

### Thursday, October 12

Office closed

10:30 AM Joint Liberal Simchat Torah Service  
12:30 PM Simchat Torah Luncheon  
6:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group  
7:00 PM Sisterhood Chai Mitzvah Program

### Friday, October 13

6:00 PM Congregational Pot Luck Dinner  
6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service  
6:30 PM Tot Shabbat Pizza Dinner  
7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service  
8:30 PM Oneg Shabbat

### Saturday, October 14

9:00 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Scheff

### Sunday, October 15

9:00 AM Religious School  
9:00 AM Ganainu Preschool Program  
9:00 AM Pet Blessing  
9:00 AM Flu Shot Clinic  
9:15 AM Men's Group Meeting  
11:00 AM Youth Group Meeting

### Monday, October 16

Office Closed

7:30 PM Bingo (Doors open at 6:30pm)

### Tuesday, October 17

1:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex at Amberleigh  
3:00 PM Flu Shot Clinic  
4:30 PM Religious School  
7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

### Wednesday, October 18

6:30 PM Hebrew High at JCC

### Office Hours for Congregation Shir Shalom

Monday—Closed  
Tuesday through Friday—9:00AM—5:00 PM

## Erev Simchat Torah Service



October 11, 2017/22 Tishri 5778

7:00pm



TWO TRADITIONS,  
ONE CONGREGATION,  
MANY VOICES,  
ONE SONG

Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein  
Cantor Arlene Frank  
Religious School Director Hope Bongiorno  
Executive Director Joanne Marquisee  
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# Simchat Torah

## Meaning of Simchat Torah

"Rejoicing [with the] Torah" is a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle. Simchat Torah is a component of the Biblical Jewish holiday of Shemini Atzeret ("Eighth Day of Assembly"), which follows immediately after the festival of Sukkot in the month of Tishrei (occurring in mid-September to early October on the Gregorian calendar).

The main celebration of Simchat Torah takes place in the synagogue during evening and morning services. In Orthodox as well as many Conservative congregations, this is the only time of year on which the Torah scrolls are taken out of the ark and read at *night*. In the morning, the last *parashah* of Deuteronomy and the first *parashah* of Genesis are read in the synagogue. On each occasion, when the ark is opened, the worshippers leave their seats to dance and sing with the Torah scrolls in a joyous celebration that can last for several hours.

The morning service is also uniquely characterized by the calling up of each male member (in some Orthodox, and in the majority of non-Orthodox congregations, male and female members) of the congregation for an *aliyah*. There is also a special *aliyah* for all the children (under 13 or 12 for boys and girls).

### Musical accompanists:

Amrom Chodos Klezmer Band

We warmly welcome members of Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Havurah and Temple Beth El to our service!

*The plants on the Bimah were donated by Temple B'nai Israel in memory of the late Rabbi Donald Heskins.*

Thank you

To Bagel Jay's for donating our challah throughout the year.  
To our Sisterhood, for helping with our Oneg Shabbats.



*Please silence all electronics. Thank you.*

# In Memoriam

## Sheloshim

Frank Butler, father of Frank (Heidi Buterl)  
Shirley Cohn, Aunt of Nancy (Mike) Millman  
Jeffrey Lyons, husband of Amy Lyons, father of Jennifer and Adam Lyons  
Gerald Symons, husband of Diane Symons

## Yahrzeits

David Abrams	Mary Isenberg
Stanley Bardach	Gordon Kantrowitz
Robert Barker	Feyga M. Kolnik
Leah Berke	Bert Kremer
Jeffrey Caprow	Solomon Kusnitz
Warren J. Cavior	Eva Leshaw
Edward Cohen	David Levey
George Engel	Herman Rosenthal
Mildred Engel	Ida Saran
Ralph Epstein	Macy Savatsky
Regina Faden	Edward M. Schulman
Alfrieda Feldman	Abraham Julius Silver
Molly Forman	Betty Levin Simon
Jack Freedman	Joseph Simon
Dr. Martin Friedland	Sol Sloan
Samuel Furash	David Steinberg
David Ginsberg	Joseph Stulberg
Tillie Glick	Morris Taksen
Marshall Levi Glickman	Louis Topper
Zelda B. Goldenberg	Frank Tripi
Betty Himmelstein	Herman Umof
Edward Hyman	

We also remember at this time all the victims of  
The Holocaust, natural disasters and terror.  
We offer the words of the Kaddish in their memory.

## Our Mission Statement, as a congregation, is be a welcoming community and to enhance all aspects of Jewish life.

The Board of Trustees of Congregation Shir Shalom  
COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We, the Board of Trustees, pledge to unite and  
to enrich the lives of our congregation.

We will proceed in our commitment to Congregation Shir Shalom,  
to create an inclusive and open environment for the entire congregation.

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### Prayer for those who lead our congregation

O God, this congregation has honored us with the task of leading them,  
and of serving You with them.  
May we strive to be fit for this sacred task.  
May we lead well and may we serve well.  
May we hear the quiet as well as the active voices,  
and may we heed the call and follow the paths of what we,  
after honest searching, feel to be the right things to do.  
May we listen to each other, and may we listen to You,  
as all of us together make this synagogue a *kehillah kedusha*,  
a Holy place.

Services are available to watch live and recorded on your computer, iPad or smartphone.  
The camera is stationary facing the Bimah. If you are attending services, once you enter  
the sanctuary, you are giving your permission to be included in the video stream  
broadcast. If you have any questions, please contact  
Joanne Marquisee, our Executive Director.

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