

# THE SHOFAR



**Temple  
B'nai Sholem**  
New Bern,  
North Carolina

Temple B'nai Sholem ~ 505 Middle Street ~ New Bern, NC 28560

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## Shabbat Worship Schedule

**IMPORTANT UPDATE** – Welcome back to the temple for in-person services. We continue to offer the services via Zoom for out-of-towners and for those who can't attend in person.

### August 2021

**8/7 - Shabbat MORNING, 10:30 a.m.**

Leader,

Portion, *Re'eh, Deut. 11:26-16:17*

**8/13 - Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.**

Leader, Carla Byrnes

Portion, *Shoftim, Deut. 16:18-21:9*

**8/20 - Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.**

Leader,

Portion, *Ki Tetzei, Deut. 21:1- 25:19*

**8/27 - Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.**

Leader, Mitch Lewis

Portion, *Ki Tavo, Deut. 26:1- 29:8*

### September 2021

**9/4 - Shabbat MORNING, 10:30 a.m**

Leader,

Portion, *Nitzavim, Deut. 29:9-30:20*

**9/10 - Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.**

Leader, Bernice Lamey

Portion, *Vayeilech, Deut. 31:1-30*

**9/17 - Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.**

Leader,

Portion, *Ha'azinu, Deut. 32:1-52*

**9/24 - Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m. - SUKKOT**

Leader,

Special Portion, *Exodus 33:12-34:26*

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## High Holiday Services

Please join us as we are once again blessed to be led in worship by  
**Rabbi David Whiman and  
Cantorial Soloist Sherry Cohen.**

### Rosh Hashanah

**Monday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.**

### Yom Kippur

**Wed., Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.** - Kol Nidre

**Thurs., Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.** - Morning  
3:30 p.m. - Afternoon, Yizkor, and  
Concluding Services



*We hope and plan to conduct services in person and via Zoom. Watch your email for updates and links closer to the dates.*

## President's Message



Since this is my first President's Message please let me begin by saying, "Thank you for trusting me to help lead us out of the Covid-made tunnel of uncertainty." Over the past almost year and a half we have all been under tremendous pressures caused by Covid 19. I am sure none of us was prepared for this.

By now you have received the letter requesting that you renew your Temple Membership for the year 2021-22. If you have already returned the form and membership donation, thank you very much!

If you need extra time, or would like to space out your payments, that is not a problem. Please contact me so we can make those confidential arrangements. You can call me at 252-474-9270 or email me at [airedaler@gmail.com](mailto:airedaler@gmail.com).

September will be a busy month in our congregation and with community events that we support. Rosh Hashanah starts Monday evening, Sept. 6, and Yom Kippur is the following week starting on Wednesday evening, Sept. 15. Soon after we have Sukkot and Simchat Torah which we hope to celebrate at temple along with Shabbat. Our current plans are to continue Services in the sanctuary as well as via the Zoom broadcast. As you can imagine the current spread of Covid, via the Delta Variant, is wreaking havoc in many places and it is impacting us as well. For this reason our scheduling and plans cannot be firmed up yet, as I write this at the end of July. We will keep you informed via our weekly e-newsletters and special emails and mailings, if necessary. Someday soon, I hope, we will leave Covid behind and return to a bit more normal life. (See the rest of this issue of *The Shofar* for details of the other exciting and worthwhile events we are involved with this August and September.)

Our Temple Board is busy developing plans for taking care of our Building and Grounds, Cemetery, Education, Pastoral care and, how to best support the Jewish population in our area of Eastern North Carolina. We always welcome volunteers to help with our committees. Please let me know which activities pique your interest enough to offer to help. You are also welcome to attend any of our Board meetings. We meet at the temple on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Please join us.

We also plan to step up our efforts to reach out to unaffiliated Jewish people in our area - those who are either no longer Temple members, or who are perhaps not aware that there is a Jewish congregation in New Bern. We would really appreciate your input to improve our outreach efforts and to let us know of potential new members whom we can contact.

Shalom,  
*Howard Neviser*, President

P.S. One last reminder...If you haven't sent in your loved ones' names and a contribution for the Book of Remembrance please do so by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## Committee News & Events

### Social Action

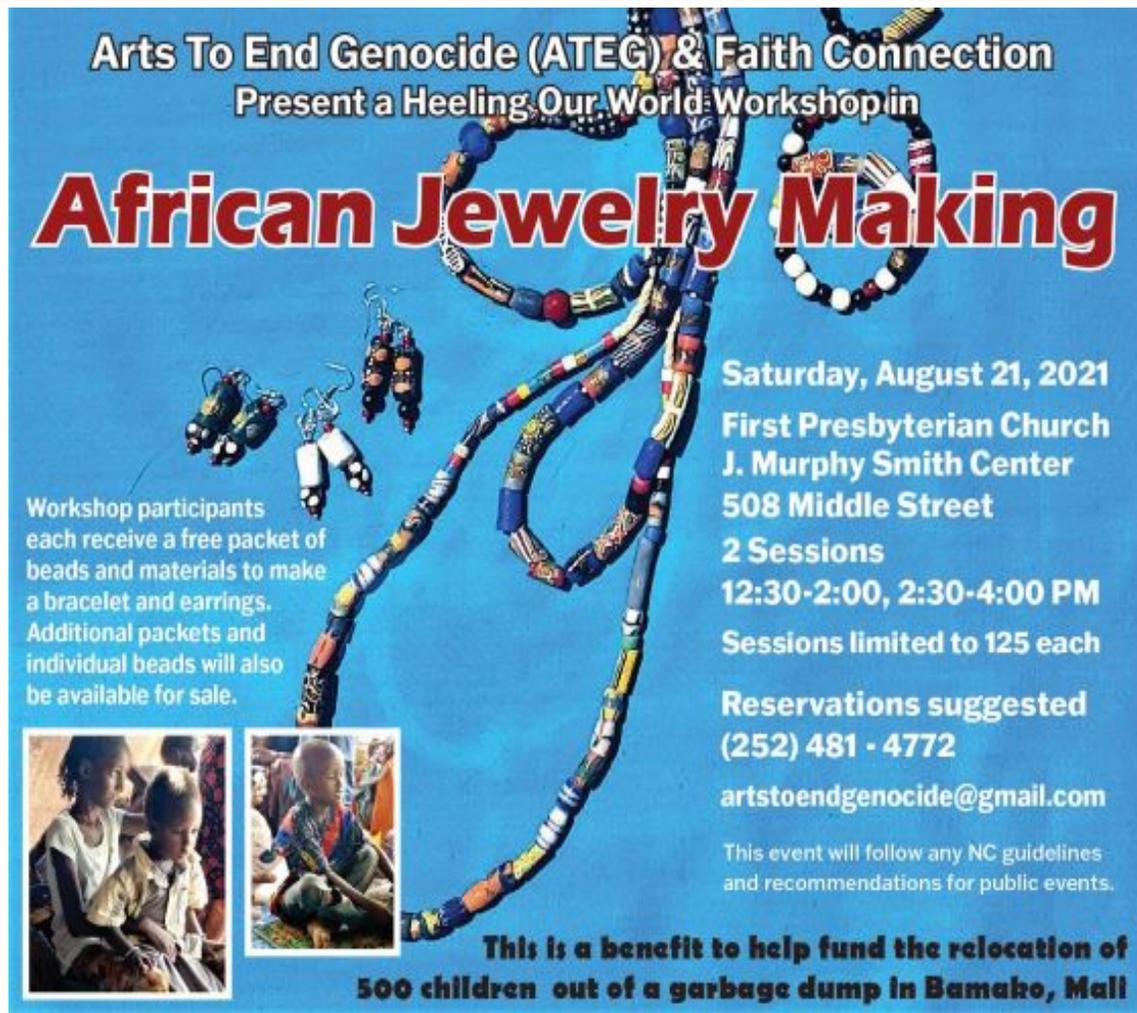
#### Faith Connection's Monthly Series Continues on Zoom From Many Voices, One Community: A Conversation about Racism and Racial Equity

**Tuesday, August 3 @ 6 p.m.**

**Topic: "What historical events bring to mind instances of racist acts?"**

RSVP to Deacon Jim Hackett, [deaconjim@spsccnb.org](mailto:deaconjim@spsccnb.org), or just use this  
Zoom Link for the Session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81669079111>

All are welcome! Sessions are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.



Arts To End Genocide (ATEG) & Faith Connection  
Present a Healing Our World Workshop in

# African Jewelry Making

Workshop participants each receive a free packet of beads and materials to make a bracelet and earrings. Additional packets and individual beads will also be available for sale.

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**J. Murphy Smith Center**  
**508 Middle Street**  
**2 Sessions**  
**12:30-2:00, 2:30-4:00 PM**  
**Sessions limited to 125 each**

**Reservations suggested**  
**(252) 481 - 4772**  
**[artstoendgenocide@gmail.com](mailto:artstoendgenocide@gmail.com)**

This event will follow any NC guidelines and recommendations for public events.

**This is a benefit to help fund the relocation of 500 children out of a garbage dump in Bamako, Mali**

### Volunteers Needed on Aug. 21

Come help with sales of kits, beads, and finished jewelry; or instruction (we will train instructors).

This event is free, thanks to the generosity of our donors, but registration is needed.

**Call**  
**Mitch Lewis at**  
**252-670-1339.**

## Book of Remembrance for the Year 5782

The **Book of Remembrance** will be read aloud from the pulpit at the Yizkor / Memorial Service on Yom Kippur afternoon, Thursday September 16. Don't miss this opportunity to honor your loved ones' memory while supporting our congregation's major annual fundraiser.

To inscribe your loved ones in this year's book, please complete the **In Memoriam Request Form** (attached to the email you received with this newsletter. If you do not have email, you should have received a form by now in the mail. If not, contact Elga at the number below.) On the form list each of your loved one's names and month of passing. If you do not know a loved one's month of passing you can simply omit entering the month of passing.

The **Book** will be distributed to worshipers at the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service. Worshipers who participate remotely or who live out of town can request mailed copies when they submit their **In Memoriam Request Form**. The Temple will mail the **Book of Remembrance** to you in time for Yom Kippur. Copies will be also available in the Temple lobby after Yom Kippur.

If your loved ones were inscribed in the **Book of Remembrance** last year and there are no changes or additions, contributors can just simply complete the top of the **In Memoriam Request Form** by checking the box to direct the Temple to include your loved ones' as they appeared last year. For changes or additions, please complete a new form this year.

Please submit all donations and names by **Thursday, August 12.**

Checks are payable to *Temple B'nai Sholem* and should be sent to:

**Elga Joffee, Book of Remembrance Coordinator, 1014 Pelican Drive, New Bern, NC 28560.**

**If you have questions, please contact Elga at: 631-375-3144 or [ejoffee@gmail.com](mailto:ejoffee@gmail.com)**

### Pastoral Care

### Temple Receives Grant Award from Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors

We are proud to announce that our Temple has been awarded a generous one-year grant from the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (CFJS) to carry out the project, "**Pastoral Care and Beyond – Sustaining A Center of Jewish Life in New Bern, NC.**" The project began on July 1, 2021, and will continue through June 20, 2022.

With this grant support we will be able to continue our program of individual and communal pastoral care, Jewish community building, and collaboration with the Jewish Family Services of Raleigh-Cary (JFS). This means that we can continue to offer Mitzvah Meals at no cost to Temple elders who can benefit; and continue to provide professional social work case management services to Temple families.

This award also recognizes the value of our Temple volunteers. Volunteers make bi-weekly phone calls to Mitzvah Meal recipients and deliver nourishing hot meals, sometimes driving far from our Temple to get the job done. We could not offer this service without their dedication.

***If you or a loved one could benefit from this project, please contact our case manager: Lauren Primato at 919-767-2295 or [lauren.primato@shalomraleigh.org](mailto:lauren.primato@shalomraleigh.org).***

***You may also contact Carla Byrnes (252-670-4960) or Elga Joffee (631-375-3144).***

***All communication is kept strictly confidential.***



## Congregational & Community Events

### A Day of Rededication & Pastoral Fellowship with Rabbi Whiman Tuesday, September 14

**POSTPONED...**

Our special day with Rabbi Whiman, planned jointly by the Temple's Cemetery and Pastoral Care Committees, unfortunately had to be postponed (just as we were going to print this issue). Try as he could, Rabbi Whiman was not able to find plane reservations that would get him to New Bern in time for this event. We are all aware of the scheduling struggles that pandemic-related air travel disruptions have caused, and we truly appreciate the Rabbi's efforts.

Naturally, we are disappointed. However, we plan to work closely with the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (CFJS - our funding source for this and our other pastoral care projects) and Rabbi Whiman to find a way to reschedule this event. We are all looking forward to spending time with our beloved Rabbi Whiman for pastoral renewal.

Fortunately, however, Rabbi Whiman has been able to secure reservations for the High Holidays, traveling through other cities and driving, that will bring him to New Bern in time for Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur.



## CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

We're participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk to help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. *Mitch Lewis, Team Coordinator*

Please donate or register to our team today:  
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/temple-bnai-sholem>

Join the  
Temple B'nai Sholem Team  
Sunday, September 26  
Registration begins at 2 p.m.  
Walk begins at 3 p.m.  
Meet at Union Point Park, NB



Last year's Crop Walk in New Bern, March 8, 2020...right before the pandemic!

## Wandering in the Desert

by Paul Andersen

The story of the Chosen People wandering in the desert for 40 years is a story well-known to us all. In seminary a professor once quipped that the story of the landing in the desert is the first recorded instance of obstinate men refusing to ask for directions! Perhaps there just might be a bit of truth there. Be that as it may, during the 40 years of wandering the Chosen People learned many lessons: some helpful and some painful. Again and again they were torn between looking back on the things of Egypt versus the potential and promise of the future. Again and again they were called upon to re-evaluate their priorities: material things versus spiritual blessings. Again and again they learned the value of both family and their faith family.

For many of us 2020 and much of 2021 have been a time of wandering in the desert: unhappy with the present and uncertain of the future. Like our ancestors, we have learned many lessons: some helpful and some painful. Some voices have called us to look backward despite knowing we must move forward holding fast to a vision of a hope-filled future - a better day. We have been forced to re-evaluate our priorities, especially as options for travel, interaction, and even worship were taken away due to COVID. We have come to appreciate anew the value of friends and family and our faith family.

As our ancestors stood at the edge of the Jordan River, unsure exactly what might lie ahead, let us be confident that God will go with us and there are blessings in abundance that await us. As David sang and danced before the Ark as it was carried into Jerusalem, let our hearts sing and dance as life returns to "normal." Indeed we have much to be thankful for. We have learned much. Together let us build a joy-filled future in this new land we call 2021 and the future.



Jewish Heritage North Carolina



*Thank you to Marilyn Stern for sharing this interesting historical information from JHNC:*



New Bern, a picturesque colonial town, has a rich history as a port city. Jews were present in colonial days, and a deed refers to a Jewish burial ground in 1802. The Jewish community, never large, organized after the Civil War. The historic neo-classical Temple B'nai Sholem, dating to 1908, is still in use. Although a few mercantile families persist, the Jewish community is now largely supported by retirees drawn by its charming riverfront setting. Jews have also been relocating to nearby Oriental, a recreational sailing center.

*To learn more about our community and other Jewish communities in NC, visit [jewishnc.org](http://jewishnc.org).*

## More Community Events

### Centennial Celebration of the Rosenwald School in Oriental

Saturday, Sept. 4; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The event will be at the school, now Holt's Chapel Community Center,  
136 Janerio Rd, (off Kershaw Rd), Oriental.

Many of you may recall our temple's co-sponsoring of the film, *Rosenwald: A Remarkable Story of a Jewish Partnership with African American Communities*, in 2015 at Oriental's Old Theater. There were 5,000+ such schools in the segregated south, including 800+ in NC. <http://rosenwaldfilm.org/>

Come celebrate this historic, inspiring partnership. Speakers include the last principal of the school; the founder of the NC Rosenwald School Coalition; Marsha Luhrs of Temple B'nai Sholem, and a few others. Entertainment, food and fun!



Temple B'nai Sholem is honored to participate in this interfaith community event. Please join us. We will sponsor a Face-Painting Booth and invite you to volunteer to help with that or one of a few other tasks we may have. What a great way to start the New Year! Please contact our temple coordinator to volunteer for this event: Board Secretary, Johanna Schaefer at [templebnaisholemsecty21@gmail.com](mailto:templebnaisholemsecty21@gmail.com) or 860.608.3088.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**BFC**  
**BADGE, FAITH, & COMMUNITY**  
**FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**  
**Lawson Creek Park ~ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
1309 Country Club Road, New Bern, NC 28560

**Games ~ Food ~ Fun ~ Prizes**

Badge, Faith, & Community Fun Day is a collaborative partnership of the Faith Community & the New Bern Police Department.

For More Information: Sgt. Kevin Brice, (252) 672-4238  
*Police & Community Come Together Here*

## Member News

Mazel Tov to **Kathy Ketchum** on her upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Charlie!

Mazel Tov and Thank you to **Maureen Lone**, the new President of our Temple's Sisterhood.



## Donation Form

**Donor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

To Celebrate \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose from the funds below and  
Fill in the amount of your donation:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **General**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Building & Grounds/Restoration**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Worship & Adult Education**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Pastoral Care**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Benevolent Fund**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Cemetery** (NOTE: Checks payable to **TBS Cemetery**.  
Send to: Bernice Lamey, 917 Buckingham Road, New Bern, NC 28562

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Sisterhood** (NOTE: Checks payable to **TBS Sisterhood**.  
Send to: Maureen Lone, 3627 Canterbury Rd. New Bern, NC 28562.

**Mail Form & Donation To: Treasurer, Temple B'nai Sholem,  
505 Middle St., New Bern, NC 28560**

**Except for Cemetery and Sisterhood donations, as noted above**

**Please Notify:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City / State / Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

## We Remember...

### August Yahrzeits

Carl Adams Jr. Stanley Adler Barry Apparies Joyce Bloom Mary Chason Harry Ertischek Irma Feingold Jeanette Geiger Fogel Roy Thomas Forrest Zell Freid Charles Gilman Louis Gilman Michael Gruber Reva Joffee Jarvis Klein	Jerry Lewis Florence Morris Myrna Plotkin Hanna Reid Jenny Rosenthal Max Rosenthal Arthur Sandman Sara Sisken Schimel Sophia Sharf Sally Shea Jacob Stern Sadie Tesler Morris Weinreb Irving Wendrovsky Hilda West, RN
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### September Yahrzeits

Rita Barg Marjorie Bloom Allen Chason Robert W. Cheney Libby Drey Sadie Feuer Beverly Finkel David Herbert Freid Monty Hall Claudine Herscovici Georgette Herscovici Rose Herscovici Isaac Honigberg	Edward (Eddie) L. Kaplan Gilbert Katz George Movesian Toby Pauldick William Reid Sr. Eli Rosen Bertha Rosenfield Steven Sloane Benjamin Steinberg Louis Steinberg Deb & Mary Tedrick David Tony Thomas Clara Weinreb
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## We Gratefully Acknowledge These Generous Contributions

### Cemetery

From **Bill Fiske**

From **Elbert Lipman**

From **Marilyn Stern, in memory of Dr. Jacob Stern and David Stern**

### **Memorial Plaques**

A few spaces remain on our Memorial Wall at the rear of the sanctuary for the larger plaques (4"x10"), and spaces remain for the smaller ones (2"x6"). Plaque space can be reserved for future use but must be paid in full at the time of reservation. The cost is \$325 for the larger ones and \$235 for the smaller ones. Either choice is a great way to memorialize your loved one(s) and also benefit the temple.

***Please contact Eric Weissman at 252-288-5110 or [eweiss3327@aol.com](mailto:eweiss3327@aol.com)***

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## **Temple B'nai Sholem Volunteer "Staff"**

<b>President</b>	<b>Howard Neviser</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Alan Asher</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Johanna Schaefer</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Howard Garfinkel, Irv Joffee, Jody Sherman</b>
<b>Immediate Past Pres.</b>	<b>Carla Byrnes</b>
Honorary Trustees	Tom Amsler, Marc Harris, Stan Satz, Marilyn Stern, Larry Weiss
Lay Leaders/Worship	Carla Byrnes (Co-chair), Irv Joffee (Co-chair), Bernice Lamey, Mitch Lewis, Marsha Luhrs.
Building & Grounds	Kay Amsler (C), Maureen Lone (C), Elga & Irv Joffee
Cemetery	Bernice Lamey (C), Sherry Weissman
Chevra Kadisha	Tom Amsler, Carla Byrnes (Co-chairs)
Membership	Howard Garfinkel
Men's Club	Committee members
Pastoral Care	Elga Joffee (C), Paul Andersen, Carla Byrnes, Myrna Cohen, Bernice Lamey, Nurse: Teri Reid
Religious School	Carla Byrnes, Elga Joffee
Shofar Editor	Marsha Luhrs
Sisterhood	Maureen Lone, President
Social Action	Mitch Lewis (C) Bernice Lamey, Marsha Luhrs, Teri Reid, Johanna Schaefer
Sunshine	Gail Schiller
Social Media Coordinator	Lili Bacon

\* (C) denotes Committee Chairperson