

The Shofar

August - September 2023/5783-4

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



Shabbat & Holiday Worship Schedule

August	8/4 - Friday, <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Portion, <i>Eikev</i> , Deut. 7:12-11:25
	8/5 - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Program : Opening The Book of Life: Looking Towards the High Holy Days 5784/Part I (P.4)
	8/11 - Friday, 7:00 p.m. Leader, Carla Byrnes	Portion, <i>R'eih</i> , Deut. 11:26 - 16:17
	8/18 - Friday, 7:00 p.m. Leader, Bernice Lamey	Portion, <i>Shoftim</i> , Deut. 16:18 - 21:9
	8/25 - Friday, 7:00 p.m. Leader, Mitch Lewis	Portion, <i>Ki Teitzei</i> , Deut. 21:10-25:19
September	9/1 - Friday, <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Portion, <i>Ki Tavo</i> , Deut. 26:1-29:8
	9/2 - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Program: Opening The Book of Life: Looking Towards the High Holy Days 5784/Part II (P.4)
	9/8 - Friday, 7:00 p.m. Leader, Carla Byrnes	Portion, <i>Nitzavim & Vayelech</i> , Deut. 29:9-31:30
	9/15 - Friday, <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Rosh Hashanah Eve
	9/16 - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Rosh Hashanah
	9/22 - Friday, 7:00 p.m. Leader, Bernice Lamey	Shabbat Shuvah Portion, <i>Haazinu</i> , Deut. 32:1-52
	9/24 - Sunday, <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Yom Kippur Eve/Kol Nidre
	9/25 - Monday, 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Leader, Rabbi Benjamin Shull	Yom Kippur
	9/29 - Friday, 7:00 p.m. Leader, Irv Joffe	Sukkot Portion, <i>Levit. 22:33-44</i>

Rabbi's Message



Shalom Friends (Haverim),

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your part-time rabbi over the past several months. I want to thank all those who have helped me and my wife Stacy feel so welcome during our once-a-month Shabbat stays in lovely New Bern. We have enjoyed ourselves immensely.

I am looking forward to leading the congregation in prayer and study over the course of the coming Jewish year 5784. This is a wonderful community. I know that together we will support one another and the rest of the New Bern community with our feet firmly planted in Jewish tradition and our arms reaching out to the world of our dreams.

Please note that I will always address you (see above) as *haverim* and not congregants or members. *Haverim* is usually translated as "friends" but, sadly, that term has lost much of its meaning in the social media world in which we live. I prefer to translate *haverim* as "those who are joined together." The root of the Hebrew word *haver* is *chet, bet, resh*, which means to join or connect. So *haverim*, we are those who are joined together. We are joined by history. We are joined by destiny. We are joined in good times and we are joined in bad.

I look forward to meeting you in the weeks and months to come. Wishing you all the best and, in advance, a Shanah Tovah, a Good New Year.

*B'shalom,
Ben*



Meet our new Vice President



Scott (*Simcha*) Herman has been a member of our congregation since Fall, 2021. He serves on our Outreach Committee and was recently elected Vice President at the Annual Meeting. We are delighted to have him in New Bern and would like to introduce you to him. Scott is the son of Leo & Sylvia Herman of Cincinnati. His older brother, Mark, and wife, Paula, live in Florida, and his younger

brother, Jay, is deceased. Scott is the father of three -- Jeff, Andrea and Leslie -- and the grandfather of four (by Andrea). His daughter, Leslie, is expecting twins in January. When asked to tell us something about himself, Scott shared the following message:

I met some nice Jewish ladies "womaning" the Temple booth at Mumfest two years ago and soon became a member. I must say, our Lay Leaders are amazing. They put forth so much effort making it happen weekly. Sabbath services are sincere, enjoyable and take me away from the tumult of everyday life. I know I am not the only one who feels this way.

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Arts To End Genocide (ATEG) and Faith Connection Present
West African Dance Performance & Workshop
with Wesley Williams & SUAH African Dance Theater
Saturday, August 19 @ 1p.m.
J Murphy Smith Center, 508 Middle Street, New Bern



This is a benefit to support the programs of Arts To End Genocide, a New Bern NGO, which helps vulnerable IDP women and children in Bamako, Mali.

Back by popular demand, come learn traditional dances in this encore performance from last year. With the support of the faith-based community, ATEG has been able to provide medical care, food, and a children's dance and life skills program. It has also funded a skills training program for women to learn to sew, ATEG also helped them form a Women's Cooperative and built a facility for them to work in. They are now creating beautiful products for sale at local markets as well as for export. Some of their work is for sale at the Tryon Palace Museum Gift Shop. Your donation has provided these women with a pathway out of poverty and given them hope for their future.

Tickets are available at Bank of the Arts, Mitchell's Hardware, and online at www.artstoendgenocide.org.

Donations are \$10 for adults; \$4 for youth 18 and under.

For information call Mitch Lewis at 252-670-1339.

Preparing Ourselves for the Days of Awe

***Opening The Book of Life:
Looking Towards the High Holy Days 5784...Part I
with Rabbi Ben Shull***

**Saturday August 5 @ 10:30 am
Temple B'nai Sholem - New Bern**



Please join us as we prepare ourselves for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Though the Jewish New Year is more than a month away (Friday night, September 15), Jewish tradition encourages us to begin the process of introspection and repentance well in advance of the *Yamim Noraim* (the High Holy Days). In fact, the entire Hebrew month of *Elul* (which begins on Aug 18) is considered a time of spiritual preparation.

In Part I, we will reflect on the powerful image of “*Sefer Hayyim/The Book of Life*” found throughout the *mahzor* (the High Holy Days prayer book). Why did the Jewish sages choose this image to represent God’s role in our fate? What exactly is written in the Book of Life...our deeds, our fate? If our fate is sealed on Yom Kippur (when the Book of Life is sealed), why do the sages also implore us to repent every day of the year? We ask God to write us in the Book of Life for “a good life/*chayim tovim*”. What is a “good life”? These and many other questions will be raised in Part 1 of “Looking Towards the High Holy Days 5784”.

Please save the date of Sat., Sept 2 at 10:30 a.m. for Part II of this program.

Book of Remembrance



An honored tradition in our congregation is the Book of Remembrance featuring the reading of loved ones' names during the **Yizkor/Memorial Service on Yom Kippur** (Monday afternoon, Sept. 25) and during the month of their *yahrtzeit*. We encourage you to support this Book by completing and returning the form you should have received in the mail recently, and including a donation. This renders valuable and essential financial support for our Temple.

If you need a form or have questions, please contact Paul Andersen, 804-577-3773 or jeff200davis@gmail.com. Send your donation and form to: Temple B'nai Sholem, 505 Middle Street, New Bern, 28560. Checks should be payable to: *Temple B'nai Sholem*. **Forms/donations must be received by Tues., August 15 to ensure inclusion in the Book.**

Time to Renew Your Congregational Membership

Letters were sent to members earlier this summer to renew their annual membership dues. If you have returned your form and renewed your membership to the congregation, *Todah Rabah* - thank you very much! If not, it would be most appreciated if you would send it in as soon as possible to assist the Board in its ongoing planning, budgeting, etc. Please send your renewal form and check to Paul Andersen, Treasurer, Temple B'nai Sholem, 505 Middle St., New Bern, NC 28560. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Paul at jeff200davis@gmail.com or 804-577-3773.

Important Information for the High Holidays

Temple B'nai Sholem is happy to welcome guests to High Holiday worship services. Due to increased security and other expenses, tickets will be required this year. There is no charge for members to receive tickets, as it is a benefit of membership. However there will be a required contribution of \$150/person for guests and prospective members. This will entitle them to attend any or all of the services led by Rabbi Shull during the High Holidays. (Rosh Hashanah is Sept. 15/16; Yom Kippur is Sept. 24/25.) For those contemplating membership, this contribution can be applied toward dues if sent by Dec. 31, 2023. For more information, contact Membership Chair, Maxine Weisman, at 914-772-3230 or maxjoyw@gmail.com. (Details for obtaining tickets will be sent in mid-August.)

Our congregation diligently strives to be available to Jewish residents of, and visitors to, New Bern and the surrounding multi-county region, and we can only do that, and keep our historic building open, if everyone contributes. We have been here for well over 100 years and we hope to continue our legacy.



Walk to End Hunger In Our Community at the Annual

CROP Hunger Walk - New Bern

Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m.

Meet at Union Point Park, New Bern

Every step we take, we take together

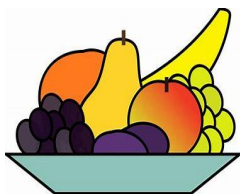
Temple B'nai Sholem continues to support the CROP Hunger Walk New Bern as we practice *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. For more than six years our congregants, together with New Bern Churches, have raised money to help end hunger benefiting Religious Community Services (RCS), a major food pantry for New Bern. Last year over \$8,000 was donated to RCS, including the Temple's amount of \$400.

Teams gather at Union Point Park's gazebo starting at 2 pm. The walk starts at 3 and will be over by 4 p.m.* There is a 1-mile or a 3.5-mile walk. This year's achievable goal for our team, with your help, is \$550. A few years ago the Temple was awarded the "Silver Sneaker" for the most new walkers on a team! Let's see if we can do this again. Please join our team of walkers, but if you can't walk, consider making a donation. You can raise money by asking friends and family to donate; for example if five people donate \$30 each, you will have raised \$150 and brought awareness to them about ending hunger.

Register at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/temple-bnai-sholem> . Contact our team leader, Johanna Schaefer, if you have any questions or need more information, at [860.608.3088](tel:860.608.3088) or johannadschaefer@gmail.com.

* We realize that Yom Kippur eve is the same day but the walk will end in time to attend services at 7:30 p.m., and what a great way to start the New Year with tikkun olam!

Oneg Shabbat - Such an Important Component of our Community: Volunteer to Host an Oneg



I recently volunteered to be our Temple's Oneg Coordinator. Oneg is such an important part of our Shabbat gathering: a time when we get together to talk to each other, to catch up with one another, and to share life experiences. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our Temple community - PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

A monthly list of the Oneg hosts is posted on the fridge next to the Oneg room. Now that the worst of Covid is behind us and we will start services at 7 p.m. (3x/mo) it might be easier to volunteer. (FYI, on the first Friday of the month, when the rabbi is with us, Shabbat services start at 7:30.) I can guide you through this. It can be easy and fun! Thank you to those who have signed up for August.

Please contact me as to when you can host in September at: [804-577-7496](tel:804-577-7496) or zagreb54natchez@gmail.com.

Todah, Lilith Andersen, Oneg Coordinator

Member News



Condolences to Myrna Cohen on the passing of her son,
Robert Wendrovsky on July 1

Condolences to Lois Perel on the passing of her husband,
Errol "Ted" Sher on July 12.

Thank you so much to the many people who contributed to our Special Appeal for the new Rabbi Fund. All donors, to date, are listed on page 9.



Getting to Know our Vice President, Scott Herman

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My career began as a sales representative for women's clothing manufacturers, calling on department, specialty and chain stores. As the apparel business changed, my next job was selling electronic parts to OEM's (original equipment manufacturers). Other endeavors were farming, buying, selling, raising cattle and driving big trucks. I retired in 2015.

My volunteer time is spent at the New Bern Battlefield Park. Two mornings a week I work with several others maintaining trails, structures and the forest. We are a group of old guys with John Deere equipment, chainsaws, shovels, rakes and other hardware store stuff. The 33-acre park is physically beautiful and the history is compelling. The New Bern Historical Society is staffed by sea people and puts on wonderful programs and events.

Some favorite pastimes include being Poppi Scotty, caring for two great dogs and gardening. As an aging motorcycle enthusiast, I plan to ride till I can't.

If you told me that in the year 2023 I would be Vice President at the historic Temple B'nai Sholem in New Bern, I'd have thought you to be meshuga. I think my ancestors are proud. If you want to know more, ask me. I'm a regular at Sabbath services.

P.S. We are proud to add that Scott was honored recently with a Volunteer Award by the Historical Society for his work at New Bern Battlefield Park, which is located near the entrance to Taberna.

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:

\$ _____

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Cemetery NOTE: Checks payable to **TBS Cemetery**.

Send to: Bernice Lamey, 917 Buckingham Road, New Bern, NC 28562

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Sisterhood NOTE: Checks payable to **TBS Sisterhood**.

Send to: Maureen Lone, 3627 Canterbury Road, New Bern, NC 28562

Mail this Form and your Donation to:

Temple B'nai Sholem, Attn: Treasurer, 505 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560

Checks payable to: Temple B'nai Sholem; except checks to the Cemetery and/or Sisterhood, as noted above.

Please Notify: (the person or relative for whom you are honoring or remembering)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Your donation is very much appreciated. Thank you!

We Remember...

August Yahrzeits

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Stanley Adler
Barbara Sue Gell Berk
Joyce Bloom
Mary Chason
Peggy Daniels Day
Harry Ertischek
Irma Feingold
Roy Thomas Forrest
Lauren Frankel
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Charles Gilman
Louis Gilman
Michael Gruber
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Hannah Reid
Jenny Rosenthal
Max Rosenthal
Arthur Sandman
Gail Schiller
Sarah Siskin Schimel
Sophia Sharf
Sally Shea
Jacob Stern
Sadie Tesler
Morris Weinreb
Irving Wendrovsky



September Yahrzeits

Linda Azersky
Marjorie Bloom
Robert W. Cheney
Libby Drey
Sadie Feuer
David Herbert Freid
Leo Herman
Edward (Eddie) L.
Kaplan
Sam Kline
George Movesian
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Commemorative Bricks & Yahrzeit Plaques

Honor your loved ones, and benefit our temple by ordering a custom-inscribed brick for our walkway or a plaque for the sanctuary. [Contact Eric at 252-288-5110 or eweiss3327@aol.com](mailto:eweiss3327@aol.com)

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