# The Shofar April - May 2024 / 5784

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



## **Shabbat Worship Schedule**

April	<b>4/5</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
-	Leader, Carla Byrnes	Portion, <i>Sh'mini</i> , Levit. 9:1-11:47
	<b>4/12</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m</b> .	
	Leader, Bernice Lamey	Portion, <i>Tazria</i> , Levit 12:1-13:59
	<b>4/19</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
	Leader, Alexa Schein	Portion, <i>Metzora</i> , Levit. 14:1-15:33
	<b>4/26</b> - Friday, <u><b>7:30 p.m.</b></u>	Happy Passover- Chag Pesach Sameach!
	Leader, Rabbi Shull	Portion, Chol HaMo-eid Pesach, Exod. 33:12-34:26
	4/27 -Saturday, <u>10:30 a.m.</u>	
	Leader, Rabbi Shull	Program to be determined
May	<b>5/3</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
	Leader, Mitch Lewis	Portion, Acharei Mot, Levit. 16:1-18:30
	<b>5/10</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
	Leader, Carla Byrnes	Portion, <i>K'doshim</i> , Levit. 19:1-20:27
	<b>5/17</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
	Leader, Alexa Schein	Portion, <i>Emor</i> , Levit. 21:1-24:23
	<b>5/24</b> - Friday, <u>7<b>:30 p.m</b>.</u>	
	Leader, Rabbi Shull	Portion, <i>B'har</i> , Levit. 25:1-26:2
	5/25 - Saturday, <u>10:30 a.m.</u>	
	Leader, Rabbi Shull	Program to be determined
	<b>5/31</b> - Friday, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
	Leader, Bernice Lamey	Portion, <i>B'chukotai</i> , Levit. 26:3-27:34

Mark your calendars for these exciting, meaningful and informative programs for all ages, featured in this issue: Community Seder (p.3), Online Auction (p.4) Jewish Heritage Month with Film & Food Festivals (p.5), Earth Day Celebration and Rothermel Lecture (p.6). Also, Save the Date for a Global Music Festival (p.7) and enjoy Passover Pages from the Cytrons (p.10-11). Updates on committee news are also included. Shalom.

#### President's Message



This is my final President's Message before the Annual Meeting later this Spring. Much has happened in the past year, and our future looks brighter than it did the past few years during the dark days of COVID. For the first time since 2021, we will hold an election for a new Board of Directors to lead Temple B'nai Sholem for the next two years.

The current Board has worked tirelessly and has accomplished many things over the past three years. Last year we hired our own part-time rabbi, Benjamin Shull. We enhanced awareness of Temple B'nai Sholem in the greater New Bern community: We hosted a program to raise awareness of threats of discrimination after the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Hamas invasion of Israel, attended by a full house including many religious and community leaders. Every week we welcome guests interested in attending Shabbat Services. For Hanukkah, we had the first annual lighting of a menorah in Union Point Park. It drew a large crowd of interfaith residents and community leaders.

Last Spring we hosted a **Passover Seder at The Flame**, and many of you participated. We hope you will join us again this year on Monday, April 22. We are grateful to Sisterhood for organizing this event and we urge you to <u>RSVP Tuesday</u>, <u>April 2</u>. The Flame needs a firm commitment so they can adequately prepare for us and ensure a delicious, meaningful seder. (<u>See p. 3 for details</u>)

The Board has always strived to do what is in the best interest of the congregation, but we cannot do that without feedback from our membership. The Board meets monthly and everyone is invited to attend and participate.

#### **IMPORTANT: Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee**

In advance of the Annual Meeting (date & time to be announced soon), we have formed a Nominating Committee, chaired by Vice-President, Scott Herman. We will be seeking candidates for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and three (3) Trustees. To aid Scott in this important task, we ask that if you, or people you know, should be part of our Temple's leadership team for the next two years, please let him know. Your nominations are most welcome. Contact Scott at <u>716-338-6177</u> or <u>scottyherman@yahoo.com</u>. He and his committee will prepare the slate of officers and trustees. We will soon announce the date and time for the Annual Meeting.

In closing, thank you for putting up with me, the rest of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and others who have committed so much time, energy and love for Temple B'nai Sholem these past three years. Howard Neviser

#### Announcement -- If you have not been receiving the weekly email, and would like to, please contact Johanna Schaefer at <u>bnai.sholem.webmaster2@gmail.com</u>.



Please join us at our Congregation's Annual Passover Seder Monday, April 22 @ 5:30 p.m. At The Flame Catering Center, 2301 Neuse Blvd, New Bern

Our Temple Sisterhood invites all members and friends to this joyous, delicious Seder. The meal will feature farmers' fresh market salad, matzah ball soup, an entrée choice of free-range chicken piccata, potato-encrusted salmon or grilled portobello mushrooms filled with a savory, diced vegetable/tomato chutney, and side dishes of green beans and red bliss potatoes. Dessert and coffee will follow. For the children...chicken tenders, french fries and dessert will be served.

> The cost for the Seder and Meal is \$65 per adult; \$13 per child. Checks should be payable to *Temple B'nai Sholem Sisterhood* and sent, with your name, phone, choice(s) of entrée, to: <u>Maureen Lone, 3627 Canterbury Rd., New Bern, NC 28562</u>

RSVP by Tuesday, April 2 Questions? Contact Maureen at 970-708-0646 (call or text) or email at 4127@hotmail.com



## Young Person's Guide to Passover

The Young Person's Guide to Passover was created by our Religious School for the young people in our Temple family. The Guide explains the Passover Seder and includes a young person's Passover Haggadah complete with easy-to-read text and colorful illustrations. The Guides are \$15 each. If you would like to purchase a copy for the children who will attend the Temple Seder with you, or as a gift, please pre-order and pre-pay by April 10. Pre-Ordered Passover guides can be picked up at the seder <u>or</u> be mailed.

Contact Elga Joffee at **ejoffee@gmail** or **631-375-3144** for additional information and/or to place your order. *Credits for the Guide go to Elga Joffee, Religious School teacher, author and contributor, and Sarah Plaut, Religious School parent, contributor and editor.* 



## A Fundraiser For Temple B'nai Sholem

We are planning an online auction in April, launch date is April 25, 2024, to raise money for Temple B'nai Sholem and we need auction items from our Temple members. When you're doing some spring cleaning and you happen to find something that you would like to donate to the auction we could use items like original artwork, handmade crafts, special serving pieces in good condition, jewelry, handmade quilts in good condition or what you think would bring in high bids.

Here are some items we have started to collect for the auction.



Spode China



Canister Set by local artist Jan Francuer



Jerusalem Artwork

Please contact Maxine Weisman at <u>maxjoyw@gmail.com</u>, or call or text 914-772-3230 or Johanna Schaefer at <u>johannadschaefer@gmail.com</u>, or call or text 860-608-3088 **Deadline to collect auction items is April 10, 2024** 

## **Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2024**

Temple B'nai Sholem & Craven County Public Library Welcome You To Attend ....

Jewish Heritage Movies & Children's Stories

Monday, May 6 at 4 PM movie: Down Home - Jewish life in NC

(A "riveting, sometimes humorous, sometimes poignant" story of over 300 years of Jewish North Carolina history.) Monday, May 13th at 4 PM movie: Hava Nagila

(The history, mystery and meaning of the song & dance that has become a standard around the word)

Saturday, May 18th at 2 PM movie: Joseph Had a Little Overcoat By Simms Taback

Storytime: The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco Arts & Crafts too!

Events will be held at the J. Murphy Smith Center, 508 Middle Street, New Bern Admission is Free Refreshments will be available

#### May is Jewish American Heritage Month



For more information and if you would like to volunteer to help please contact Maxine Weisman at <u>maxjoyw@gmail.com</u>, or call or text 914-772-3230 or Johanna Schaefer at <u>johannadschaefer@gmail.com</u>, or call or text 860-608-3088. Don't Miss These Special Events at the J. Murphy Center Across the street from the temple

\* Jewish Heritage Films & Stories May 6, 13 & 18 and

\* Jewish Food Festival Sunday, May 19 2-5 p.m. Earth Day Celebration **"Birds, Bees & Butterflies"** Saturday, April 20 - 4:30 pm

Martin Marietta Park - 700 S. Glenburnie Road Admission is FREE!

Would you like a free native plant for your yard? Want to try some bamboo plates for summer gatherings? Want to connect with others in our community who cherish the earth and stand together in showing that care?

**"Stewards of the Earth"**, a Faith Connection program, is hosting its **4th annual Earth Day Celebration.** At this event we will: learnaboutourfriends the pollinators honor community supporters and volunteers announce student winners in our spring contests

> For more information contact: Helen Robinson, Faith Connection Vice Chair @ helenrobinson575@gmail.com

Temple B'nai Sholem is honored to be a sponsor with Faith Connection for this celebration of Earth Day. A great event for all ages. Hope to see you there!

## The Rothermel Foundation is pleased to present Jesus was a Poor Man: Encountering Jesus in History and Culture Tina Pippin, Professor of Bible and Religion @ Agnes Scott College Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 400 New St., New Bern



Professor Pippin will explore ways she encounters "Jesus" in social justice movements and cultural expressions. The phrase, "Jesus was a poor man," adorns the ministerial stole of Bishop William Barber (co-founder of the national Poor Peoples' Movement, from Eastern NC). She will examine different media, especially Jesus's appearance in the Poor Peoples' Movement, and also in art, film and fiction, using examples across centuries and in contemporary global and diverse cultures. This presentation is free and open to the public.

It will last about one hour, to be followed by a short question-and-answer session.

Bernice Lamey is our temple representative on the interfaith Rothermel Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact her at <a href="https://www.nkim.org">nkim.org</a>



## Union Point Park, New Bern Saturday, July 20, 2024 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

## SAVE THE DATE for this FREE EVENT To Celebrate Brotherhood and our Shared Humanity

This Festival will present music from many cultures, with performances by local artists, church choirs, and musicians from Africa, Asia and South America. The theme running throughout this inspiring program is brotherhood, as people from all backgrounds in our community gather to sing together.



Presented by: Arts to End Genocide (ATEG) and Faith Connection And the generosity of our Sponsors.



For information call Mitch Lewis 252-670-1339

#### **Religious School**



#### **Celebrating Purim at Religious School!**



Religious school students learned about the holiday of Purim -- complete with costumes, masks, gregors, bells, song and dance. A fun "Megillah Reading" brought loud *boos* and noisy sounds that rang out from the children's gregors for Haman, the Purim villain. The sweet sound of bells was heard for Esther, the Jewish queen who saved her people from Haman's evil plan to kill all the Jewish people in ancient Persia. <u>Go Esther</u>, a video that tells the story of Purim and cheers Esther's heroism, was a big hit. It helped the children appreciate how important it is to be proud of being Jewish. Here is the link if you want to check it out. <u>https://www.bimbam.com/purim-story/</u>







Purim fun continued with the *Hamantaschen Bakery* as the students rolled out their dough and shaped their hamantaschen into pointy, triangle cookies. The Temple was filled with the wonderful aroma of hamantaschen baking in the oven. Not a crumb of delicious hamantaschen remained when the *Hamantaschen Bakery* closed down until

next Purim!





Hamantaschen Bakery Crew: Valerie & Rebecca Flaisher, Leah Ponder, Evelyn, Sean and Charlotte Plaut.

#### **Pastoral Care**

<u>Pastoral and Support Care:</u> A very generous grant from the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (CFJS) allows us to continue reaching adults in the New Bern area Jewish communities who are isolated or experiencing serious life challenges. Grant activities, which began in July 2023, will continue through the end of June 2024. Our Committee has applied to the CFJS for funding to continue our Temple's support care activities in the upcoming grant cycle (July 2024 through June 2025).

This grant provides funding for professional, one-on-one Temple support care; bi-weekly Shabbat Mitzvah Meals; training for the support care team; and car service to and from religious services for Temple members who are not able to drive or arrange transportation to Temple on their own. With support from the CFJS, they can also receive case management services from the Jewish Family Services of Raleigh-Cary.

Mitzvah Meal recipients heap praise on the Shabbat Mitzvah Meal Program and rave about the generous and delicious kosher-style meals the Flame prepares for us.

To request support from the Pastoral Care Committee, contact Elga Joffee, Chair at 631-375-3144 or <u>ejoffee@gmail.com</u>, or Carla Byrnes at 252-670-4960 or <u>admincarla@gmail.com</u>. To reach Jewish Family Services directly for case management assistance contact Lauren Primato, MSW at 919-676-2295 x 113 or lauren.primato@shalomraleigh.org.

Temple B'nai Sholem appreciates the generous support we have received this year and in the past from the CFJS.

Elga Joffee, Chair





## Oneg Shabbat

Oneg Shabbat is an enjoyable and important opportunity for our congregation and guests to come together following services. A monthly list of the Oneg hosts is posted on the fridge next to the Oneg room. It can be easy and fun to host. I will guide you through it if you haven't done it before. A heartfelt thanks to those who have signed up to date. To sign up for the coming weeks, contact me at: **804-577-7496** 

#### or zagreb54natchez@gmail.com



#### **Memorial Plaques and Commemorative Bricks**

Honor your loved ones, and benefit the temple, by ordering a custom inscribed brick for the front walkway or a memorial plaque for the sanctuary. <u>Plaques</u>, contact Kay Amsler at **kayquilts1@gmail.com** <u>Bricks</u>, contact Howard Neviser at **airedaler@gmail.com**. Thank you.

#### Passover Pages...Memories of a Childhood Seder

#### by Sue Cytron, transcribed by Marv Cytron



Dear Friends...Marv and I often share memories of growing up in St. Louis. We lived in different areas of the city and didn't meet until we were both in college. Several years ago at a family Seder I shared the following memories with our children and three grandsons:

<u>My Neighborhood:</u> I grew up on Goodfellow Ave in the "West End" of St. Louis. In the 1940's and '50's this area was the center of the Jewish Community of 50,000 people. Every few blocks there was a

synagogue and Hebrew School, and there was a YMHA/YWHA along with kosher bakeries, delicatessens, corner groceries and neighborhood drug stores...all within walking distance of my home. We even had an outdoor movie theater, The Fairy. On a hot summer evening it was a special treat.

<u>My home:</u> A two-family "flat" that my parents owned...first floor: a two-bedroom apartment that was rented and we lived upstairs...three bedrooms --my parents, more about them later, my four sisters and on occasion, an uncle living with us. I was daughter number four...three older sisters, all close in age...and always competing with one another! A few years later my baby sister, Jackie, arrived and today, we chat almost every week. Imagine six women in a home with only ONE bathroom!

<u>My parents of blessed memory:</u> My father, Morris Weinreb, born in Hungary 1900, served as an army pilot in WWI, "on the wrong side" he often said. Came to America about 1920, an ordained rabbi, but unable to secure a pulpit. Arrived in St. Louis, a variety of jobs and business ventures and ultimately a manager of a ladies shoe manufacturing company, most notably making private label fashionable shoes for stores like Bloomingdales and Saks Fifth Avenue. My mother, Clara Swartz was born in the Ukraine and came to America with her siblings and mother in about 1918. Mother was the classic balaboosta ... Yiddish for "the perfect housewife, homemaker, wonderful mother, outstanding cook and gracious hostess. She does it all and does it well".



<u>A Goodfellow Passover</u>: Mother making dresses for her daughters late at night. Weeks before, cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning. Trips to the grocery for matzo, matzo meal, farfel, oil, eggs, horseradish etc. Haggling with the butcher for enough chicken and brisket, in reality, not much haggling, mom was respected by all she met. As we became teenagers our father would bring us new

shoes for both the High Holidays and Passover. Even after our marriages when we were scattered across the country, he always sent us new shoes. And, in typical sibling rivalry, we would call one another with " did daddy send you shoes?" The Seder was I-o-n-g! Daddy not only covered every word and page, but added commentary and stories. And the meal was outstanding. I still make my mother's potato keegle...yes, yes. I know...you call it kugel but we call it keegle! Such a big gathering--our immediate family, my aunt and her family and two bachelor uncles. (cont. on next page)

**Passover Pages (cont.)** We often hosted servicemen from nearby bases, and two of my sisters met their future husbands at our home. Being the youngest for several years, my task was to ask the *Four Questions* in Hebrew and English. In all modesty, I did pretty well! As it turned out, thanks to my beloved mother, I was in the first class of the first Hebrew Day School in St. Louis...The Epstein Hebrew Academy is still in existence today.



One Seder, we girls were allowed to drink the four little cups of REAL wine...as it turned out we all fell asleep at the table, and my poor mother had all the dishes, pots and pans to clean up by herself. Usually my three older sisters did the cleaning. "Sue has three older sisters, she doesn't have to help," my mother said. Yes..I was spoiled

by my beloved mother, but I am making up for it now...I do all the dinner cleanups. I send Marv and his pipe and tobacco to his easy chair, the NY Times and classical music!

So, as Marv and I observe Seder together with many of you this Passover, we can share memories. We look forward to joining you at Temple B'nai Sholem later this Spring. B'shalom, Sue

#### Passover Trivia

by Marv Cytron

Yes, lots of trivia about this holiday, here are a few favorites:

More Jews observe Passover than other holidays.



The Maxwell House Haggadah, first published in 1932, is the most popular with over 50 million having been published.

In a traditional Haggadah, Moses' name is not included.

The oldest Haggadah is the Golden Haggadah, 1320, in Spain by Sephardi Jews. It can be found in the British Library.

The oldest printed Haggadah was printed in 1486 in Spain by the Soncino family. It is still in business today.

The largest Seder is in Kathmandu in Nepal with 1500 participants.



The northernmost Seder is held at Light of the North synagogue in Fairbanks Alaska.

Many believe the Last Supper was a Seder, and many will incorporate parts of a Seder at a church gathering.

The comedian/actor, Bob Hope, who never won an Academy Award, would often host the annual awards. He opened the evening with "Welcome to the Academy Awards, as we call it at my house, "pass over".



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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)

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#### We Remember...

**April Yahrtzeits** 

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#### May Yahrtzeits

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#### We Greatly Appreciate these Generous Donations

#### **General Fund**

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#### **Cemetery Fund** (and Book of Remembrance)

Myrna Cohen

## **The Shofar** - April- May 2024 Temple B'nai Sholem 505 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560

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