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New and Prospective Member Information

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WELCOME TO THE JEWISH CENTER AT TEMPLE SHOLOM. WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY.

We have a place for you—and a place for your family. We are glad you are here, share and take part of our community. **Grow** spiritually. **Nourish** your soul. **Learn** and share with us. Experience our sacred balance of Jewish tradition and innovation. All are welcome. *Temple Sholom is a place to come home to, again and again.*

MEMBERSHIP

Our congregation exists because of the generosity and dedication of our membership. Our member's commitment to the cultural and spiritual advancement of all Jewish people and families is key to our survival. It is our goal to make membership available to all who wish to affiliate. We welcome you to become a member of our family.

DUES ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial assistance is available to ensure that membership is open to everyone, regardless of the ability to pay. You can confidentially discuss individual or family needs with our office staff who will work with you to create the best possible payment plan. A limited number of educational scholarships are available for our Hebrew School.

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES & DONATIONS

A variety of philanthropic opportunities are available at Temple Sholom. Endowment Funds and donations are needed to maintain and improve synagogue facilities and to enhance the scope of religious, educational, cultural and social goals of the congregation. All contributions, no matter how big or small, are greatly appreciated.



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OPEN DOOR

Temple Sholom welcomes diversity among its congregation, students and friends; services are available to anyone eager to learn and who is interested in participating in synagogue activities. Welcome to the Jewish Center at Temple Sholom.

OUR MISSION

The Jewish Center at Temple Sholom is a progressive egalitarian conservative congregation offering a warm and caring environment to enrich the faith of all Jews through spiritual, religious, educational and social activities, each delivering the best of innovative and traditional ideals.

WORSHIP WITH US ...

Your connection to the Jewish faith
is a vital part of who you are, and your family.

At Temple Sholom, congregants join together to celebrate our faith in a warm, comfortable and supportive environment, where **all are welcome**.

We are a modern, egalitarian Conservative congregation, and encourage full participation by women in synagogue life, as well as offer full access to Jewish worship and religious experience for all of our members. At the same time, we cherish our Jewish traditions, and work to preserve them as a precious legacy for ourselves and our children.

Shabbat morning services are more traditional, with an abbreviated Torah reading, a congregant-led rendition of the Haftarah (prophetic portion), and either a sermonette or Rabbi's discussion, walking amid the congregants, talk-show style, and soliciting comments. Kiddush refreshments follow every services, with ample time to sit, schmooze, and make new friends.



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Visit us and let us make you feel at home.

Morning Minyan: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	8:45am	Followed by Coffee & Cake
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Friday Shabbat Lite Services	7:30pm	Followed by Oneg Shabbat
Weekly Shabbat Morning Services	9:30am	Followed by Kiddush
Monthly Shabbat Morning Youth Participation	10:30am	Followed by Kiddush
High Holiday Morning Services	9:00am	(Or as posted)

MINYAN provides an intimate and spiritual worship experience. Mornings also include thought-provoking sessions as they relate to Jews in the 21st century led by our Rabbi and/or lay leadership. We welcome all who need to say Kaddish, and we ask each person with a Yahrzeit to talk about their loved one.

HOLIDAY SERVICES and SPECIAL OCCASIONS commemorate Jewish lifecycles throughout the year.

YIZKOR SERVICES are held on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, the eighth (8th) Day of Passover and the second (2nd) Day of Shavuot. A special free Community Yizkor service is held at 5:00 pm on Yom Kippur Day.

*The Yizkor memorial prayer is recited as part of the Torah reading ceremony. Please note that no set time is planned or announced for Shemini Atzeret, the eighth (8th) Day of Passover, and the second (2nd) Day of Shavuot. Contact the temple office for hours of services.



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THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME A PART OF OUR TEMPLE FAMILY . . .

SISTERHOOD:

Sisterhood's role is to strengthen the bonds between members, by broadening their education and raising their awareness of the important topical issues that confront the modern Conservative Jewish woman. Sisterhood supports the Temple and its school both spiritually and financially. Exciting and interesting programs are offered throughout the year.

Our Temple Sholom Sisterhood operates our Gift Shop. The shop offers a wide variety of traditional and other Judaica and ritual items perfect for home, wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and various holidays. All the proceeds from the gift shop benefit the educational programs of Temple Sholom.

MEN'S CLUB:

The Jewish Center at Temple Sholom continues to offer its members social, educational and spiritual involvement. The Men's Club has historically played an important role in the life of the Temple. It offers its members friendships, as well as cultural and social activities, but most importantly it allows for the opportunity of giving back something to the synagogue.

OUTREACH:

JEWS BY CHOICE is a group that welcomes all who are in the process of conversion or who have completed their conversion to Judaism. Discussions are warm and supportive, and include subjects of interest and concern suggested by group members. Spouses/Significant others are always welcome at Temple Sholom.



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YOUTH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES . . .

HEBREW SCHOOL:

The Hebrew School at the Jewish Center at Temple Sholom has introduced its new and exciting curriculum to the Jewish community of South Florida. The Hebrew School has embarked on a year of learning and community service meeting every Sunday (except for holidays and scheduled vacations) from September through May and once a month for Shabbat/Saturday morning services.

Our Hebrew School incorporates the importance of Jewish education with the recognizing the needs of modern families. To this end, we provide:

- One day a week Hebrew School
- An individualized program that tailors the student's current knowledge with a plan for future success
- Small classes
- Motivated faculty who are dedicated to a single topic for all age groups
- Monthly Shabbat/Saturday morning service as part of our Temple Shabbat
- Experience
- Preparation for Bar and/or Bat Mitzvah
- A varied curriculum that includes Hebrew language, prayer, Jewish history,
- cultural education, music, and more!

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION:

This program is conducted by the Cantor and includes individual instruction for each student. A prerequisite for Bar/Bat Mitzvah at the Jewish Center at Temple Sholom is 4 years in an approved Judaic studies program including enrollment for the entire year of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



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FOR THE PARENT . . .

- Monthly Sunday classes focusing on the needs of YOUR child.
- Participation in:
 1. Monthly Shabbat services led by Cantor Hesh and the Hebrew School students
 2. School fundraisers
 3. Home based projects

FOR THE STUDENT . . .

- The opportunity to learn in an environment tailored to your needs
- The chance to excel in various areas of Jewish education

TO SIGN UP . . .

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ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES . . .

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH:

There is a beautiful saying in the Talmud, **“If you will it - it is no dream.”** We at Temple Sholom have already made that dream come true. Many men and women have voiced their regret in never having had the opportunity to study Torah, to be able to conduct daily prayers or to familiarize themselves with Jewish history and religious customs. Enrich your life, and carry with pride the knowledge that you accomplished what may not have been available at that specific time in your life.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES . . .

WORKING TOGETHER ENRICHES OUR LIVES:

Temple Sholom's policies are set by the volunteer lay leadership - our Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Members - working closely with the Rabbi and Cantor and the Professional Staff.

Members are offered a myriad of opportunities to become active participants in the Synagogue community. You are invited to become involved in a committee, and learn more about the responsibilities and scope of the Synagogue.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Throughout the year, a wide variety of social activities and special programs are planned to appeal to the broad range of ages and interests of Temple Sholom's membership, and to celebrate Synagogue events.

BUILDING USE:

The Synagogue facilities are available to members in good standing for life-cycle events including Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, weddings, funerals, and other significant family events.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS . . .

- **I want to become a member but can I afford it?**

This question is often the first one asked by potential members. No individual, couple or family is ever turned away because they cannot afford the dues! Our staff is available to discuss this sensitive issue with you.

- **I'm involved in Federation or other Jewish communal groups; why do I need to belong to a synagogue?**

The synagogue is the heart and soul of the Jewish Community. In communities with strong synagogue support, most other communal organizations are also strong. Without strong synagogues, the future of the Jewish community will be in doubt. There is a financial cost involved in membership, but the cost is a small price to pay to help Judaism survive.

- **I do not have children; why should I pay to belong?**

Dues cover a portion of the education expenses, but each family pays tuition to have their child/children in our Hebrew School. If the Jewish community is to grow and survive, education is critical. If you are committed to the

future of the Jewish community, it is important to understand that the future begins with today's children who will become tomorrow's parents and potential leaders. We appreciate that those without children help share in the mitzvah of providing education for the next generation of Jews.

- **Can I pay for High Holiday tickets instead of joining?**

Maybe up to now you've only attended synagogue a few days a year, but come and join us and you'll discover something very special – a FAMILY. Services and programs are stimulating and provide a family feeling for everyone throughout the year. In fact, we believe this is so true that High Holiday tickets are complimentary with your full-year membership.

- **I don't know any members.**

When you join Temple Sholom you become part of the family. Services are intimate and everyone is encouraged to get involved in auxiliaries, classes, and projects. By working together, we can get to know each other better.



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DUES AND MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM - 2016/2017

Florida Residents: High Holiday Tickets Included with Membership

Membership Category	Dues for 2016/2017	Amount Paid
FAMILY/COUPLE Over >40 yrs. of age	\$1,384	
FAMILY/COUPLE Under <40 yrs. of age	SPECIAL OFFER \$692	
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$692	

Snowbirds: High Holiday Tickets **NOT** Included with Membership

Membership Category	Dues for 2016/2017	Amount Paid
COUPLE MEMBERSHIP	\$692	
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$371	

*Snowbird status applies only to those residing in Florida for 6 months or less.

Category	Seats
High Holiday Seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All "Florida Resident" members in good standing receive one seat per adult member Each child (under 18) of a member also receives a ticket
ADDITIONAL High Holiday Seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 - Social Hall \$150 - Sanctuary (if available)



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Shomrei Torah: Guardians of the Torah

Category	Amount	Includes:
Platinum Chai	\$7,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four additional Sanctuary tickets for the High Holidays • Reserved Parking for High Holidays and all events held at the Temple • 2 Seat Plaques in Sanctuary • 2 Free Admissions to all Temple Sponsored Events • Flower Sponsorship for High Holidays • Major Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Pesach (by prior arrangement) • Full page ad in any program journal • Free Membership in Men's Club and Sisterhood
Gold Chai	\$5,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two additional Sanctuary tickets for the High Holidays • Reserved parking for High Holidays • 2 Free Admissions to all Temple Sponsored Events • 2 Seat Plaques in Sanctuary • Flower Sponsorship for High Holidays • Major Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Pesach (by prior arrangement) • Free Membership in Men's Club and Sisterhood
Silver Chai	\$3,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two additional Social Hall tickets for the High Holidays • 50% off Admission for 2 to all Temple Sponsored Events • 1 Seat Plaque in Sanctuary • Flower Sponsorship for High Holidays • Major Honor on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Pesach (by prior arrangement) • Free Membership in Men's Club and Sisterhood
Chai	\$1,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% off Admission for 2 to all Temple Sponsored Events • Honor on Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and Pesach (by prior arrangement) • Free Membership in Men's Club and Sisterhood



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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM 2016-2017

Payment Frequency:

- In Full**
- Quarterly** (July 1st, October 1st, January 1st, April 1st)
- Monthly** (1st of each month)
- Other**

Payment Method:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

q Check # _____

q Credit Card: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

*NOTE: Credit Cards used for monthly payments will be automatically debited on the 1st business day of each month.



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Membership Application

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name	Hebrew Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Relationship
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

1. Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

2. Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

3. Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

4. Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

5. Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

Yahrzeit Information:

Name	Hebrew Name	Date of Death	Time AM or After Sunset	Hebrew Date (If Known)	Relationship	Plaque