

# Temple Solel Seeks Biblical King's Advice on Time

Whether speaking with a close friend or even someone we barely know, a common statement is, "Where has the time gone?" or "How can half the year be over?" For some of us, it is even worse because we might not even know what day of the week it is. It's a wonder we can keep everything in order using both our cultural Hebrew calendar by the way of Babylonian influence or succumbing equally to the calendar used by the general population surrounding us. No matter which calendar we use, there are only 24 hours in each day, so how we chose spend our time impacts every day of the life we have been given as a precious gift.

King David reflects and writes in *Tehillim* (Psalms) 90:12, "So teach the number our days, so that we shall acquire a heart of wisdom." Quoting one piece of a text can be misleading; however, and in this particular writing there are references to God's anger and longing for a time where we make better choices so our work is established. While today that "wrath" might come in the form of feeling inner turmoil regarding our schedules, it is an opportunity to learn from those who came before us.

July is the fiscal restart for most of our synagogues. At Temple Solel our new Board and Committee Members were voted in at our annual meeting in June: President-Shelley Pawlyk; Vice President-Ron Weller; Treasurer-Jan Rose; Secretary-Stevie



Illustration from *The Driver Is Red* – Artist Jared Callahan

Rivers; Ritual Office and Lay Leader-Russ Cobe. Our committee chairs are: Membership Committee-Gordon Einsenberg; Caring Committee Chairs-Linda and Murray Simon; Events Committee Chair-Tanya Trachtenberg; Social Action Committee Chair-Carol Hahn; Publicity Committee Chair-Al Rogat; Israel Committee Chair-Shelley Pawlyk; Social Media/Youth Group Committee Chairs-James and Julia Fox

A most interesting conversation came up multiple times when people discussed how they were utilizing their time. They weren't happy about it. Two different people said, "I am spending endless hours on my HOA Board and it's miserable." The one realization that we often overlook in well-doing is risk of time lost versus re-

ward. Are we investing our time like we would dollars? It certainly makes us look at time a little differently when there is desired return on our investment. Whether we are working, playing, traveling, with family or helping someone or an organization shouldn't there be a payoff? Whether the result is a goal accomplished, feeling valued, developing relationships or being a part of a bigger vision, it is a privilege to have a choice. At Temple Solel, we often tell one another we like spending time together.

Our indoor picnic was a great success. A special thank you to Blooming Einstein's, Tanya Trachtenberg, for being so generous with her space and all the great prizes. At our gathering, Laurabree Monday and Wendy

Weinberger sponsored the showing of "The Driver Is Red" directed by Randall Christopher - an award winning, cleverly illustrated 15-minute film based in Argentina, in 1960, describing how secret agent Zvi Aharoni hunts down one of the highest ranking Nazi war criminals on the run. Link: <http://thedriverisred.com>. The film is important because it provides us with an example how a man used his time to bring forth justice with an underlying message it didn't matter how long it took or how old this Nazi criminal was when captured. The risk in this case was absolutely worth the reward, not just for Zvi, but for justice to our people.

In Solomon's wisdom he wrote in Proverbs 3:5-6- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not upon your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will direct your paths."

No matter our age, it may be time for us to recalibrate so we know we are on a directed path. The younger the better. In a modern quote Sarah Dessen writes, "There comes a time in every life

when the world gets quiet and the only thing left is your own heart. So you'd better learn to know the sound of it. Otherwise you'll never understand what it is saying." What's even better is when we can share these journeys together as a community.

Temple Solel holds Shabbat services at 7 PM the second and fourth Fridays of each month. We hope to meet you soon in the community room at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 292 Munn Road, Fort Mill. For details, call 803-610-1707 or visit [www.templesolelsc.org](http://www.templesolelsc.org) or Temple Solel SC on Facebook. ☆



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If you live in York County or the Ballantyne area, Temple Kol Ami might be the place for you! We are a warm and inclusive Reform congregation comprised of Jews from diverse backgrounds. We wish you and your loved ones Shanah Tovah Um'Tukah, a sweet, healthy, and prosperous New Year! ☆

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Ready to learn. Ready to succeed. Ready for whatever life has in store for me. Country Day Ready.

### Open House Dates:

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(Junior Kindergarten–Kindergarten)

**October 11**

(Junior Kindergarten–Grade 4)

**November 1**

(Grades 9–12)



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