



Temple Sholom Commemorates the 80th Anniversary of *Kristallnacht*

Scotch Plains, NJ – October 1, 2018 – [Temple Sholom](#) of Scotch Plains announces its 2018 Kristallnacht program to be held on Sunday November 4 at 7:00pm. Dr. Magdalena Wrobel, Project Manager for the Leo Baeck Institute of New York and Berlin, will present “*Posts from the Past: Personal Stories on the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht and the Events of 1938.*” These personal stories are reports from Jews from 1938. The Leo Baeck Institute is the premier repository for archival materials from German and German speaking countries in Europe.

Eighty years ago, on November 9, 1938, the Nazi party escalated its anti-Semitic campaign against the Jews through a *pogrom* in Germany, Austria and part of Czechoslovakia. Prior to that, in March 1938, Nazi Germany annexed Austria (the *Anschluss*); at the end of September 1938, England, France, Italy and Germany signed the infamous Munich Agreement which allowed Nazi Germany to annex parts of Czechoslovakia and eventually led to the dismemberment of that country. And on December 2, 1938, the *kindertransport* began, eventually sending 10,000 children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia to safety in England and elsewhere, most of whom never saw their parents again.

Dr. Wrobel earned her Ph.D. from the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich in 2013 and has served as a visiting scholar at the University of Haifa, University College London and Columbia University. Before coming to the Leo Baeck Institute in New York, she worked at the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous in their Rescuer Support Program and served as Assistant to the Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations.

The program is free and open to the public. Temple Sholom is located at 1925 Lake Avenue in Scotch Plains, NJ. For additional information, please call the Temple office at 908-889-4900 or visit www.sholomnj.org.

About Temple Sholom

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation led by Rabbi Joel N. Abraham and Cantor Darcie Sharlein. The temple and its religious school are home to more than 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. The congregation is in a new home at 1925 Lake Ave. in Scotch Plains. Temple Sholom is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. For more information about the Temple or joining the congregation, please call 908-889-4900, e-mail sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

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