

ChaiLites

APRIL / MAY 2017

Nisan / Iyyar / Sivan 5777

Have YOU Heard The Great News!!!!

We are excited to announce that at the February Board meeting, the Rabbinic Search Committee (as required by our bylaws to be appointed by the president), recommended Rabbi Ilana G. Baden as our new Senior Rabbi, effective July 1, 2018. The Temple Chai Board of Directors unanimously approved this recommendation. Pursuant to our bylaws, the final decision on the Senior Rabbi rests with the members of our congregation. The vote of the members must take place at a congregational meeting. To fulfill this requirement, we invite you all to a special meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.



In the short time Rabbi Baden has been our Senior Associate Rabbi, her passion, commitment, and vision for our congregation has been seen in everything she has brought to all ages in our community. Rabbi Baden looks forward to getting to know even more of our congregants and welcomes the opportunity to get together with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to her. We could not be more excited for this new chapter in the life of Temple Chai.

We look forward to seeing you all at this special congregational meeting.

*B'shalom,
Temple Chai Board of Directors*

Debbie Marlowe says, "Although we will miss Rav Hart leading us, this is the best news! Rabbi Baden, you have already brought so much to our congregation. Our next chapter holds so much promise with you at the helm! Mazel Tov!"

Michelle Colbert says, "Mazel Tov Rabbi! I am so excited for our congregation, my family and you and your family!"

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*Israel Solidarity Day is coming!
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Worship Schedule April/May 2017

Friday, March 31 - Vayikra

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
B'nei Mitzvah of Bobby Dlatt and Leo Dlatt

Friday, April 7 - Tzav

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat optional dinner
6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship with Anniversary Blessings and Torah Reading

Saturday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
Bat Mitzvah of Jillian Kolesky
5:00 p.m. B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua Chick and Alexander Kania

Friday, April 14 - Chol HaMo'ed Pesach

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship with Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Saturday, April 15

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in Sanctuary

Friday, April 21 - Sh'mini

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship with Youth Group Participation

Saturday, April 22

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
B'not Mitzvah of Logan Friedman and Brayde Sahl

Monday, April 24

7:00 p.m. Yom HaShoah Service

Friday April 28 - Tazria/Metzora

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship with 2nd Grade Participation

Saturday, April 29

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
B'nei Mitzvah of Charlie Grossman and Isaac Meadow

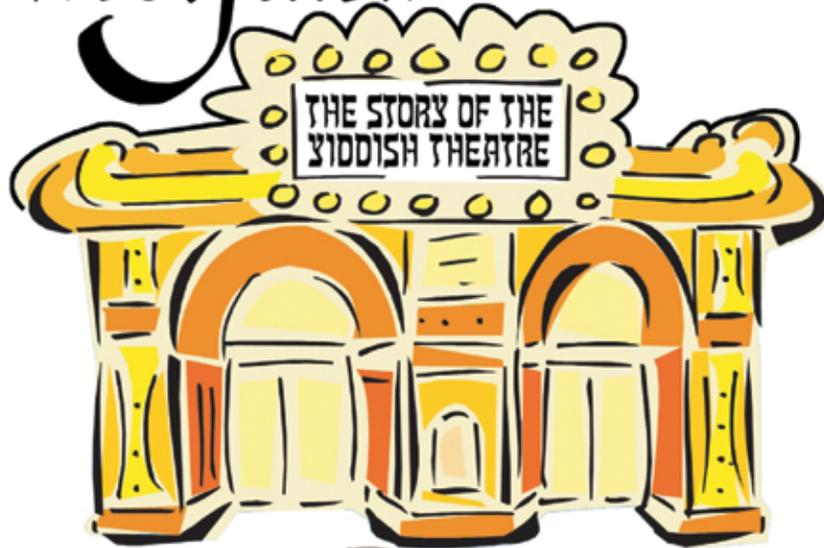
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Sunday, April 30, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$100 for concert sponsorship level

(Includes a special parking area, reserved seating and a wine & cheese reception after the show)

\$25 for general admission seating

For Online Ticket Sales Visit:

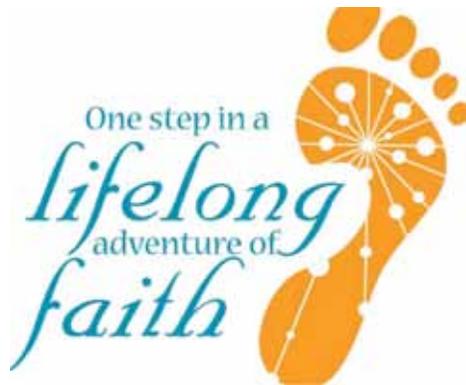
<http://wholemegillah.bpt.me>



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Mazel Tov! To Our 2017 Confirmands

Elyse Baden
Daniel Brot
Cassandra Deckowitz
Aedyn Gorenberg
Giaden Halfman
Arielle Pazol
Sydney Saichek
Rachel Schless
Drake Stolman



The ceremony of Confirmation was introduced by Reform Judaism in the early part of 19th century in Europe and was brought to the United States about mid-century. In this ceremony, our 10th grade students confirm a commitment to Judaism and to Jewish life. While boys and girls are considered to be spiritual adults by age 13, they are better prepared at age 16 or 17 to make the kind of emotional and intellectual commitment to Judaism that Confirmation implies.

Got ukulele?



**Interested
in learning
to play the
ukulele? call Cantor
Simon to join a class.**

Worship Schedule April/May 2017

Friday, May 5 – Acharei Mot/Kedoshim

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat optional dinner
6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Jann
5:00 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of Aiden Greene

Friday, May 12 – Emor

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, May 13

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
Bat Mitzvah of Maya Cohn
7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Friday, May 19 – Behar/Bechukotai

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, May 20

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua Feygin and Justin Levitt
5:00 p.m. B'nei Mitzvah of Jett Haas and Reed Haas

Friday, May 26 – Bamidbar

5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Sanctuary

Friday, June 2 – Nasso

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat optional dinner
6:00 p.m. S'mores Tot Shabbat with our JCC partners
6:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
B'nei Mitzvah of Korey Oldham and Isabelle Pangilinan

Great News, cont'd

Janice Bradley says "Mazel Tov! I am so happy for both you and our congregation. You are wonderful. I love to watch you with small children and the elderly. It has been an honor to get to know you and I look forward to a prosperous future for Temple Chai with you as our Senior Rabbi. Thank you!!!!"

Rabbi Joe Black says, "Mazel Tov to both Rabbi Baden and Temple Chai. Great news and a great choice!"

Bill Heinrich says, "Congratulations to the Board on a great choice, and especially Mazel Tov to Rabbi Baden and her family. Just as we welcomed Rabbi Hart and have blossomed as a congregation, under his Rabbinate, so too will be the case with Rabbi Baden. Very pleased!"

Attention B'nei Mitzvah Families

If Your Child Will Soon Become A Bar Or Bat Mitzvah

Please don't forget to submit a photo for the ChaiLites at least three (3) months prior to your ceremony. Drop off, mail or email a clear photo of your child with his/her name and date of their service on the back.

If sending a jpg, please put the child's name and date of the service in the subject line and email it to csilver@templechai.org. Also, please submit a two line bio for your child and return the B'nei Mitzvah form so we know how you would like your name(s) listed on the B'nei Mitzvah page and all other publicity.

Please contact Charla Silver to schedule your pre B'nei Mitzvah photos 3 months prior to your mitzvah. She can be reached at 847-537-1771 x241 or csilver@templechai.org.

Temple Chai Funeral Plan

As a benefit of your membership at Temple Chai, we are pleased to make available to you and your family a discounted funeral program at three different local funeral providers, all of whom enjoy a close working relationship with our congregation.

Upon the loss of a loved one, please call the temple office. If during non-business hours, please listen to the phone prompts to be connected to someone who can provide immediate support, and start to help with your arrangements.

Funerals may be held in our sanctuary (calendar permitting), at the funeral home chapel, or graveside at the cemetery.

Please visit www.templechai.org/lifecycles/funerals for detailed plan information, or call our Executive Director, Deborah Greenswag at 847-537-1771 x222 for more information.

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(Parents, Family, and Friends of
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Elohim

1201 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

Phone: 630-415-0622 • Office: 630-297-3658

Email: pflagglennview@pflagillinois.org

Meets second Thursday of each month from
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.



Kol Sason! - A Voice of Joy

Shalom u'Vrachah,

Peace and Blessings to all of my favorite music lovers! This winter has been incredibly busy with many special Shabbatot to keep our toes tapping and a spirits soaring. I hope you were able to attend at least one of these wonderful Sabbath experiences: The Martin Luther King Service, the Shabbat Under the Stars or the Klezmer Shabbat. They were each outstanding and so engaging in their own ways. I am deeply grateful to all of the volunteers who have lent their time and talent to these music programs. Many long overdue thanks to: the fantastic Howard Prager- our literally mind blowing tuba player, Liz Hagen our incomparable violist, whose every note adds a little more heaven to each service, Jeff Baden our smooth Shabbat bassist, Aaron Zarkowsky and Nadav Simon our 'timely' Shabbat drummers, Marc Schwartz our support guitarist and the other half of my favorite Kabbalat Panim-performing duo - 'Simon and Marcfunkel,' Mitch Bryan who cut his teeth at the Shabbat Under the Stars service and is ready for more and Bryan Fischmar our slick trumpet player who lends his talent to all of the big gigs around here. Our dedicated and lovely choral volunteers also have my undying gratitude.



Speaking of our choirs, Gail has put together a new woman's inter-congregational choir that will be lending its voice to our community Holocaust Memorial Service on Monday, April 24th and I am doing the same with a wonderful group of talented teens from our Beyachad program.

Finally, on Sunday, April 30th I am delighted to be singing in the grand performance of THE WHOLE MEGILLAH - a wonderful concert and multimedia presentation with live music- created by my friend and neighbor Charles Troy, America's most acclaimed dramatic musical theatre historian. Enjoy music by the great composers of yesteryear performed by yours truly and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. Charles is so engaging and this fundraiser really will have it all and pull at your heart strings. It will educate, captivate, surprise and titillate! So come laugh, learn and love with your fellow friends of Jewish music at Temple Chai. See the ad on page 2 for more information.

Shalom u'Vrachah - v'zisen Pesach - Peace and Blessings and Sweet Passover!

p.s.

Check our website for free downloads of the Simon Family Haggadah!

Cantor Scott Simon

Israel Reflections

If you are still interested in traveling to Israel with Rabbi and Mendy Hart and your Temple Chai family, please contact Steve Sukenik (KAHOONA999@aol.com) for availability.

A Message From Our President

My goal as president is to help prepare Temple Chai to continue to progress forward as a leading Reform synagogue in the northwest suburbs.

Two keys to this are strengthening our finances and ensuring our spiritual continuity with the retirement of Rabbi Hart next year. As most of you are aware, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation



of the Rabbinic Search Committee for Rabbi Ilana Baden to become our next Senior Rabbi, effective July 1, 2018. Though this decision required a lot of thought and introspection as to our congregation's current and future needs, our decision was not difficult, at all.

In the short time Rabbi Baden has been our Senior Associate Rabbi, her passion, commitment, and vision for our congregation has been seen in all she has brought, reaching out to the youngest and most experienced of our members with innovative programming including Third Thursdays, Mini-Mesters, and new family and tot programming.

I know I can speak for Rabbi Baden as she looks forward to getting together with as many of you as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out to her. We could not be more excited for this new chapter in the life of Temple Chai. Rabbi Hart and Rabbi Baden look forward to working even more closely together in the coming months to insure this transition goes as smoothly as possible.

No one can ever take the place of our beloved, Rabbi Stephen Hart. During his 24 years as our spiritual leader, he has been a vital part of our Jewish journeys and the strength we get from our community. His love and devotion for Temple Chai is evident, in all he does. We have a special committee looking into ways over the next year to appropriately recognize and celebrate Rabbi and Mendy's lasting impact on our Congregation. I hope you will enthusiastically participate in these special events and I look forward to seeing you at this special Congregational meeting.

B'shalom,

*Laurie Azriel-Prager
President*

NWS Jewish Connectors Good Deeds Day Open House

Comes to Buffalo Grove!!!!

**Where: Belmont Village, 500 McHenry Rd.,
Buffalo Grove - parking available**

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Age Requirement: Family friendly

Details: Stop by Belmont Village any time between 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. to volunteer for a variety of hands-on projects. Projects include preparing sleeping mats for the homeless, painting canvases to donate to sexual abuse victims, writing cards to cancer fighters, packing trail mix bags for the hungry, and much more!

Optional Donation Item: Plastic grocery and department store bags to make sleeping mats and canned goods for the Congregation Beth Am Food Pantry.

Good Deeds Day is a global day that unites people from over 75 countries to do good deeds for the benefit of others and the planet.

For more info and to register go to <http://www.good-deeds-day.org/about>

Women of Temple Chai and Chai Guys Brotherhood at Bowlero in Buffalo Grove.

Arnie and Linda Brown, Craig and Debbie Marlowe, Barry Mortge and Carol Teplis, Steve and Debbie Brenner, Ricardo and Jennifer Bekin, and Mike and Debby Horn enjoyed a great evening of bowling, laughs and old /new friendships.



PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

TOT Shabbats

Join us, from 5:30-6:00 p.m., for an optional pasta, salad and bread dinner-- \$5 adults / \$3 kids 2-6 years old and under 2 years old FREE!! If you can't make the dinner, join us at 6:00 p.m. in the North Social Hall where we'll parade to the Sanctuary, enjoy our Worship experience, and parade back for the mini- Oneg and of course schmoozing.

Please RSVP to Cathy if you plan to order dinner, but also let us know if you are planning on bringing in your own dinner (kosher style) so we can have enough tables and chairs set up!!

Next Tot Worship: Fridays, April 7 and May 5th with our final Shabbat before summer break .

Friday, June 2nd optional dinner, Worship then followed by S'mores with our JCC partners.

Sign Up Now!!

Two Pre-K school experiences for next school year

This fall, we are offering TWO pre-K experiences: a 3 and 4 year old drop-off class and a NEW! 2 and 3 year old Parent-Tot experience. Pre-K classes meet every other week, rather than every week.



Members and non-members are all welcome to participate in both of our Pre-K offerings--- grandparents are welcome to bring your grandchildren to our parent-tot experience.



connection to our clergy and to this space, in new and enthusiastic ways! Each grade has a family education component where families learn together on the grade-specific curriculum. This year we



Early Childhood Religious School helps to create a foundation for Jewish learning for your entire family. Students start to create a community of peers, and as parents you also get to connect with other parent peers too. Even if your child attended Jewish preschool, Religious school is a unique experience! They feel a

added a grandparent experience as well. As a parent of a 3 year old said, "I don't know of any other Jewish learning or community building experience that helps to further the entire family on their Jewish journey, together!"

Our teachers have been with Temple Chai for years and years! Many of them are Early Childhood Educators in their full time positions, others are speech therapists, and have worked for years in

elementary schools. Our staff, are warm and engaging, and lovingly refer to Sunday school, as "Fun-day school."

Classes meet on Sunday mornings 9:00-11:00 a.m. from September to May. If you would like more information, or want to register, please email Laura Perpinyal, Director of Life Long Learning at lperpinyal@templechai.org.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMS

THIRD THURSDAY PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE CHAI

All programs begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. unless noted. Please RSVP to Shelly at shellyg14.rg@gmail.com.

Rabbi Hart: The Chosen People April 20th

The complexities of being a chosen people: for what and why?

Jewish tradition is filled with references to the “chosenness” of the Jewish people, yet this phrase throughout history has also been a source of great concern and discomfort amongst many. What is the source of this term and what does it mean to be chosen, and for what purpose? Do the Jewish people have a calling in the world? Join us for a fascinating and enlightening conversation on the meaning of “chosenness” in Jewish tradition.

Dede Harris: Art and Video May 18th

Dede Harris is an extraordinary artist and a member of Temple Chai. Join us as Dede shares her intent, process and choice of materials in creating three assemblage sculptures which are hung in the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

After the fascinating video presentation Dede will answer questions.

Cantor Simon: A Bissel Broadway June 15th

More music and fun with Cantor Simon and friends! This year, we'll explore ten great Broadway tunes and the Jewish composers that they made famous. A light musical treat to start off your summer concert season.

MINI MESTERS

Judaism and the Wilderness

Wednesday, April 5th, 12th and 19th

presenter Scott Goode, Assistant Director of Youth and Engagement
Special time!! 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Judaism in the Wilderness – Much of today's Judaism is practiced indoors, from the sanctuary serving as the center of our worship space during holidays and life cycle events, to our religious and Hebrew school happenings in our class rooms – we are the people of the book. But is there a place for wilderness in Judaism? Is there a necessity for it? Come find out!

Historical Highlights of Jewish Music

Tuesdays, May 2nd, 9th and 16th

Noon-1:00 p.m.

presenter Cantor Scott Simon

From the Temple Mount to the 19th Century we'll enjoy a sonic journey across the centuries as we deepen our understanding of culture and heritage and highlight important musical influences from within and outside the Jewish Musical world.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

April 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Take 2!!!! The Israel Committee invites you to a reshooting of this film because many of you couldn't get here due to the massive snow storm in December. Join us for, Mekonen, a new mini-documentary that follows the personal journey of Mekonen Abebe, a young African/Israeli Jewish soldier, as he returns to Africa to explore his roots, make peace with his past and embrace his future in Israel.



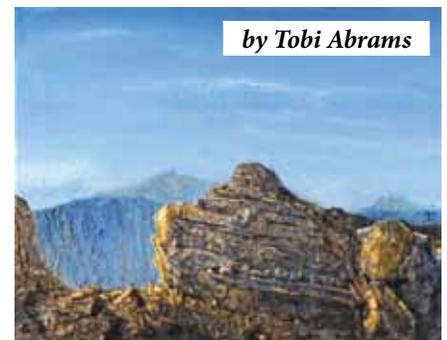
Galilee Chavurah Get-together



We had a great time tasting various fruits and enjoying a wonderful dinner as we celebrated the holiday of Tu B'Shevat.

The Sky's the Limit

Join a Chavurah today! Applications can be found on line or contact Charlotte at crleventhal@comcast.net or Eileen at kuenneth@mac.com for more information.



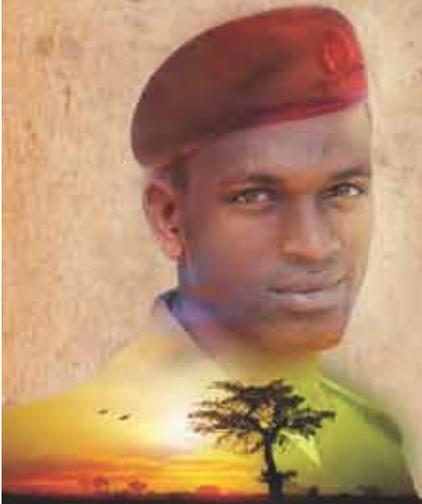
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Mekonen

The Journey of an African Jew

From the producers of

**BENEATH
THE HELMET**
From High School to the Home Front



**STEP UP
FOR ISRAEL**

**The Dynamic and Innovative Israel Education
Film Series Returns
(Replaying due to December snow storm)**

Saturday Night at the Movies

DATE: April 29, 2017

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Temple Chai

A new mini-documentary that follows the personal journey of Mekonen Abebe, a young African/Israeli Jewish soldier, as he returns to Africa to explore his roots, make peace with his past and embrace his future in Israel.
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Thank Israeli Soldiers

Jewish United Fund's

Israel Solidarity Day

featuring the Walk with Israel



**SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2017
2-6 PM**

Ravinia Festival
200 RAVINIA PARK ROAD,
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HEADLINING ENTERTAINMENT

Idan Raichel

Rain or Shine!

Performances will take place under the Ravinia Festival Pavilion, (seating is first-come, first-served); open seating on the lawn.

- 1:15 p.m.** Registration
(pre-register at www.juf.org/ISD to receive a "speed pass")
- 2:00 p.m.** Tekes (Opening Ceremony)
- 2:15 p.m.** Three-Mile Walk with Israel & One-Mile Family Walk
featuring JCC Chicago fitness activities
- 3:30 p.m.** Jamman Drum Circle
- 4:00 p.m.** Nefesh Mountain Family Concert
- 5:00 p.m.** Idan Raichel Concert

All day:

Activities for children of all ages
Kosher food available for purchase
NEW! *Israeli Market Place and Art Festival*

Free parking is available at Ravinia Festival. Metra's Union Pacific North Line makes Sunday stops in the village of Ravinia. Shuttle buses will transport participants from the Ravinia stop to Ravinia Festival and back.

Donations will help 6,500 at-risk youth in JUF's Israel Partnership Region.

Raise **\$18 or more** toward Israel Solidarity Day and receive an Israel Solidarity t-shirt on May 7th!

Raise **\$100 or more** toward Israel Solidarity Day and receive a \$100 JUF Israel Experience Voucher or JUF Mission Voucher! (Limited to one voucher per person per year.)



Jewish United Fund/
Jewish Federation
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

This event is open to the entire community; Ravinia's facilities are fully accessible, including parking, seating, pathways and restrooms.

Register: www.juf.org/ISD

Call: (312) 444-2905

Email: IsraelSolidarity@juf.org

2016-17/5777 Temple Chai Youth Programming



Temple Chai's Youth Days—April 30th It's Our Final Event of The Year!!

We've had such a terrific first year of Temple Chai's Youth Days. We are capping off the year with a Ba'Lagan Ba'omer experience on Sunday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.! It's Israel Independence Day and La'ag Ba'omer wrapped into one big party where there will be bon fires, Israeli food and dancing and much more! Don't forget to RSVP. See you there!



Temple Chai is hosting NFTY-CAR's Spring Event!

April 21st—23rd

Temple Chai is hosting NFTY's Spring Event for the first time in five years.
And we need your help!

We are looking for families to host teenagers during the weekend long event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Scott Goode at sgoode@templechai.org or 847-537-1771 x 225

And don't forget to sign up your 8th-12th graders



Ruach! Children's Choir

There's still time to join the Temple Chai Ruach! Children's Choir! Rehearsals at Temple Chai Mondays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to participate in an uplifting experience with a warm and welcoming community for singers. Open to children and teens in grade 2-8. No audition required.

Mrs. Simon gittlefish@gmail.com



Mishpacha

The Temple Chai Mishpacha Family Group offers fun events for the entire family. Make sure to save this date and join in on the fun! Don't forget to bring Bubbe and Zedye too!

Sunday, April 16th

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss in April & May

Get involved. Do something you have or haven't yet tried at Temple Chai. Where do you begin? **Start with these seven crucial events:**



1. Texas Hold 'em Poker Tourney | Sunday, April 9 @ 4:00 p.m. | Temple Chai

Join us for our annual fundraiser to raise funds to continue providing quality programming for the Temple Chai community. \$40/player (includes chips, food, drinks and fun)! Reserve your seat at: <http://sqr.re/2kq5LW4>.



2. Men's Seder | Wednesday, April 12 @ 6:00 p.m. | Temple Chai

Join us for our annual Men's Seder with dinner sponsored by Sunset Foods. Just \$25/person. Reserve your seat at: <http://sqr.re/2lmGFHS>. We'll be using a Haggadah written by men for men. This ain't your family's Passover dinner.



3. Guys Night Out | Thursday, April 27 @ 6:30 p.m. | Green Room

Join us at this Libertyville fave (624 Milwaukee Ave) for an incredible meal. The cozy atmosphere is perfect for close conversations and enjoying a great meal. RSVP: chaiguysbrotherhood@gmail.com.



4. Speaker Vince Gerasole | Sunday, April 30 @ 11:15 a.m. | Temple Chai

Join us for our last Distinguished Speaker of the year, Vince Gerasole. He's currently a General Assignment Reporter for CBS Chicago Channel 2. Vince is also a 3-time emmy-award winning journalist for outstanding reporting. Everyone is welcome to attend (not just guys).



5. Brotherhood Annual Meeting | Sunday April 30 @ 6:00 p.m. | Temple Chai

Join us for our Annual Meeting and Dinner to learn about the State of the Brotherhood, honor members, elect the slate for the incoming Brotherhood board, and hear about the upcoming events planned for 2017-2018. RSVP for the meeting: chaiguysbrotherhood@gmail.com.



6. Adopt-A-Highway | Sunday, May 7 @ 10:00 a.m. | Temple Chai

Join us for our last act of hineini of the year at our Adopt-A-Highway event. We'll meet at Temple Chai and then walk over to Arlington Heights Road to split up and clean up the pathway to our temple between Lake Cook Road (to the south) and Bernay Lane (to the north). To help out, RSVP: chaiguysbrotherhod@gmail.com. Kids welcome, 9 and up.



7. Guys Night Out | Wednesday, May 24 @ 6:30 p.m. | Gators Wing Shack

Join us at this sports bar fave (1719 Rand Road, Palatine) for some of the best wings and food around. Plenty of TVs to catch whatever game is on and a great atmosphere to hang with the guys. RSVP: chaiguysbrotherhood@gmail.com.



April-May 2017



WOMEN OF TEMPLE CHAI
stronger together

Look at the gift shop window for more current activity information

We're GROWING
We're CHANGING
We've Got New
Programming and a
New Attitude!

Women's Intergenerational Seder Thursday, April 6th



6:00 p.m. Registration, Appetizers and Children's Holiday Art Project
6:30 p.m. Seder and Dinner
Invite Your Family and Friends!
Adults \$20 / Children (under 12 years) \$10

Register ONLINE by going to:
<http://squareup.com/store/temple-chai-sisterhood/item/women-s-seder-1>
Download the flyer off the Temple Chai Website and mail it in with your check payable to Women of Temple Chai.

For more information contact Louise Resnick 847-670-1810 /
louiseresnick@gmail.com

Kol Isha: Judaic Study-

Come join us to continue our recognition of women through Torah!

Tuesday, April 18th

7:30 p.m.



RSVP to Blythe at rzmom3@comcast.net or by text, 847-971-5907, for more information.

Send a College Care Package to your college student(s) for Passover!

Sent with Passover goodies inside!
Free for children of members of Women of Temple Chai only!

Please email your child's name, college mailing address, e-mail address, and local phone number to: Lori Slavin - Lrrs515@gmail.com by April 1st.



Please look for further information in the ChaiWire and eBlast and on our Facebook page.

Women of Temple Chai

16th annual

Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday
June 4th

Please RSVP by May 25th

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Registration
11:30 - 12:15 p.m. Luncheon

FOLLOWED BY THREE FUN FILLED HOURS OF MAH JONGG, WITH GREAT RAFFLES, THEN GAME PRIZES, AND MUCH MORE!
\$47 Per Person

Price includes a card table
(please bring your own snack tables)

Please RSVP by **May 25th**

PAYING BY CHECK, please make checks payable to Women of Temple Chai and mail to: Temple Chai/Mah Jongg Tournament •1670 Checker Rd. •Long Grove, IL •60047

PAYING WITH A CREDIT CARD, please go to the following link:
<https://squareup.com/store/temple-chai-sisterhood/item/mah-jongg-tournament>

Tournament Chairs-Blythe Thomashow & Carol Teplis Mortgage.
(847) 363-9423 / sisterhoodcarol@gmail.com

For additional information or to download a registration form please go to:
templechai.org/community/adults/sisterhood and click on: Upcoming Programs

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Lou Malnati's
PIZZERIA



Break your Passover cravings with Pizza!

Date: Monday, April 17, 2016
Time: 11:00 am—10:00 pm

Location: **Lou Malnati's: BUFFALO GROVE**
85 S. Buffalo Grove Rd. (at Lake Cook Rd.)
847.215.7100

Dine-in, Carryout and Delivery (within zone)

FOR QUESTIONS:

Please contact Jan Bergman - janlbergman@comcast.net

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to Women of Temple Chai Sisterhood (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received • Dine-in, Carryout OR Delivery (within zone)

WITH THE FLYER on 04.17.17. FLYER MUST BE PRINTED OR SHOWN ON MOBILE DEVICE.
Look for flyer at temple or online to download.

★ PLEASE MENTION FUNDRAISER EVENT WHEN PLACING ORDER.
★ OFFER VALID ONLY ON THE DATE AND LOCATIONS LISTED ABOVE.

WTC HAPPENINGS!



Mason Jar Salads were created by 18 people lead by our leader, Linda Iser-Vigushin.



Women who attended Kol Isha made beautiful Agams and learned the song, Modeh Ahni.



Simcha Showcase had Great Vendors!



Brotherhood and the Women of Temple Chai joined forces for a FUN Bowling outing!



Ta'am students were presented with a bag of shekels from the Women of Temple Chai for their recent trip to Israel.



UPCOMING EVENTS—PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

For additional information, check the *Women of Temple Chai* page on the temple website, LIKE our *Women of Temple Chai* Facebook page, and/or email us at womenoftemplechai@gmail.com.

DATE	TIME	EVENT AND PLACE
April 1 st - 2 nd	Save the Date	Mahj/Canasta Weekend at OSRUI—Look for more information soon!
April 6 th	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Women's Intergenerational Seder. Pay online-see info.
April 17 th	All Day!	Lou Malnati's Fundraiser - We get 20% of sales. Get the flyer off the website.
April 18 th	7:00 p.m.	Kol Isha—Look for further information in the eblast and ChaiWire.
April 19-20 th	7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	Sunset Foods Shopping Benefit Days
April 28 th -30 th	Save the Date	WRJ Spring Kallah at OSRUI
May 1 st	Look for details	Gift Shop End of Year Sale Begins
May 25 th	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club— <i>Saving Sophie</i> by Ronald Balson.
June 4 th	11:00 a.m.	Mah Jongg Tournament

- ◆ Weekly Mahj—every Wednesday from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at Sunset, Long Grove, 2nd Floor. Email Alyse Dinitz if planning on going at midigm8@gmail.com.
- ◆ Canasta every 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Temple Chai. Email Sandi Firsell if planning on going at sfirsell@comcast.net.
- ◆ Weekly Canasta every Friday, 10:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. at Temple. Email Sandi Firsell if planning on going at sfirsell@comcast.net.



JUNE 26-30 2017 FIRST EVER ABRAHAMIC PEACE CAMP IN CHICAGO

Incoming 6th-9th graders from Jewish, Christian and Muslim homes are interfaith ambassadors. These rising leaders will show how to spread peace, understanding and love in Chicago's first ever Abrahamic Peace Camp by learning about each other's faith traditions, visiting different houses of worship, and participating in hands-on activities through art and other mediums. Day Camp will take place from 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday in the Northwest Suburbs near Long Grove. Please email Bonnie at bonniec@interfaithfamily.com to be included in follow-up emails so that we know your interest.

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**“Be the change you
want to see in the
world.”**

– Mahatma Gandhi

Purim Fun!



Donations to any of the funds listed here, as well as many others, can be made in honor, appreciation or memory of a person or event. All donations will be recognized in *ChaiLites*. For donations of \$18 or more, the tribute will be acknowledged with a letter sent to the honoree or their family. You can see a description of all available funds and download a Donation Form from our web site at <http://www.templechai.org/donate/>. You can mail it with your donation to Temple Chai.

Many employers will match your donations. For all the information you need about potentially increasing the value of your donation to Temple Chai, go to http://www.templechai.org/donate/matching_gifts/.

Donations to Temple Chai, a 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

A minimum donation of \$18 is required to send an acknowledgement.

Support the Y.E.S. Fund, send a Uniongram for any life cycle event for only \$5!

**Just contact Fran Sachs at
franstc@hotmail.com / 847-821-1147,
and she will send a card out on your behalf!**

What is the YES Fund?

The Youth, Education, and Special Projects (YES) Fund of the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) uses donations to strengthen the institutions of Reform Judaism and ensure the future of our leadership worldwide. It supports a wide variety of people and projects, for example:

Scholarships for future Rabbis and Cantors
NFTY and Keshet for college students
B'Not Mitzvah program for girls in Israel
Preschool and elementary programs
Packages for needy families in Israel

These are just a few of the many good causes that benefit from your generous contributions to the YES Fund. One simple way to support the YES Fund is to send a Uniongram (Tribute Card).



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DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY CHAILITES IS MAY 1



\$20 PER CHILD PAID REGISTRATIONS
DUE APRIL 26, 2017

- 📅 Israeli BaLAGan Ba'omer
 Israeli Independence & Lag Ba'omer all wrapped into one big party!
- 📅 Sunday, April 30, 2017
- 🕒 11 AM - 1PM
- 🍕 Including pizza and fun Israeli snacks
- ✓ Last Youth Day this School Year!



- ✓ Celebrate Israel's Birthday with a grand birthday bash!
- ✓ Birthday cake decorating contest
- ✓ Israeli dance freeze and limbo
- ✓ Create Yom Ha'atzmaut cards to thank Israeli soldiers

- ✓ Compete against your friends in our own Maccabiah Games & Color Wars
- ✓ Try some delicious Israeli snacks
- ✓ Bon fire and s'mores for Lag Ba'omer

- ✓ Celebrate Israel's independence with Israeli dancing and Israeli Army-style "boot camp"
- ✓ Get down and dirty with a giant game of Chocolate Kickball
- ✓ Enjoy a bon fire, s'mores, and delicious Israeli snacks