

ChaiLites

JUNE / JULY 2017

Sivan / Tamuz / Av 5777

Anchoring Ourselves Amidst An Uncertain World

Dear friends:

We are living in turbulent and uncertain times. At this writing, the American Health Care Act was voted upon and adopted by the United States House of Representatives. Also, an executive order was released which in many ways undermines the First Amendment principles and protections that allow religious life to flourish in the United States. The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, together with the Union for Reform Judaism, whose more than 900 congregations across North America encompasses 1.5 million Jews and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose membership includes more than 2,000 Reform Rabbis, has spoken out in the strongest possible language opposing these actions. Uncertainty remains about possible Russian influence in our election process. And the list goes on....



Even without following Buzzfeed, CNN, Fox, or even our own Facebook feed, we experience the day to day challenges of life...raising our children or sharing in the life of our grandchildren as their lives are overwhelmed by academics or extra curricular activities and lead to lives of stress and anxiety; attending to the needs of elderly parents or loved ones while trying to attend to our own needs or concerns; financial burdens that may overwhelm us and yes...this list too goes on and on.

As we approach the summers months, some find relief in well-deserved vacations and time with family on a warm and beautiful summer day. Yet I cannot help but wonder: how do we truly anchor ourselves in this ever-changing and turbulent world? Always moving...always going...never ending commitments and responsibilities. When and how do we ground ourselves to that which gives our lives true purpose, direction and meaning?

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School Registration Underway! If you haven't already signed up, contact Laura at lperpinyal@templechai.org

Worship Schedule

Friday, June 2 – Nasso

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner (optional BYO picnic)
6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Worship and S'mores with LCJCC
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

Friday, June 9 – Beha'alotcha

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

Saturday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Lay Led Shabbat Worship in the Musick Family Library
Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Pomorantz

Friday, June 16 – Shelach

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

Saturday, June 17

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

Friday, June 23 – Korach

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

Saturday, June 24

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

Friday, June 30 - Chukat

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

Saturday, July 1

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

Friday, July 7 – Balak

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner (optional BYO picnic)
5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Worship
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, July 8

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

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S'MORES TOT SHABBAT UNDER THE APPLE TREES!



Join us for an outdoor Shabbat Celebration
with Temple Chai & Lake County JCC
for you and your kids, 6 and under
(we'll be inside if the weather is bad)!

Friday, June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. **BYO Dinner to Temple Chai**

5:30 p.m. — Dinner

6:00 p.m. — Songs and Stories,
Crafts, and more

6:45—7:15 p.m. S'mores



Please RSVP to Laura:
lperpinyal@templechai.org

NEW!! Join us for outside summer Shabbat's
July 7th and August 4th



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A Message From Our President

On a recent Sunday afternoon, I had the honor to preside over a very special Congregational meeting. It has been almost 25 years since Temple Chai has had to look for a new Senior Rabbi and how wonderful it was that we didn't have to look too far to our own Rabbi Ilana Baden. As the board, staff and I discussed, we were not sure how many people to expect. We all were so surprised at not only the number of people who came but the vast range of ages representing our congregation. We estimated there were 275 people in attendance, from our youngest members, to our most senior. We are at a critical time in the life of our synagogue and how wonderful to see so many people caring so much about our congregation. Rabbi Hart was an integral part of this meeting and told the congregation he fully supports Rabbi Baden and I know they will continue to work together to ensure a smooth transition. It will be very difficult for all of us to say goodbye to Rabbi Hart and no one can ever replace him. He has been a part of our community for so long, done so much to establish Temple Chai as a leading synagogue in our movement, and helped so many of us through our most difficult personal times and enjoyed some of our happiest. But, we could not be happier for Rabbi Hart and Mendy as they begin this new chapter in their lives and we could not be happier to have Rabbi Baden become our Senior Rabbi.



We continue to face financial struggles and make difficult changes as our membership numbers decline, in part due to the demographics of our membership growing older. We especially welcome and will need all of your energy and support. And despite the downturn, we are still an amazing place, we are still Temple Chai. On a weekly basis, we have many different programs and classes going on for different age groups. The Women of Temple Chai, Chai Guys Brotherhood and our Israel Action Committee host numerous events for our entire congregation. Our board of trustees and many committees are constantly planning new events and activities for our membership. Two examples include our NFTY Chapter hosting youth group members from the entire Chicago area for their annual Spring Kolbo weekend. How wonderful it was to see over 75 high school students representing the future of Judaism in our building learning, praying, and growing. And our Cantor concert on the History of Yiddish Theater was both thoroughly entertaining and well-attended by nearly 300 people. We continue to have much to offer, and ask that you partake in what interests you and tell others, don't keep it a secret. And let me know what ideas you have.

Please continue to reach out to me with your questions, concerns and thoughts on how to make Temple Chai even stronger.

B'Shalom,

*Laurie Azriel-Prager
President*

Worship Schedule, cont'd

Friday, July 14 - Pinchas

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

Saturday, July 15

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

Friday, July 21 - Mattot/Massei

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

Saturday, July 22

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

Friday, July 28 - Devarim

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

Saturday, July 29

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

Friday, August 4 - Va'etchanan

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner (optional BYO picnic)
5:45 p.m. Kabbalat Panim
6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Worship
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, August 5

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

From the Rabbi, cont'd

In my interfaith work, which has become an increasingly important part of my rabbinate and personal life, as people of faith, I have found that reconnecting ourselves to the life of the spirit, whether that be in a synagogue, church or mosque, is needed in our time more than ever. Amidst these uncertain and turbulent times, joining together with fellow Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus... people of all religious faiths and denominations, in addressing our common hopes and dreams for our families and sharing together in repairing, fixing and healing our broken world, is a remarkable source of larger purpose and meaning. The good works of our Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council, together with the growing presence here in our community of the Children of Abraham Coalition, can be one of your personal anchors during these days of uncertainty. Please consider joining me at the 'Interfaith I Walk for Hunger' on Sunday June 25th at 1:15 p.m. beginning at St. Mary Parish in Buffalo Grove. Get to know your neighbors and ground yourself in greater purpose and meaning through this act of caring and loving kindness.

May each of us during these summer months, amidst the many uncertainties that surround us, be anchored in joining hands and hearts in building bridges of understanding, friendship and love.

With warm expressions of peace and well-being,

Rabbi Stephen Hart

Teach us to see each other through Your eyes, God. In Your eyes all people are equally loved, equally precious. Bless us all, God, with compassion, kindness and peace.

Israel Scouts

Tzofim Friendship Caravan



August 3, 2017
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Picnic and Concert

Lake County JCC
23280 N. Old McHenry Rd.
Lake Zurich

An evening of song, dance, energy and
Israel!

6:00 p.m. – BYO picnic dinner or
purchase pizza/salads from
Rosati's Food Truck

7:00 p.m. – Israeli Scouts Friendship
Caravan Concert

*Sponsoring organizations: JCC/Elaine Frank
Apachi Day Camp, Congregation Beth Judea,
Congregation Or Shalom, Congregation Beth Am,
McHenry County Jewish Congregation, Temple
Chai*



Executive Director Report

It has been exciting and very rewarding to be the Executive Director at Temple Chai. There is a lot happening and more to come. On April 23rd, at a congregational meeting, close to 300 congregants unanimously approved the recommendation of the Board of Directors to hire our Senior Associate Rabbi Ilana G. Baden as the temple's next Senior Rabbi effective July 1, 2018. During this meeting, Rabbi Hart, who is retiring, enthusiastically praised Rabbi Baden's knowledge and wisdom and her ability to relate to the needs of the temple and its members. He wholeheartedly endorsed her hiring as senior rabbi. Rabbi Baden then warmly thanked Rabbi Hart, Cantor Simon, the temple staff and members for their vote of confidence in her and for their support.



As Executive Director, I look forward to working with our clergy and staff to make this a smooth transition for our entire community. I believe that under the guidance of Rabbi Baden, Temple Chai will continue to be an inclusive congregation, welcoming diversity and will remain a vital part of the Northwest Suburban Jewish community, just as it has been under the leadership of Rabbi Hart.

During the coming year, we are planning a variety of special events to honor Rabbi Hart and to celebrate his many extraordinary contributions to the life of our Temple Chai community. There will be a gala in the spring honoring Rabbi and Mendy. Our Scholar in Residence weekend will feature Rabbi Joe Black. Rabbi Black is a nationally praised interpreter of contemporary Jewish music for adults and children. He is a longtime friend of Rabbi Hart and Temple Chai and was our first song leader in the late 1970's and early 1980's. He remembers when our building was built. Watch for more information about the wonderful events planned for the upcoming year.

On May 21st, we held our 2017 Annual Meeting. Temple business was presented for discussion. New trustees were voted in and volunteer recognition awards were given out.

To begin our wonderful summer of programming, Cantor Simon will host our next Third Thursday on June 15th from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. He will present a Bissell of Broadway! Additionally, we have a family mitzvah opportunity, the I-Walk on June 25th (info in this bulletin) and NEW this summer, we are hosting BYO picnic dinner TOT Shabbats on July 7th and August 4th. We will cap off the summer and start the year right with our always popular, Shabbat Under the Stars on Friday, August 18th. I am sure these will be a fun events to attend. Check your weekly Chai Wire for all programming taking place in the coming months.

Know that my door is always open to you. I am honored to serve our vibrant community as your Executive Director.

*B'Shalom,
Deborah Greenswag*

A "Giving Gift" To Temple Chai

Dear Rabbi Hart,

Dede and I enjoyed your lecture on the chosen people at the April Third Thursday Program, and are choosing our temple to be the recipients of a very unusual gift of a special Terezin tree.

Briefly, In Terezin, a woman prisoner decided to teach the children about Tu B'Shvat. She asked a guard to bring a sapling so the children could plant it in celebration of this holiday. After the guard brought the sapling, the children planted it, watered it, danced and sang. All this happened under the noses of the nazis. The children were killed in killing centers. One child by the name of Jessica wrote the following poem.

*There are three things the nazis could
not take from us
They could not take the blue sky for our
gazing
They could not take the flood of sunlight
nourishing our tree and us
And most of all, they could not take our
invisible God buried deep in our hearts.*

*Join us for the official Temple Chai Dedication at
Shabbat Under the Stars, Friday, August 18th.*

This child, age 12, was killed in Auschwitz.

The tree continued to grow into a beautiful silver maple tree. 600 places around the world have been given saplings of this tree, including The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Two years ago, The Chicago Botanic Garden took saplings from our tree and nurtured them until they were ready for planting. Some of them were auctioned off to raise money for the museum, while others were given to schools.

Dede was so taken by the story of this tree that she devoted two years to writing a book which has been recently published called *The Children's Tree of Terezin*. Dede told the story of the Terezin tree at those presentations.

A tree was presented to us for our home. We would like to give it to our Temple Chai.

Dede and Sam Harris



Walk With Israel



Some Happy TC Walkers



ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMS

Anti-Semitism: Causes & Concerns

March's Third Thursday, featured Sandy Rockwell, an adjunct professor of history at Oakton Community College, facilitating a discussion about Anti-Semitism with over 80 temple members. Rockwell began by defining Anti-Semitism as "the hatred of Jews and everything Jewish." Anti-Semitism "has existed for centuries," she said. Rockwell then traced this history of Anti-Semitism through the ages. "Anti-Semitism can be attributed to the age old hatred of Jews due to patent religious and theological differences, economic conditions, and more recently to nationalism," said Rockwell. She explained that Jews have unequivocally and historically rejected the divinity of Jesus and the tenets and dogmas of Christianity. This rejection which apparently initiated Anti-Semitism also resulted in European Jews being restricted to occupations which were manifestly unpopular with Christians, especially those who we might today label as lower or middle class. Jews in Europe were often compelled to become estate managers for nobility or tax collectors and money lenders, jobs which inspired the enmity of lower and middle class Christians.

"In modern times," said Rockwell, "Arab nationalism opposed Israel's existence and equated Zionism and Israelis with all Jews, and Anti-Semitism had yet another reason to flourish."



A congregant asked Rockwell why Anti-Semitism was increasingly visible in today's Europe. Rockwell offered no definitive answer and declined to be "political" because she did not want to "offend" anyone.

Doctor Leon Stein, a Holocaust historian, who was instrumental in securing the passage of legislation requiring that Holocaust studies be included in Illinois public school curriculum, said that religious and nationalistic hatred of Jews spills over into a nation's politics. "Politics are the core of Anti-Semitism," said Stein. He cited the appeal of Hitler to the common men and women in Germany. "That's why a nation's politics matter and cannot be ignored," he said. "Politics must not be off limits in any discussion about Anti-Semitism."

Rockwell touched on Anti-Semitism on college campuses including the boycott, divesture and sanction movement or BDS whose stated purpose is to pressure Israel to end its occupation of Palestinian land. She said that students in the Stand With Us organization on campuses very often successfully promote Israel and defend it against BDS's anti-Israel message. Sandy Greenberg, who chaired this Third Thursday event, then urged Temple Chai members to actively support Stand With Us.

Complexities of Chosenness

On April 20th close to 75 members and friends of Temple Chai attended the next Third Thursday learning session, featuring Rabbi Stephen Hart, speaking on the Complexities of Chosenness. The Rabbi confronted two complex and sometimes controversial questions: what does it mean for Jews to be called the chosen people, and if we are chosen, what are we chosen for? "I believe that the survival of the Jewish people over the centuries is not an accident in history. We have survived, sometimes despite great adversities and not merely survived; we have made enduring contributions that have benefitted the world," he said. "I believe that our survival is connected to our unique destiny. It is our destiny to bring healing not only to our Jewish communities, but importantly to all humanity. It is for this momentous task that we have been chosen by God."

JOIN US for our last Third Thursday program before a break on June 15th as Cantor Simon gives us a Bise! of Broadway!!

A full list of next year's programs will be out soon and will begin with a special movie viewing on Thursday, August 10th followed by the discussion on the 3rd Thursday, August 17th at 1:30 p.m.

Hart cautioned that our unique destiny and the task which we have been chosen to fulfill does not even imply

that we, as Jews, are superior to non-Jews or that we follow the only "true" religion. "Chosenness," said Hart, "must address the question: what about the rest of us?" The Rabbi maintains that chosenness requires us, as Jews, to make choices and to act each day in accord with the universal ethical mandate proclaimed by the prophet Micah, do justice, have mercy and walk humbly with God, and that our choices and actions must be for the benefit of all humanity, including Jews by birth, Jews by choice and non-Jews alike. "Temple Chai and I have continually been in the forefront of interfaith activity and dialogue," he said.

Rabbi Hart acknowledged that some of our prayers, including the blessing before reading the Torah and the Aleinu, are manifestly particularistic, emphasizing that Jews are special and beloved by God over and above all other people. "But our daily actions and choices as we perform mitzvahs- God's ethical commands- should be universal and intended to embrace and apply to all humanity," said Hart. "The Torah itself begins universally with God creating man and woman, humanity—not a particular people—in His image".

With Hart's encouragement, the congregants split into small groups and considered questions such as: does chosenness relate to obligation and does being Jewish influence your ethical choices? A lively discussion followed. Hart said that he chose to address the challenges of chosenness because he has been intrigued by the idea that Jews are the chosen people. "I teach what I need to learn," he said.

Submitted by Julian Schreiber

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMS, CONT'D

The Wilderness: Sacred and Survival

“Modern Judaism is recognizing a dynamic connection between humanity and what is sacred and beneficial to humanity in nature, while our Biblical ancestors confronted the challenges to survive in the wilderness,” said Scott Goode, Temple Chai’s assistant director of education, youth, and engagement, during his informative and entertaining April Mini Mester.

Scott believes that we moderns can better address the ongoing stresses in our rapid fire world if we take time out to find our own “sit spot.” “A sit spot is a place - perhaps in our garden or in a woods or by a lake - where we call a time out and experience with unreflective awe the God given beauties that always surround us if we only take the time to not only look, but to really see,” said Scott. “A simple prayer of thanks while we are in our sit spot can intensify and enrich our time out moments, with nature.”

Scott discussed fire as a part of nature. He said that the word “fire” is found frequently in Torah, sometimes to symbolize God’s presence in and the power over nature as with the fire filled bush that did not burn, and other times with strict prohibitions concerning its use. “While there are restrictions attached to using fire on Sabbath, the Torah holds that the necessity to save a life overrides these restrictions and for survival, we may light a fire even on Shabbat,” said Scott.

A congregant attending the Mini Mester was concerned that a close adherence to Torah or rabbinical laws involving fire or even rituals may obstruct our ability to simply enjoy with awe the beauties of God-created nature. Scott said “that Reform Judaism apparently allows us generally to choose which laws we can comfortably observe.”

Scott also discussed Kashrut. “Kashrut brings the sacred into the ordinary during the act of eating, and much like sit spots, is a way to connect with God in our daily lives outside of a temple sanctuary. Kashrut may also help us to maintain our Jewish identity against the turbulence of the modern world,” said Scott. “For our ancestors, Biblical, and post Biblical, Kashrut was part of their agrarian lifestyle and was connected with survival in nature because it involved the humane killing of eatable animals and the planting of crops,” he said.

Submitted by Julian Schreiber

Keep Calm and Join Jewish Scouting

How do you spell safe fun, growth and learning for boys? Scouting!

Eighteen years ago, (a good number for Temple Chai) I started the first and only Jewish Boy Scout Troop in Chicagoland. Scouting is one of the best programs for youth building citizenship, character and fitness and learning skills including teamwork, growth, leadership and appreciation for our environment. Many of the tenets of scouting are a good fit for Judaism - Tikkun Olam, do a good turn daily, and respect for our land and others. Camping and observing Shabbat go naturally together and make them more special. There are many troops running good programs, but none appreciate Shabbat and Judaism the way a Jewish troop can. We keep Kosher, celebrate Shabbat on camp outs, and our scouts do projects for temples and for the Jewish community, e.g. leading the flag ceremony at the official Yom HaShoah service in Skokie, loading trucks at Maot Chitim, supporting the Illinois Holocaust Museum, and many others.



Our scouts come from all over the area. They are particularly welcoming to new and younger scouts, ensuring they fit in and are a part of all our activities. Yet we are the biggest secret in the Jewish community, and need to continue to bring in new boys as our older



scouts go off to college. If you have a son 11-18 who may be interested in camping and high adventure with a Jewish twist, please contact me. We meet Sunday evenings in Northbrook to make it easiest to avoid school and family activities, and plan outings that don’t conflict with NFTY or USY programs. Need more enticement? We have 14 Eagle Scouts and two of our scouts had perfect SAT scores! Every

5 years or so we take a major trip - next year we are going to an international jamboree in Scotland, and this summer several scouts will go to the National Jamboree in West Virginia. If you have a son 7-10 we also have a Jewish Cub Scout Pack. Come check us out. You can reach me at hprager@gmail.com / 224 595-6432 or call Scoutmaster Kevin Ball at 847-322-6695.

*Howard Prager,
Chairman,
Boy Scout Troop 62,
Northbrook, IL*



Chai Life formed this year and is expanding its group. The group is enjoying movies, music, cultural events and each other!



Some of the members of Chai Life enjoying a meal prior to a wonderful performance at Stevenson HS - A Tribute to Audrey Hepburn.



Feeling a little lost within the large, Temple Chai community?
t to be part of a smaller, more intimate friendship or interest group?

Why not join a Chavurah??

New Groups Form Yearly

"We absolutely love our Chavurah" --Ilene Brot
"It's made such a difference in our temple experience"
--Marilyn Weisberg & Soroush Batmangelich

"We've made wonderful friends...like an extended family" -- Bev & Alan Sherman
"We have had an awesome time getting to know everyone in our Chavurah group and
we are still going strong!" --Allison and Noam Alon

"Belonging to a Chavurah has created stronger bonds for us and our group to the
Temple Chai community." --Sue and Dan Hirschberg



Temple Chai launches Chavurah groups (Chavurot) all the time. They are small, self-governed groups of temple members who come together to share activities, build friendships, and enjoy life, in and outside of temple. Everyone is welcome to explore Chavurah. Do you have questions? Are you looking to create a Chavurah with a special interest? If so, contact one of our Chairs, Charlotte Leventhal or Eileen Kuenneth at: crleventhal@comcast.net or kuenneth@mac.com.

Chaver: friend or fellowship; **Chavurah:** friendship group;
Chavurim: people in the Chavurah; **Chavurot:** multiple chavurah groups

Chavurah Application Form

Adult #1 _____ Age _____ Adult #2 _____ Age _____

Email address _____ Email address _____

Children _____ Age _____ Live at Home? Yes ___ No ___

_____ Age _____ Live at Home? Yes ___ No ___

_____ Age _____ Live at Home? Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

I am interested in a Chavurah that has (Please mark all that apply)

- Singles with Children
- Couples with Children
- LGBTQ
- Mature Adults
- Singles with No Children
- Couples with No Children
- Empty Nesters
- Interfaith

Is there someone you would like to be with in a Chavurah? _____

Would you be willing to host the initial Chavurah Meeting? ___Y ___N OR lead your Chavurah ___Y ___N

Are you interested in a Special Interest Chavurah? _____

Did we forget something? Is there other pertinent information that would help us in making a successful match?



1670 Checker Road, Long Grove, IL 60047
Cathy Schwartz, Director of Member Services
847-537-1771 x 230 cswartz@templechai.org



Shirah and Maccabees Chavurot enjoying a joint holiday get together



Masada at the Theatre



Shirah on a walking tour in Wicker Park/ Bucktown



Simcha Chavurah enjoying dinner after a Shabbat Worship



Womens Learning Chavurah

The UPCOMING

EVENTS OF BROTHERHOOD

The  Guys
Brotherhood

1

Board Meeting

June 7, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Temple Chai
Last meeting of 2016-2017

2

Guys Night Out

June 22, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Uncle Julio's Mexican
Restaurant in Vernon Hills by
Hawthorn Mall

3

Softball Sundays

Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.
at Techy Park & Playing Fields in
Northbrook to root us on against our league
rivals (every other area temple)

4

iWalk 2017

June 25, 2017 | 1:15 p.m. (Registration) /
2:00 p.m. (iWalk starts)
Saint Mary Parish Parking Lot for an event
that raises money for those in need in our
community

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Guys Night Out

July 19, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Prairie House Tavern in Buffalo Grove
across the street from the Prairie View
Metra

Bowling League

Hawthorn Lanes | Vernon Hills
Join individually or with a team
and have a great time all year
long. Contact Michael Horn for
more info: hornmd@comcast.net
or 847.259.5680

6

Guys Night Out

August 23, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Dave & Buster's in Vernon Hills
in Hawthorn Mall. Join us for
good food, fun games and good
times

7

Pancake Breakfast

September 10, 2017 | 9:00 a.m.
Celebrate the first day of Sunday
School with a hearty breakfast
made by the Chai Guys. Serving
from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

8

Board Meeting

September 13, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Temple Chai
There's a lot coming up, join us and hear
all about the events

9

New Member Event

September 24, 2017 | 11:30 a.m.
Location TBD
All Brotherhood members welcome
along with all new members.
We're celebrating you!

10

For any event, please RSVP to: chaiguysbrotherhood@gmail.com and tell us which event you are attending.



**2016-17 Temple Chai
School Year In Review**





June-July 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!

Celebrate Shabbat

Honoring Our Future Leaders
and the
Spirit of Volunteerism
with
Women of Temple Chai



Shabbat Worship

Friday, June 9th
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner

Everyone is welcome to join our Shabbat Dinner immediately following services.

We will provide the main course and dessert.
Please bring a kosher style side dish for 6-8 people.

\$0 per Volunteer \$10 per Adult \$8 per Child

**VOLUNTEERS ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE
WITH EXTRAORDINARY HEARTS.**

After dinner we will install our future Women of Temple Chai Board for 2017-2018, and take time to honor all those who have generously shared so much of their time this past year.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.**

REGISTERING AND PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

<https://squareup.com/store/temple-chai-sisterhood/item/women-of-temple-chai-shabbat-dinner-honoring-our-volunteers>

REGISTERING AND PAYING BY CHECK:

Please make checks payable to Women of Temple Chai and send to the Temple

FOR THE SHABBAT DINNER RSVP BY JUNE 3rd to Susan Hirschberg and let her know the side dish you are bringing:

847-224-6312 / susan.hirschberg@gmail.com

PLEASE BRING ANY NON PERISHABLE FOOD PRODUCT TO DONATE TO THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY FOR THE ONGOING HEININI PROJECT.



"Ladies' Afternoon Out Program"

Wednesday, June 21st at 12:30 p.m.

Temple Chai Library

Please bring your own lunch to eat!

Lilith Salons bring Jewish women together to discuss contemporary issues taken directly from the pages of *Lilith Magazine*.
(Articles may be picked up at temple prior to the meeting.)

Please RSVP to Phyllis Merkin
847-726-0194 / esmpem@aol.com

DID YOU REMEMBER TO SIGN UP?



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

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

\$47 Per Person

Please RSVP by May 25th

Price includes a card table

(please bring your own snack tables)

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

Everyone is Welcome to Play!

COCKTAILS, CANASTA, AND CARDS

Saturday, June 17th

7:00 p.m. -?
Temple Chai

An Evening of Canasta and Poker

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PLAY, AN OPTIONAL
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BYOB, and bring an appetizer or dessert
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PAYING BY CHECK, checks should be payable to Women of Temple Chai: Cocktails, Canasta and Cards, 1670 Checker Rd. Long Grove, IL 60047

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO DOWNLOAD & REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE GO TO:
Templechai.org/community/adults/sisterhood and click on: upcoming Programs.

RSVP by June 12th to Anne Stein,
ceceduc8r@gmail.com / 847-394-0532

Women's Intergenerational Seder - Outstanding!

On Thursday, April 6th, the Women of Temple Chai held it's Women's Intergenerational Seder. Thank you to our chair, Louise Resnick, and her fabulous committee for a fantastic Seder. If you didn't come, you truly missed out on a wonderful evening lead by Rabbi Baden and Gail Simon. Thank you to Leah Miska for creating our new beautiful Haggadah for the service! And thank you to all the helpers who made this evening come together.



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
June 4 th	11:00 a.m.	Mah Jongg Tournament
June 9 th	7:30 p.m.	Women of Temple Chai's Shabbat, Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Board Installation. Dinner following Shabbat: \$0 for Volunteers, \$10 for Adult, \$8 per Child (See information on previous page.)
June 19 th	1:00 p.m.	Daytime Book Club. <i>A Backpack, A Bear, & Eight Crates of Vodka</i> , by Lev Golinkin. Contact Shelly Goldman for more information. Shellyg14.rg@gmail.com .
June 21 st	12:30 p.m.	Lilith Salon—Pick up articles at Temple. Bring Lunch to eat. RSVP to Phyllis Merkin, 847-726-0194/ esmpem@aol.com .
July 26 th	6:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club: <i>China Dolls</i> , by Lisa See. As in past years, we will have a pot luck dinner prior to our book discussion. Contact Susan Hirschberg for more information, susan.hirschberg@gmail.com /847-224-6312.

- ◆ 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.

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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Where: Temple Chai

When: Wednesday, June 14th

Pre-registration: Required.



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DEADLINE FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CHAILITES IS JULY 1

I-Walk

Sunday, June 25th • Registration begins 1:15 p.m. • Walk starts at 2:00 p.m.

The NWSuburban Interfaith Council will host its 4th annual 5K family walk to raise money for 4 of our local food pantries, kicking off in the parking lot of Saint Mary Parish located at Buffalo Grove and Lake Cook Roads. This family event will stop by Hope Lutheran Church halfway through the walk, to cool off for refreshments and entertainment.

There is no entry fee....though any cash or check contribution would be most welcomed to help feed those in need at a time when pantry supplies are low and the demand from those in need is great.

Join Temple Chai as we help do our part for those going hungry in the NW Suburbs. No pets please... / those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Any questions, contact Rich Rosen: 847-215-6796 or Nancy Slonim: 847-254-5714.