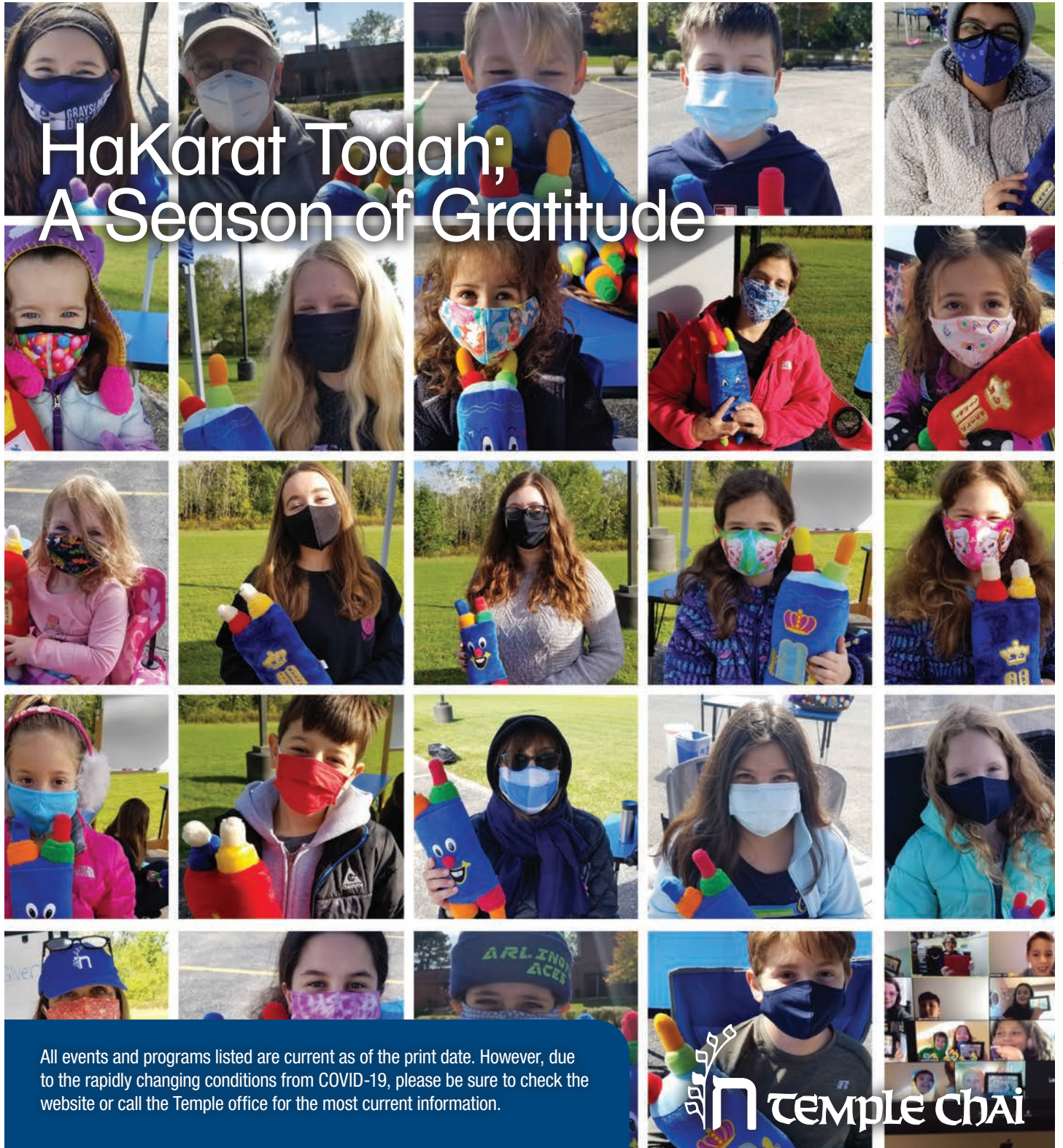


# ChaiLites

HANNUKAH EDITION

## HaKarat Todah; A Season of Gratitude



November/December 2020 | Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5781

All events and programs listed are current as of the print date. However, due to the rapidly changing conditions from COVID-19, please be sure to check the website or call the Temple office for the most current information.

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## Why Chai? | By Bruce Levine |

Many ask why we joined Temple Chai? The answer to this question is for the usual reasons, obtaining a Hebrew education for our two daughters, strengthening of our family's Jewish identity, life cycle events and a need to belong to "Spiritual Community" tied to people with similar goals and values.

The more important question is why do we remain active members of Temple Chai for over 25 years. Supporting our Jewish Home in the Northwest Suburbs is more important now than perhaps it has ever been. The continually increasing divisiveness and Antisemitism that we see playing itself out throughout the world makes it imperative that we maintain a "safe haven" for our people where we can lend strength to each other during times of adversity.



When I ended my professional career through retirement 3 years ago, my wife Dede was very adamant regarding the fact that I would need to find something else to do as remaining at home would not be acceptable. I always knew that when I left the "working world" my greatest desire was to find somewhere that I could give back and make a difference. Temple Chai became my passion where I have found the greatest amount of pride and joy in working with our Clergy, Staff and other lay leaders in maintaining MY Jewish Home, not only for the present time but for the future as well.

| By Rabbi Ilana G. Baden |

# The Spirit of Thankfulness



There is a teaching in the Jewish tradition that we should strive to say at least 100 blessings each day—that we should seek out at least 100 reasons to express our thanks to God for the gifts in our lives. In other words, we are encouraged to be thankful on a regular basis as we go about our daily routines and activities.

The secular holiday of Thanksgiving has become an annual opportunity to focus on gratitude. Generally, we do this by gathering with family and friends at a festive meal. This year, things will undoubtedly look a bit different, as we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic. Nonetheless, the spirit remains the same. We appreciate the opportunity that this season affords us to take stock of that for which we are thankful.

With this in mind, I want to express my gratitude to you—the members of our Temple Chai community.

Community is always important. It grounds us, comforts us, inspires us, and sustains us. This is true no matter what life's circumstances happen to be. However, during these past few months—as we go on adjusting to all the topsy-turviness of our world—our community has become one of the integral anchors that keeps us safely afloat in these turbulent waters. How wonderful it is to know that while we are still separated by space, we are more connected by ever in the ways that really matter.

As I anticipate my personal Thanksgiving observance, my heart overflows with both familiar and newfound appreciation for our congregation and its members. To each of you, I humbly say: thank you.

B'hakarat Todah,

*Rabbi Ilana G. Baden*

## Mark Your Calendars

# Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22nd

7:00 PM

Join our Rabbis, Cantor and other clergy from around the community as we explore the values of Thanksgiving in "From Hope to Action" a virtual evening of Interfaith unity and celebration featuring songs of Hope, shared prayer, thought provoking speakers and virtual fellowship. Please check our website for link/address as we near the event.



# Kol Sason – A Voice of Joy!



Shalom u'vrachah – Peace and Blessings to you!

We shared so many truly inspirational moments together this past High Holy Day season. Though the way we came together was quite different than any holiday experience any of us has ever had or may ever have again, the sense of spiritual unity and congregational strength that both our services and

the amazing array of alternative programming endeared during the Days of Awe will have lasting impact; on our spirits, our families and our communal relationships for years to come. And though I look forward to the upcoming secular Thanksgiving season with a thankful heart, with all that's going on in the world, I still can't help but look back in gratitude to the many members of our congregation and our beloved music professionals, who gave heart and soul to make our High Holy Day music so meaningful.

We are grateful to our adult choir who sang beautifully and with so much soul that it left us in tears. We are grateful to our Torah chanters and readers who were inspiring and joyfully gave of their time and talent. We share our deepest thanks to our accompanist Gregory Shifrin, who was so instrumental in preparing the choir coaching videos, our Violinist Alex Koffman, and our Violist Liz Hagen. Each of them amazed us and played their solos, duos and accompaniment with grace and a passion that left us deeply

connected to our prayer and each other. The members of our Chai and Mighty Players are always uplifting but what they did on Simchat Torah, playing in four different sound stages/booths while staying so tight, even though they were all 14 feet apart from each other was literally astounding. They along with our sound engineer Ryan all deserve our gratitude as well.

Finally, I thank you all for your support and kindness throughout the last 7 months. It has meant so much to all of us and literally been our source of determination and joy. Months ago, looking ahead to the High Holy Days amidst COVID 19 there were more than a few times that I personally felt fear and frustration as a new barrier or mountain seemed to rise up in front of us with each new day. Now on the other side of it, I appreciate the heights of love and community we have gained and the gratitude we share for the stronger Temple Chai we have created together.

# Modeh Ani to Hashkiveinu



One of the first prayers we say in our morning liturgy is Modeh Ani, “thank you for returning my soul to me with compassion; How great is your faith in me!” How incredible to wake up with a feeling of gratitude, rather than longing. Rabbi Shefa Gold teaches “Gratefulness connects us up to the great flow of receptivity and generosity. When we begin the day in gratefulness, we step on to the path of love”.

This year of school has not been the same, but sometimes we need that change to appreciate all that we do have to be grateful for! For instance, for the first time, we sent home bags of materials to all of our students and were able to include a Gratitude Journal – its created for 9 months, following the secular and Jewish calendars, and includes prompts, activities and discussion guides for families. Included on the following page

are November's entries. I love the idea to reach out to individuals that you are grateful for and tell them why! We have such an opportunity to lift those around us; we can all use more love in this world!

What I love about this journal too is that it grounds each month in Jewish values, Hebrew words and expressions. It gives us a Jewish language and lens to approach the world around us. It also encourages conversations within families and guides us to have conversations we maybe otherwise wouldn't think to have!

We end our day with the prayer *Hashkiveinu*, asking God to spread a shelter of peace over us. The prayer was created because the ancient rabbis didn't have the science or understanding of what happened to our bodies when we slept; they thought that our souls left our bodies and thus we needed God's extra protection in the night. Many things seem scary in the dark, having a prayer of protection can bring us comfort in so many instances. Thus, when we wake up and say *Modeh Ani*, thank you for returning my soul to me with compassion; it reminds us of ALL we have to be grateful for, starting with waking up restored and renewed!

May 5781 be a year of gratefulness and appreciation for all of us!

## Jewish Life Vocabulary

Date	Letter	Word	Transliteration	Translation
13-Sep	ר	רישון	Rishon	First
20-Sep	ת	תשובה	Teshuvah	Repentance
3-Oct	א	אשפיזין	Ushpizin	Welcoming Guests to the Sukkah
11-Oct	ש	שמחה	Simcha	Happiness
18-Oct	ב	מרששון	Mar-Cheshvan	"Bitter" chesvan
25-Oct	ס	סליחה	S'lichah	Excuse me
1-Nov	ד	דרך ארץ	Derech Eretz	"Way of the land"
8-Nov	ח	חסד	Chesed	Kindness
15-Nov	ב	בתאבון	B'tayavon	Bon Appetite!
22-Nov	ה	הודו	Hodu	Turkey (food) India (country)
6-Dec		נס גדול קנה פה	Nes Gadol Haya Po	A great miracle happened here
13-Dec	ח	חננייה	Hanukyah	Hanukkah Menorah

## School Dates

**November 15**  
3rd Grade Family Education

**November 15**  
Parenting Session

**November 20**  
Grade Level Participation in Shabbat Worship

**November 23–29**  
No School, Thanksgiving Break

**December 6**  
6th Grade Family Education

**December 11**  
Grade Level Participation in Shabbat Worship

**December 20–January 3**  
No School, Winter Break



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JCFS WILL MATCH YOU WITH A CHILD AND PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT CHILD'S WISH LIST.

You may choose where to purchase an e-gift card based on the items requested.

To register please email: [sherylgreen@jcfs.org](mailto:sherylgreen@jcfs.org)

To ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, and clients, we made some changes and will only be collecting e-gift cards this year.

Ends November 28th

HAVE YOU HAD "THE TALK" WITH YOUR FAMILY?

Tuesday, Dec 15 7:00p.m.

Give yourself a gift and join Sharsheret for a conversation with a genetic counselor about the questions to ask and information to gather about family health history. Vital knowledge for men and women!

November 2020  
CHESHVAN • KISLEV 5781

**Recognizing the Good**  
הכרת הטוב HaKarat HaTov

The Jewish value of recognizing the good is called "hakarat hatov." It's one thing to see when good things happen, but the fullest measure of "hakarat hatov" is to express gratitude for that goodness.

**Gratitude Scavenger Hunt**  
Find something...

- ...that reminds you of your family
- ...that is unique to you
- ...that smells amazing
- ...that you know someone else will enjoy
- ...that is useful to you
- ...that makes you laugh
- ...that is your favorite color
- ...that tastes good
- ...that you enjoy doing outside
- ...that you love

**Cultivating Gratitude is good for your health!**  
Scientists are discovering the benefits of an attitude of gratitude including:

- better overall health
- lowering stress levels
- greater well being
- faster progress on personal and academic achievement
- better attitudes about relationships

1. Make a list of people who have done something kind or beneficial for you.
2. Now list two ways each of those people have impacted your life.
3. Write notes to each of those people to thank them and tell them what they mean to you.

Put on your abundance glasses... See the world through a lens of gratitude!

\*People should recognize goodness and do kind deeds for someone who has done good things for them." -Seder Hachinuch

Did you know that there are no Jewish holidays during the Hebrew month of Cheshvan (between Simchat Torah and Hanukkah), so it is referred to as "Mei Cheshvan - the bitter month?"

# Songs & Sufganiyot!

A VIRTUAL HANNUKAH PARTY!  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 4:30 PM

SING YOUR FAVORITE HANNUKAH SONGS WITH CANTOR SIMON

LEARN TO BAKE JELLY DONUT/SUFGANIYOT WITH LAURA

LIGHT THE CHANUKIYAH WITH RABBI BADEN

## COME SPEND YOUR...





## SUMMER AT OSRUI!

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[WWW.OSRUI.ORG](http://WWW.OSRUI.ORG)

Temple Chai

### "Thankfulness" Fill-In-The-Blank Game

By Maya Heller

Shlomo was \_\_\_\_\_ (verb ending in "ing") down Maxwell Street one \_\_\_\_\_ (time of day) on his way to \_\_\_\_\_ (place), when he saw his \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) friend Yakov.

"Shalom!" Shlomo said to Yakov.

"Happy Thanksgiving!" replied Yakov.

"Thanksgiving? What do you mean?" Shlomo asked.

"It's the day of thankfulness, of course," his friend \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb) responded.

"Thankfulness?"

"Yes! Thankfulness," Yakov said. "When you feel grateful to have something."


Shlomo thought about this. Thankfulness? Like when he ate that delicious \_\_\_\_\_ (food) on Chanukah or that scrumptious \_\_\_\_\_ (food) for Rosh Hashanah? No, that can't be what he means.

Yakov, as if reading his friend's mind said, "Actually, people can have different things they are thankful for. I'm thankful for my \_\_\_\_\_ (family member), for my warm bed I get to sleep in every night, for my sweet \_\_\_\_\_ (animal), and \_\_\_\_\_ (something YOU are thankful for). What are you thankful for Shlomo?"

"Well... I guess my good grades...and....-\_\_\_\_\_ (friend's name)... Oh! And my new \_\_\_\_\_ (toy)."

"Wow, you are very fortunate Shlomo,"

"Yes, I am. And I am thankful for that."



# Women of Temple Chai is Thankful for so much!

We all have so many memories of the uniquely American holiday of Thanksgiving where we are surrounded by the people we love and enjoy a magnificent feast that took hours to create. But of course, this year will be different. We will probably be celebrating the holiday only with the people that we live with or trust in our bubble of safety.

This year, more than ever, what can we be thankful for when it has been so trying being worried about the election, weather issues and Covid-19? Our feelings of thankfulness and gratitude seem to take on a greater meaning. It is so important to look around us and take stock of the wonderful people we know, gratitude for Temple Chai and their amazing staff who have navigated us by Zooming wonderful programming options since we went virtual since March, our Women of Temple Chai leadership and members who have dedicated Tuesdays with enriching options to enjoy and our Chai Guys Brotherhood who have provided exciting opportunities to all. Together we are a true blessing. We have provided wonderful, spiritual, educational and enriching memories for our whole congregational family. Never are we alone!

There are so many people in our country affected, not just physically with Covid, but financially as well. We all might know people that have lost their jobs and may not have enough money to put food on their Thanksgiving table. As we sit down to eat our dinner this year, we should truly be thankful for what we have. Perhaps this year think about donating to a local food pantry, or consider donating to Temple Chai's "Feed the Hungry" fund.

Thanksgiving is really about taking stock in what we have--staying healthy, appreciating family and friends we love, and giving back to the local community. This year is different and it is even more critical this year that we are grateful.

Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season,  
Debbie Robins and Janice Bradley

Important Dates for Your Calendar				
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PRESENTER	CONTACT
Tuesday, November 17	Book Discussion: Here All Along by Sarah Hurwitz	7:00 P.M.	Laura Perpinyal	Janice Bradley at womenoftemplechai2@gmail.com
Wednesday, November 18	Enzo & Lucia Ristorante Dining for Dollars	All Day	343 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove	847-478-8825 and make sure to say Women of Temple Chai
Tuesday, November 24	Holiday Recipe Exchange	7:00 P.M.	Debbie Robins	Debbie Robins at drobinswtc@gmail.com
Wednesday, December 2	Virtual Tour of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Display at the Holocaust Museum	7:00 P.M.	Sandy Greenberg, docent	Watch the WTC eblast for more information as to how to register.
Tuesday, December 15	Sharsheret - Genetic Testing and "Rededicating" ourselves to our health	7:00 P.M.	Sharsheret	Debbie Robins at drobinswtc@gmail.com
Tuesday, December 22	Book Club - America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamole	7:00 P.M.	Ardis Sophian and Maryam Brotine	Ardis at L.sophian@comcast.net Maryam at mbrotine@gmail.com

# Kristallnacht and the Creation of the Illinois Holocaust Museum

It is very difficult to be grateful in the midst of the pandemic. However, it gives us time to reflect; as a congregation, as Jews, as a people, and as citizens of humanity, and to be grateful for all we have.

There is a link between Kristallnacht and the creation of the Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois. Our November 8th program is the night before Kristallnacht. Sponsored by the Chai Guys Brotherhood and the Women of Temple Chai, our program reminds us all that we should "never forget". The Holocaust Museum operates with that goal in mind, documenting photographs, writings, and other historical records.

No matter what direction our country takes, we continue to be grateful and thankful that we live in a democracy founded on freedom. And with the freedoms we enjoy in our country also comes the responsibility to continue to perform Tikun Olam (acts to repair the world) to help make our communities a better place for all. We can perform these acts of care for America, Israel, and as citizens of the world. We can continue our fight against anti-Semitism, White Supremacy, or any supremacy, and we may remain thankful and grateful of the progress although more needs to be made.

We are very grateful that our Rabbi Emeritus, Stephen Hart, will begin our program discussing Kristallnacht, the

"Night of Broken Glass", and how this atrocity gave voice to the need for remembering with institutions such as the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Our second speaker, Sam Harris, is one of the founders of the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Sam will share with us how he was able to make his vision of creating a space to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust become reality.

Lastly, we will enjoy a short video of the Museum with commentary by a docent of the museum.

We are grateful for this opportunity provided by Sam Harris and the Illinois Holocaust Museum. We should never forget.

# From an Israeli Perspective of Gratitude...

We are always thankful for the existence of the Jewish State and the support that she gives to so many other countries.

We are grateful for the historic breakthrough to further peace in the Middle East. With Israel's establishment of formal, normalized relations with two Arab countries in the Gulf we thank those who have brought us closer to witnessing the end of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

During this coronavirus pandemic, we are thankful that Israeli start-ups are innovating better contact tracing systems and pioneering medical technology that will save lives and lessen the burden on hospitals.

We are grateful for the ability to travel with our congregation to our Homeland and look forward to doing so again soon.



# Adult Learning Opportunities

## ADULT HEBREW

MONDAYS @ 7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

You can still sign up for our Adult Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah program\*! No prior knowledge of Hebrew is necessary! This is the first step in a multi-year program of Hebrew learning for adults. Students are introduced to letters and vowels of the Hebrew alphabet and will develop the ability to read written Hebrew. Students also explore Hebrew as it connects to Jewish life, ritual, study and tradition.

Please contact Laura Perpinyal, for more information:  
Lperpinyal@templechai.org.

\*Please note classes started October 12th but are recorded.



*Parenting Series*

NOVEMBER 15TH 8:00P.M.  
WITH BECKY SALASCHE, LCSW

**WELCOMING AVI JORISCH**

Author of *Thou Shall Innovate - Stories of Israeli Innovation and Inspiration*

Sunday, December 6th 7:00 p.m.  
On Zoom

In partnership with the Israeli Consulate General

# Third Thursday Programs

## November

11/19/2020 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. on Zoom



Charles Troy presents on Caberet

## December

12/17/2020 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. on Zoom



Rabbi Baden on Hannukah

## January

1/21/2021 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



Dr. Barry Bradford – Historian

# Spice of Chai

Celebrate the miracle of Hannukah with these delicious recipes! Each year the bright light of Hannukah Neirok rekindle the stories of courage and miracles of “days long ago.” These Hannukah recipes are a great addition to fried potato pancakes (latkes in Yiddish and livivot in Hebrew) and doughnuts (sufganiyot in Hebrew) and like the Hannukah candles will warm your soul and your stomach too!



## KISHKE CASSEROLE

Recipe provided by Mae Schwab

- 2 (18 oz.) cans sweet potatoes
- 2 (16 oz.) cans whole baby carrots
- ½ c. maple syrup
- 2 kishke, sliced
- 2 T. margarine

Drain cans, reserving liquid. Add water to make 1 cup. Mix with syrup. Combine sweet potatoes, kishke, and carrots. Stir in syrup mixture. Bake in 3-quart casserole or 9x13 inch pan. Dot with margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 – 30 minutes.



## LUCHEN KUGEL WITH APPLES

Recipe provided by Linda Brubaker

- 6 eggs, or egg substitute
- 1 stick of butter or margarine, melted
- 1 lb. noodles
- 1 (15 to 16 oz.) ctn. Cottage cheese
- ½ pt. sour cream
- 1 pt. applesauce or 1 can apple pie filling

Cook noodles according to package directions. Rinse and drain. Mix together remaining ingredients (except apple pie filling if used). Pour over noodles and mix well. Add in apple pie filling now. It blends better when added directly to the noodles. Divide mixture into 2 (8x8-inch) pans or 1 (9x13-inch) pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or until knife inserted in the middle comes out clean. Note: You can add more cottage cheese or sour cream, to taste. Works equally well with lo-fat/ no-fat products as with regular ones!



## Kids Corner Recipe SHAMASH CANDLE SALAD

Recipe provided by Jessi Hersman

- Lettuce
- Pineapple slice
- Cottage Cheese
- Banana
- Cherry
- Toothpick

Put a pineapple slice on a lettuce leaf and top with a mound of cottage cheese. Cut a banana in half crosswise and stand one part in the center of the cottage cheese. Fasten a cherry to the top of the banana with a toothpick to make the flame!

# Around the Temple



Tashlich at Green Lake Park



The High Holy Days



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Jacob Goldstein Shofar

Email Scott Goode at [sgoode@templechai.org](mailto:sgoode@templechai.org) if you would like to submit a recipe to be featured in a future edition of the ChaiLites or pictures of the food you've made from any of these or past featured recipes.

# Around the Temple





# Humans of Temple Chai: The Reaven Family



Anne, Dan, Lily and Sammy  
Kildeer, Illinois  
Members since 2019

Like so many of our congregants, the Reaven family is making adjustments to their life during the COVID-19 pandemic. When we spoke, school had just gone remote and plans had to be made to adapt to an at-home schedule.

Anne, a former social worker for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Dan, Director of Emergency Medicine at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, have been members of Temple Chai for a year. Anne, hailing from Munster, Indiana met Dan, an Ohio native, while attending school in Chicago. They are parents to 8-year-old twins Sammy and Lily. Six years ago they moved from Chicago to their current home in Kildeer.

Regarding their “new normal,” Anne said that the family had to make some changes in light of the pandemic. “We’ve always been an active family and the pandemic has not stopped us from getting out to bike and golf,” she said.

Dan and Anne knew they wanted to find a congregation for their family when they moved to the Northwest Suburbs a couple years ago. After having such positive experiences meeting with the clergy and staff, they decided to make Temple Chai their spiritual home. “It was the right fit,” said Anne. Dan has been helping with some of the health and security issues at the Temple and Anne is hoping to get involved in the future. For now, Anne is taking things one day at a time—“I get up and try to make it the best day possible for my family. Some days it works and others—not so much—but you just move forward.”

# B’nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Congratulations to our Winter B’nei Mitzvah Celebrants!



**Sydney Shifrin** attends Twin Groves Middle School, where she is in the 7th grade. She has a younger brother and sister, Jaden and Elyse, who are twins. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, listening to music, riding her bike and taking walks with Sasha, the family dog. Sydney’s hobbies include singing, acting, softball, and hockey.



**Jenna Templer** is a seventh grader at Cooper Middle School. She is the daughter of Cindy and Mike and has two older sisters, Lauren and Rachel. Jenna loves spending time with her family and friends, dancing and cooking.



**Benjamin Tessier** is in seventh grade at Thomas Middle School. He likes being with his friends, biking and playing with his dog, Sadie. Ben has a twin brother, Nathan, and a sister, Hannah.



**Nathan Tessier** is in seventh grade at Thomas Middle School. He enjoys CrossFit, overnight camp and playing with his dog, Sadie. Nathan has a twin brother, Ben, and a sister, Hannah.

**Virtual Tour of the  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg Display at  
the Illinois Holocaust Museum**

**Wednesday, December 2nd 7:00 PM**  
Sponsored by the Women of Temple Chai

WITH TEMPLE CHAI MEMBER AND DOCENT  
SANDY GREENBERG

CONTACT THE WOMEN OF TEMPLE CHAI FOR  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
WOMENOFTEMPLECHAI2@GMAIL.COM

**TOT SHABBAT DECEMBER  
4TH 5:30P.M.**

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OF \*HANUKKAH\*  
WITH TEMPLE CHAI**

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Thank you to all of our donors between August 1st - October 1st, 2020.

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 – on behalf of Azriel-Prager Family to Cantor Simor in assisting in Ben's Ordination  
 – in memory of Ira Bloom  
 – in memory of Lorraine Frank

**Bates, Bonnie & J. Bradley**  
 – in memory of Isabelle Feldman  
 – for the yearzeit of Sam Davis

**Boress, Larry & Sheri**  
 – in honor of Cantor Simon. Thank you for helping set up music for our Friday night services in Arizona.

**Bradley, Steven & Janice**  
 – in memory of Seymour Kessler, father of Mark and Mindy Kessler.

**Brubaker, Donal & Linda**  
 – in honor of Rick Rosen and his tireless efforts to provide food resources to those in need

**Derenfeld, Carl & Caryl**  
 – for the yearzeit of Joshua Green

**Edley, Ryan & Meyer-Edley, Michelle**  
 – in honor of Danielle Edley becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**Epstein, Sandra**  
 – in honor of Dr. William Greenfield's health

**Falk, Marlene**  
 – in memory of Howard Ring

**Friman, Marilyn**  
 – in memory of Barbara Hernan

**Garb, Richard & Lynn**  
 – in memory of Robin Axel's sister, Shelley Stern  
 – in honor of Marcy Weinstein's hosting of WTC wine tasting!

**Gelfond, Vicky**  
 – in memory of Maureen Block Bernstein

**Glink, Marty & Gail**  
 – in honor of Rabbi Benjamin Azriel's Ordination  
 – in honor of Rich Heinrich's service with URJ  
 – in honor of Rabbi Benjamin Azriel's Ordination  
 – in memory of Seymour Kessler, father of Mark and husband of Toby

**Gluskin, Lawrence**  
 – for the yearzeit of Lenore Ruth Goldberg

**Golan, Scott & Deborah**  
 – for the birth of Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Asher Berkman.

**Gordon, Jeffery & Barbara**  
 – in memory of Myrtle Gordon

**Hirschberg, Daniel & Susan**  
 – for the birth of Shari & David Damlich's granddaughter, Lila Mae Balash  
 – Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mendy Hart on the birth of your grandson Asher

**Israel, Laurel**  
 – for the yearzeit of Minton Ostertag  
 – for the yearzeit of Shirley Begun  
 – for the yearzeit of Bea Zivin  
 – for the yearzeit of Charles Israel  
 – for the yearzeit of Norman Israel  
 – for the yearzeit of Marty Begun  
 – for the yearzeit of Shirley Israel

**Krzesinski, Mitch & Falk-Krzesinski, Holly**  
 – for the birth of Rabbi and Mendy Hart's grandson, Asher Nathan Berkman. Mazel tov!

**Kuenneth, Charles & Eileen**  
 – for the yearzeit of Ned Langer  
 – in memory of Ira T. Bloom, beloved father of Hilary Bloom  
 – in memory of Seymour Kessler, father of Mark Kessler  
 – for the yearzeit of Beloved zayde, Matt Langer  
 – or the birth of Asher Nathan Berkman, grandson of Rabbi Emeritus Stephen and Mendy Hart

**Lasko, Phillip & Elizabeth**  
 – in memory of Edgar A. Feldman. May his memory be a blessing  
 – in memory of In loving memory of Louis Feldman (GrandPa)  
 – in honor of Rabbi Steve (AKA, Grand Pa) and Mendy (AKA, Grand Ma) Congratulations on the birth of Asher Nathan. Your late breakfast and Cruising Friends"

**Leventhal, Roy & Charlotte**  
 – in honor of in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary

**Levinson, Richard**  
 – in memory of Linda Levinson  
 – in honor of and appreciation of Rabbi Ilana G. Baden  
 – in memory of Michael Rosenblum  
 – in honor of The New Year! L'Shana Tovah! May it be a sweet new year for all.

**Levie, James and Barbara**  
 – To help support the stipends for the Third Thursday presenters. We commend the Temple for going forward with this program using Zoom.

**Marlowe, Craig & Debra**  
 – for the yearzeit of Samuel F. Gordon, grandfather of Debbie (Craig) Marlowe, great-grandfather of Alan Marlowe  
 – for the birth of Asher Nathan Berkman, Grandson of Rabbi Emeritus Stephen and Mendy Hart, Son of Sam and Dena Berkman, Brother of Noah, Nephew of Lani Hart and Jonathan Kaspari, Cousin of Jake and Benjamin. Mazel Tov!"

**Mattes, Patrick & Deborah**  
 – for the birth of Asher Nathan

**Millstone, Douglas & Susan**  
 – for the yearzeit of Jack Rapper  
 – in memory of Hillary Bloom's father, Dr. Ira Bloom

**Nahrstadt, Bradley & Debra**  
 – for the birth of Shari and David Damlich's beautiful granddaughter!

**Rosen, Gary & Linda**  
 – in memory of Elizabeth Goldin

**Roth, Marc & Lisa**  
 – for the birth of your grandson, Asher Nathan Berkman.

**Saffrin, David & Joni**  
 – for the yearzeit of Harry William Saffrin

**Saffrin, David & Joni**  
 – for the yearzeit of Ann Cohen

**Schwartz, Charles & Donna**  
 – for the yearzeit of Ellen Farber Aul

**Sukenik, Steven & Maxine**  
 – for the birth of Lila Mae Balash. Welcome to the world. May her life be filled with joy and blessings.

**Talbot, Hope & Marshall**  
 – in memory of Tracy Lynn Mopper

**Teplinsky, Steven & Susan**  
 – for the yearzeit of Joshua Teplinsky & Minnie Glazer

**Thomashow, Andrew & Blythe**  
 – in memory of Seymour Kessler, father of Mark Kessler  
 – in memory of Paul Harris, Eric & Pam Rosenbloom's loved one

**Zolno, Susan R**  
 – in memory of Robin Axel's sister, Shelley Stern

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<b>Cantor Simon's Discretionary Fund (CSDF)</b>	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
<b>Caring Community (CC)</b>	Assist congregant families in times of need and celebration
<b>Carlyne Gilbert Social Action Fund (CGSAF)</b>	Support <i>Tikkun Olam</i> (Repair of the World) activities and programs
<b>Dr. Kondritzer Education Fund (DKEF)</b>	Donations provide special equipment and programs for our school
<b>Endowment Fund (EF)</b>	Ensure Temple Chai's future
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<b>Life Long Jewish Learning (LLJL)</b>	Meaningful programs to enhance Jewish education for adults of Temple Chai
<b>Memorial Plaque (MP)</b>	Remember your loved one with a plaque on our Memorial Wall (Yahrzeit board) in the Heinrich Memorial Foyer
<b>Pikuach Nefesh Fund (PNF)</b>	Support individuals and families to meet their Temple Chai financial obligation
<b>Prayer Book Fund (PBF)</b>	<i>Siddurim</i> (prayer books) and <i>Chumashim</i> (Torah commentary) for Temple Chai
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<b>Rabbi Hart Discretionary Fund (RHDF)</b>	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
<b>Waterman Family Music Fund (WFMF)</b>	Support Temple Chai Music and Fine Arts programming
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## Life Cycle

### MAZEL TOV TO:

**Jane Shifrin and Scott Wicks** on their wedding!

**Allan and Judy Kaplan** on the marriage of their daughter, Mollie, to Michael Kaufman on October 12.

**Leah and Ian Miska** on the marriage of their son Jason, to Caryn Musiala.

### OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**Bonnie and Brad Bates** on the death of your dear friend Toya Thomas

**Hilary Bloom** on the death of your father Dr. Ira T. Bloom

**Michelle Meyer-Edley** on the death of your great aunt Eileen Weinblatt

**Laurel Feldman** on the death of your husband Edgar Feldman

**Michele Fenton** on the death of your aunt Eleanor DeAguirre

**Mark Kessler** on the death of your father Seymour Kessler

**Debbie and Craig Marlowe** on the death of your dear friend Dori Miller

**Gerard Moons** on the death of your brother Thomas Moons

**Patricia Robin** on the death of your mother Annie May Cafferkey

**John Simone** on the death of your father Kenneth Simone

**May the memory of your loved ones be for a blessing.**

The Caring Community of Temple Chai wishes everyone a meaningful and healthy Thanksgiving.

# Women of Temple Chai Uniongrams

**To: Dena and Sam Berkman**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your son,  
Asher Berkman*

**From: Barbara Berman and Rick Elliott**

**To: Shari and David Damlich**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter,  
Lila Mae Balash*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Barb and Rich Heinrich  
Shirley Kreisman  
Toby and Mitch Kriss  
Biv Michaels  
Terry and Jerry Moons  
Marcia Rosenblum  
Women of Temple Chai**

**To: Marlene Dolin**

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of your  
granddaughter*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz  
Fran and Bobby Sachs**

**To: Marla Grabell**

*In memory of your mother*

**From: Marcia Rosenblum**

**To: Renee Halperin**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your  
great-granddaughter, Lila Mae Balash*

**From: Fran Sachs**

**To: Harris Family**

*In memory of Paul Harris*

**From: Sandy and Bob Greenberg**

**To: Rabbi Steve and Mendy Hart**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson,  
Asher Berkman*

**From: Barbara Berman and Rick Elliott**

**Bobbi Ezell  
Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Vicky and Sol Gelfond  
Shirley Kreisman  
Toby and Mitch Kriss  
Biv Michaels  
Terry and Jerry Moons  
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Marcia Rosenblum  
Elaine and Mark Ross  
Fran and Bobby Sachs  
Donna and Chuck Schwartz  
Deanna Tenofsky and Steve Sonderling  
Women of Temple Chai**

**To: Rich Heinrich**

*Mazel Tov on the years of the UJR Board*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz**

**To: Rabbi Floyd Herman**

*In memory of your wife, Barbara Herman*

**From: Bobbi Ezell and Family**

**Lynne Turry**

**To: Mindy and Mark Kessler**

*In memory of your father, Seymour Kessler*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Shirley Kreisman  
Debbie and Craig Marlowe  
Debbie and Dave Robins  
Donna and Chuck Schwartz  
Women of Temple Chai**

**To: Betty and Rob Michaels**

*In memory of your brother-in-law, Paul*

**From: Carol and Norm Letofsky**

**To: Leah and Ian Miska**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson,  
Jordan Miska*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Marcia Rosenblum  
Donna and Chuck Schwartz**

**To: Terry and Jerry Moons**

*In memory of your brother and nephew*

**From: Carol and Norm Letofsky  
Fran and Bobby Sachs  
Women of Temple Chai**

**To: Marilyn and Robert Pohn**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your  
granddaughter, Adina Grace Brownstone*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Barb and Rich Heinrich  
Toby and Mitch Kriss  
Terry and Jerry Moons  
Debbie and Dave Robins  
Elaine and Mark Ross  
Women of Temple Chai**

**To: Silberstein Family**

*In memory of your mother, Claire*

**From: Terry and Jerry Moons**

**To: Janet Somers**

*In memory of Eric Somers*

**From: Barb Heinrich**

**To: November B'nei Mitzvahs;  
Sydney Shifrin**

*Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

**To: December B'nei Mitzvahs;  
Jenna Templer, Benjamin Tessier,  
Nathan Tessier**

*Mazel Tov on your B'nei Mitzvahs*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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# Calendar

November 2020		
11/1/20	9:00 AM	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
11/2/20	4:00 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
11/2/20	7:00 PM	Jr. Chai School
11/2/20	7:00 PM	Adult Hebrew
11/4/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
11/6/20	10:00 AM	Zumbini with jBaby
11/6/20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
11/7/20	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Hart
11/7/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
11/8/20	9:00 AM	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
11/8/20	7:00 PM	Holocaust Museum Program with the Chai Guys Brotherhood
11/9/20	4:00 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
11/9/20	7:00 PM	Jr. Chai School
11/9/20	7:00 PM	Adult Hebrew
11/10/20	7:00 PM	Women of Temple Chai Board Meeting
11/11/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
11/13/20	10:00 AM	Zumbini with jBaby
11/13/20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
11/13/20	8:00 PM	Zoom Oneg
11/14/20	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
11/14/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
11/15/20	9:00 AM	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
11/15/20	8:00 PM	Parenting Session
11/16/20	4:00 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
11/16/20	7:00 PM	Jr. Chai School
11/16/20	7:00 PM	Adult Hebrew
11/17/20	7:00 PM	Women of Temple Chai Book Discussion with Laura Perpinyal "Here All Along" by Sarah Hurwitz
11/18/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
11/18/20	5:30 PM	Chai Guys Brotherhood Board Meeting
11/18/20	7:30 PM	Chai School
11/19/20	1:30 PM	November Third Thursday with Charles Troy
11/20/20	10:00 AM	Zumbini with jBaby
11/20/20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live; School Participation and Simcha Blessings
11/21/20	2:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
11/21/20	10:30 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Shifrin
11/21/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
11/22/20	9:00 AM	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
11/22/20	7:00 AM	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
11/24/20	7:00 AM	WTC Holiday Recipe Exchange
11/25/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
11/26/20		Thanksgiving Day
11/27/20		Thanksgiving Friday
11/27/20	7:00 AM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
11/27/20	8:00 AM	Zoom Oneg
11/28/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
11/30/20	4:00 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
11/30/20	7:00 AM	Jr. Chai School
11/30/20	7:00 AM	Adult Hebrew

December 2020		
12/1/20	7:00 AM	Women of Temple Chai Lilith Salon
12/2/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
12/2/20	7:00 AM	Women of Temple Chai: A Tour of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Exhibit at the Holocaust Museum
12/4/20	5:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
12/4/20	7:00 AM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
12/5/20	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
12/5/20	2:00 PM	Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Templer
12/5/20	7:00 AM	Virtual Havdallah Service
12/6/20	9:00 AM	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
12/6/20	7:00 PM	Israeli Consulate Program
12/7/20	4:00 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
12/7/20	7:00 PM	Adult Hebrew
12/7/20	7:00 PM	Jr. Chai School
12/8/20	7:00 PM	Women of Temple Chai Board Meeting
12/9/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
12/9/20	7:30 PM	Chai School
12/11/20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
12/11/20	8:00 PM	Zoom Oneg
12/12/20	2:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
12/12/20	10:30 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Benjamine and Nathan Tessier
12/12/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
12/13/20	9:00 AM	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
12/13/20	4:30 PM	Chanukah Party & Sufganiyot Making!
12/14/20	4:00 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
12/14/20	7:00 PM	Adult Hebrew
12/14/20	7:00 PM	Jr. Chai School
12/15/20	7:00 PM	Women of Temple Chai Sharsheret Program
12/16/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
12/16/20	6:00 PM	Chai Guys Brotherhood Board Meeting
12/17/20	1:30 PM	December Third Thursday
12/18/20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live; Torah Reading, Simcha Blessings
12/19/20	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
12/19/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
12/22/20	7:00 PM	Women of Temple Chai Book Club "America's First Daughter" by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamole
12/23/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
12/25/20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
12/25/20	8:00 PM	Zoom Oneg
12/26/20	10:00 AM	No Torah Study
12/26/20	7:00 PM	Virtual Havdallah Service
12/30/20	12:00 PM	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden

## Thanksgiving and Winter Break Schedule

**Thanksgiving:** November 25 - Office Closes at 1:00 P.M.  
November 26 & 27 - Office Closed

**Winter Break:** December 21 thru January 1 - Office closes at 3:00 P.M.  
December 24 & 31 - Office closes at 1:00 P.M.  
December 25 & January 1 - Office Closed

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11  
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