

# ChaiLites

## Chidush Renewal in the New Year

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# Chidush



One of Judaism's greatest assets is its grounding in tradition. It is powerful to know that the liturgy we pray, the holidays we observe, and the rituals we practice link us to countless generations—both past and future. At the same time, another huge strength of our faith is innovation. We are encouraged by our religion to find personal meaning and contemporary insight within our personal practice. Indeed, Judaism is a living and breathing organism that has adapted, and will continue to adapt, to the ever-changing nature of life.

*Chidush* is the Hebrew term that melds these two characteristics together. *Chidush* is about discovering something new in something old. While this term is traditionally used in the context of text study, it can be applied to every aspect of Judaism, including our involvement with Temple Chai—especially as we anticipate welcoming the new Jewish Year of 5780.

Temple Chai is fortunate to have such a solid history. We are proud that there are some members who are the third or fourth generation of their families who have belonged to our congregation. Yet, Temple Chai is also a synagogue that prides itself on finding new and innovative ways to engage us in Jewish life. While we are grateful for the traditions, we are also open to experiencing new approaches so that we can be enriched by our involvement.

One example of *chidush* at Temple Chai is this edition of the ChaiLites. While producing a newsletter is familiar, both our congregation and how we communicate have changed, and we needed to adapt our congregational publication to meet those changes. We hope you enjoy this new format, the new content included, and we hope that it can serve as an inspiration for all of us to infuse our own sense of originality into those acts and rituals that keep us connected to the past.



SWEET AS HONEY!

## Tot High Holy Days

AT TEMPLE CHAI

Join us for A High Holy Day Experience Designed for Kids in Kindergarten and Younger:

Hands-on crafts

Interactive, Musical Service

Snacks and Engagement with Community and more!

**September 30: Rosh HaShanah 3:30 p.m.**

**October 9: Yom Kippur 3:30p.m.**

All are Welcome!

Non-members must pre-register online at:  
[bit.ly/TCPrograms](http://bit.ly/TCPrograms)

Temple Chai 1670 Checker Rd Long Grove

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Walt  
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and  
The Soul  
Children  
of  
Chicago!**

Live at Temple Chai!  
**November 3, 2019**

An exciting FREE  
afternoon of Music  
Open to All!

Invite your friends  
and family!

Beginning at 12:30 P.M.

Presented by the Baruch  
Family Concert Series

| By Cantor Scott D. Simon |

# Kol Sason – A Voice of Joy!



Shalom u'vrachah v' Shana Tovah — Peace and Blessing to you and Happy New Year!

This fall season is loaded with opportunities for you and your family to engage in music and spirit here at Temple Chai. We had an incredible Winter/Spring season and are on track to outdo ourselves again this year! The amazing vocal artistry and powerful story of winter Opera evening, Opera In Exile, left everyone emotionally stunned but begging for more. The Howard Levy concert was hand's down the most incredible night of music ever experienced at Temple Chai! Don't miss this year's incredible line up, beginning with a concert for all ages in early November with Walt Whitman and The Soul Children of Chicago!! Don't let your family miss it!

Our incredible, ever growing High Holy Day choir is just beginning rehearsals. If you have some choral experience or we've spoken in the past, join me and the Kol Chai choir now! It is made up of amateur and professional singers who are dedicated and talented. You'll have a wonderful experience singing and praising with a great group of song loving souls!

Our 'Ruach!' Youth Choir (K-8th Grade) is also gearing up for a great Holy Day season and readying to sing at our monthly Shabbat family services! Ruach! is led by the top children's choir director in the area and it's a fantastic success! It's also a sweet close knit family of kids who feel connected to their Jewish friends and happily hang out at all of our other youth programs. The kids love singing on our Bimah with guest Jewish entertainment stars and traveling to off-site 'mitzvah concerts' too! I've seen it year after year. Ruach! builds character and Jewish identity in the happiest way! Contact our children's choir director, Gail Simon at [gittlefish@comcast.net](mailto:gittlefish@comcast.net) or me, Cantor Simon at [ssimon@templechai.org](mailto:ssimon@templechai.org) for more information.

I'm always on the lookout for musical singing teens for the School Song Leader Program. Last year we had 8 song-leaders who loved to jam, sing and teach our Sunday School students. This year we want to continue that success. Even if they have no experience, I'll have them singing, playing and teaching in no time! It is a HUGE source of personal and Chai pride that so many Temple Chai students have confidently gone on from our song leader training program to careers in Jewish and secular music, education or the even the Rabbinate!

Finally, the members of our Temple Chai Band, the 'Chai and Mighty Players' are beginning their new season and we have our ears open for new members. If you've got instrumental or singing chops, please contact me and let's see if you'd like Rockin' Chai for Adonai!

Looking forward to a fantastic season b'Shir u'Shalom — in song and peace!

**“I'm always on the lookout for musical singing teens for the School Song Leader Program.”**

# Any Given Shabbat



On Friday, June 14th, I was at a powerfully uplifting City Year\* graduation on the Illinois Institute of Technology campus, across from White Sox Park—a long way from Temple Chai. By the time I got in my car to head to Temple, it was already after 5 PM. While I sat in traffic wondering how I would manage to get to services on time, I thought about what I would miss by being late or not showing up at all. Little did I know that there was a second, equally uplifting experience waiting for me at the end of my journey.

Shabbat is that time of the week to bring a sense of chidush or renewal into our lives; where we can discover new experiences of connection and holiness. On any given Shabbat, I expect to see various Temple Chai congregants for a myriad of reasons. Some are there for Shabbat spirituality, to celebrate life cycle events, to mourn, to learn Torah, or to see friends. On this given Shabbat, however, there was all that and more.

Rabbi Baden led us in prayer and Cantor Simon blessed us with music, reminding us of the treasures they are to our community. Not just one, but two adults became Bat Mitzvah, sharing their wise insights from the Torah portion. Meanwhile, another student was there to celebrate the beginning of her Bat Mitzvah weekend, anticipating the service to take place Saturday morning. And while we mourned friends and family, remembering their lives and the blessing they have brought to ours, we also celebrated as Rabbi Hart offered an aufruf wedding blessing for an engaged couple whose wedding was to take place in the coming weeks. As we showered them with candy, an enthusiastic attendee knocked over a Shabbat candlestick with a particularly well-aimed throw!

It was an evening of Torah, ritual, prayer, music, tears, and joy. It was what occurs on any given Shabbat here at Temple Chai.

Experience any given Shabbat yourself; participate with students and families at our school Shabbat services, enjoy a snack at Kabbalat Panim, and — on certain Friday nights — enjoy a casual Shabbat. Enhance your worship experience with Cantor Simon and the Chai & Mighty Tefilah Band or sit outside for evenings like Shabbat Under the Stars on August 16!

Thank you for being congregants of Temple Chai, and for making every given Shabbat a blessing.

*\*City Year (an Americorps program) partners with public schools in 29 high need communities across the U.S. to help students stay in school and on track to high school graduation. As incoming Chair of the Board for City Year Chicago, it was my duty and my pleasure to be there to celebrate their achievement.*

## Volunteering at Temple Chai

Thank you to our volunteers who help make Temple Chai the amazing community it is. We are grateful for your time and dedication.

If you would like to be part of the support team of volunteers at Temple Chai, please contact the office at **847-537-1771**.



## S'lichot

Saturday,  
September 21  
7:15 p.m.

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Join us as we  
begin our  
introspection  
journey for the  
High Holy Days.

Light  
refreshments  
will be served.

# High Holy Days Information

Welcome to the new year at Temple Chai! During the month of August, all members in good standing will receive High Holy Days tickets. The number of tickets received is based upon the number of adults listed in your Temple membership. For example, a “Standard 1 Adult” membership entitles you to one ticket for the holidays while a “Senior 2 Adult” membership entitles you to two. As always, youth up to age 29 are included in their parents’ or guardians’ membership.

\*New This Year\*, Temple Chai will not be requiring tickets of attendees up to 29 years of age—young adults may be asked to show proof of age in lieu of a ticket.

Members may purchase additional tickets for the High Holy Days by contacting the Temple Chai office **NO LATER THAN** September 15, 2019.

Please be sure to read the weekly e-blast throughout the holiday season for additional details on how to enjoy the High Holy Days at Temple Chai. It is a true pleasure to serve this community. I wish you a very sweet, happy, and healthy new year.

*L’shanah tovah!*

## The High Holy Days at Temple Chai 2019/5780 Worship Calendar

Saturday, September 21	<b>S’lichot</b>	Ushering in the High Holy Days	Dessert and coffee at <b>7:15 P.M.</b> , followed by an evening of education and worship.
Sunday, September 29	<b>Erev Rosh HaShanah</b>	Eve of the Jewish New Year	Worship service at <b>7:30 P.M.</b> Bring your gold Mishkan HaNefesh books
Monday, September 30	<b>Rosh HaShanah</b>	Jewish New Year	Earlier Worship: Contemporary Service at <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Books are provided
			Later Worship: Traditional Reform at <b>11:45 A.M.</b> Bring your gold Mishkan HaNefesh books
			Family Worship at <b>2:45 P.M.</b>
			Tot Rosh HaShanah Experience at <b>3:30 P.M.</b>
Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5	<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b>	Shabbat Worship	Kabbalat Panim Reception at <b>6:15 P.M.</b>
			Friday at <b>7:00 P.M.</b>
			Saturday at <b>10:30 A.M.</b>
Saturday, October 5	<b>Tashlich</b>	Cast Away Your Transgressions	A light lunch follows Shabbat Shuvah worship at <b>10:30 A.M.</b> , We will then gather at a body of water for the Tashlich ritual.
Tuesday, October 8	<b>Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre</b>	Eve of the Day of Atonement	Worship service at <b>7:30 P.M.</b> Bring your silver Mishkan HaNefesh books
Wednesday, October 9	<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Day of Atonement	Earlier Worship: Contemporary Service at <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Books are provided
			Later Worship: Traditional Reform at <b>11:45 A.M.</b> Bring your silver Mishkan HaNefesh books
			Family Worship at <b>2:45 P.M.</b>
			Afternoon Study at <b>3:00 P.M.</b>
			Tot Yom Kippur Experience at <b>3:30 P.M.</b>
			Afternoon, Yizkor & Concluding Worship at <b>4:15 P.M.</b> Bring your silver Mishkan HaNefesh books
Sunday, October 13	<b>Sukkot</b>	Feast of the Tabernacles	Dinner and Sukkah Decoration at <b>5:00 P.M.</b>
			Worship with 2nd and 5th Grade participation at <b>6:00 P.M.</b>
Sunday, October 20	<b>Simchat Torah</b>	Rejoicing of Torah	Worship and Kindergarten Consecration at <b>6:00 P.M.</b> , followed by dancing with the Torah. Featuring our Chai and Mighty Band

# Congregational Learning



New this year, we are implementing elements of a new Hebrew Curriculum called #OnwardHebrew. One element of this program is deliberate use of Jewish Life Vocabulary. Each week we will focus on words that begin with the same Hebrew letter. Sometimes they may also be connected to a holiday or celebration. The goal is to infuse more Hebrew into our vocabulary and deepen our understanding of our Jewish Life Vocabulary. Many words are likely already familiar, but we will be connecting them in new ways and integrating them throughout the congregation in intentional ways.

You probably know more Hebrew than you realize. Even if you didn't attend Hebrew school yourself, there are Hebrew words that are used regularly in our Jewish Life Vocabulary!

For example, you might be familiar with the phrase *Mazel Tov*. *Mazel* literally means "luck or fortune" and *Tov* means "good". So, when we put them together, we get "good fortune" or "congratulations". *Tov*

is a word we use in other familiar phrases through too: *Boker Tov* (good morning), *Erev Tov* (good evening), *Shana Tovah* (good year or happy new year) or even on its own *Tov* (as in good job!).

Why so much explanation? Well, exploring Hebrew words we might already be familiar with as part of our Jewish Life Vocabulary we are able to gain a deeper understanding of our Jewish life. Through just looking at the word *Tov* we can delve deeper into time, our Jewish calendar, even how to support one another within a Jewish context.

Each week our Jewish Life Vocabulary will be visible and integrated throughout the school in every class and even make its way into *T'fillah* (services – see what I did there?) and Shabbat worship too! *Tov Mod* – really good!



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019  
11:00-12:30 P.M.

## Welcome Back BBQ!

All of Temple Chai is encouraged to help welcome our students back to school after the first day!

Join us for lunch and have some fun with your friends at Temple Chai!

Email Laura: [LPerpinyal@templechai.org](mailto:LPerpinyal@templechai.org) with questions

# Youth Programming



I hope you are having a wonderful summer and feel refreshed as we enter the start of 5780! We have done a lot of work these past few months developing the next steps for the Temple Chai youth programming, and I am thrilled to be starting the new calendar year with a sense of *Chidush* (renewal). Read below to see what opportunities we have for the 2019-2020 year.

**Youth Group:** Temple Chai offers youth groups for students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. We are excited that both Valerie Gangware will be continuing with our Chalutzim group (K-2nd grade) and Alyssa Gorenberg with our Club 345 (3rd–5th grade). I am happy to be continuing as the Jr. ChAmPY (6th-8th grade) and ChAmPY (high school) advisor.

**Ruach Choir:** Our Ruach! Children’s choir is a source of spirit, fun and inspiration for the entire congregation. Ruach means spirit!

All kindergarten through sixth graders are invited to join our spirited Ruach! Children’s Choir. Our Ruach! members develop lasting friendships and a lifelong love for Jewish prayer, song and celebration. Directed by Gail Simon and Cantor Simon, both professional music educators, our Ruach! Children’s Choir rehearses on Monday evenings throughout the school year and performs at High Holy Days, Shabbat, and all special Family Services.

**Madrichim:** *Madrichim*, literally meaning “guide” or “leader” is a program designed to assist our students, our religious school, and to further develop the madrich/madricha’s own leadership skills. The *Madrichim* program is changing this upcoming year, adding a plethora of learning opportunities and workshops including the first annual day of leadership training with NFTY & OSRUI.



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## Youth Calendar August – October 2019

Month	Date	Event
August	8/24	Madrichim Orientation
	9/2	NFTY Kickoff
September	9/14	JChAmPY Kick Off
	9/21	Club 345 Kick Off
	9/22	Chalutzim & Jr. ChAmPy Kick Off
	9/23	ChAmPY Lounge Night
	9/28	Leadership Training Day with NFTY
October	10/4–10/5	Seventh and Eighth Grade Overnighter at OSRUI
	10/11–10/13	NFTY Fall Kall at OSRUI
	10/17	ChAmPY Lounge Night

You can find the full 2019–2020 youth calendar on the Temple website. We look forward to seeing you for another great year!



# Affirming our Relationship with Israel



In December, 85 travelers are going to Israel with Temple Chai. This is not just a trip...it is a life changing experience. With each journey that Temple Chai makes to Israel, the itinerary shifts and changes. Among the 85 travelers are 38 second-timers who are going to renew their relationship with our Jewish Homeland.

This is the largest number of second timers to journey to Israel with Temple Chai. What does that say about such journeys to Israel? They are extremely important in strengthening our existing connections to the people, history, religion, culture (and food) in Israel.

These journeys also serve to renew and energize the bonds of friendship within the Temple Chai community.

If you are not traveling with us this year, please plan to travel with Temple Chai in the future. It will be a journey you will never forget.



## Tot Shabbat

Friday, August 2nd

5:30 Free Pizza (optional) Dinner  
6:00 Interactive, Musical Service  
6:30 Blessings, Snacks, Schmooze

RSVP to Laura

[Lperpinyal@templechai.org](mailto:Lperpinyal@templechai.org)

1670 Checker Rd. Long Grove

# Women of Temple Chai

The month of August always feels like the season for new starts. Our children are looking forward to the first day of school. Parents everywhere go shopping to buy new school supplies and clothes. And as Jews, we start the year feeling renewed when we celebrate the High Holy Days. It's a time to feel a sense of beginning!

For the Women of Temple Chai, it's a new year and time for renewal to start a whole new year of events! There are many planned, from cooking in September to a Road Rally in May! We have social action projects, book clubs, religious education events, and girl's night out or dinner with a movie, canasta lessons and play and mah jongg lessons to be offered.

Each year WTC has a theme. This year we are focusing on choices we make every day. Our members are pulled in many different directions and need to make choices. Do you have time between work commitments and taking care of family members to fit time in for yourself or go to a Women of Temple Chai program? There are no easy answers when it comes to juggling these responsibilities and interests.

Please mark your calendar now for our Membership Dinner scheduled October 30th. Our guest speaker, Karen Firsel, WTC member Sandi Firsel's daughter-in-law, will be sharing her journey and the challenging choices she faced professionally and personally. Karen was a co-producer on the Oprah Show, and was the person behind coming up with the keys in the car giveaway episode. It is a not to miss program!

Don't miss our four joint events this year with the Chai Guys Brotherhood! Back by popular demand, please join us this fall for Sip and Savor in the Sukkah and a NOT TO BE MISSED Trivia Night. Please see the Women of Temple Chai calendar on page 21 and mark your calendar for these events as well as the Chanukah Bazaar, Simcha Showcase, and more!

This is a new beginning, a new school year, a new Jewish year, and new year for WTC. This a time for renewal and we appreciate your time, input, and participation. With gratitude and appreciation, Debbie and Janice.

“Each year Women of Temple Chai has a theme. This year we are focusing on choices we make every day.”

**Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers who make Women of Temple Chai so successful! We are thrilled to partner with you.**

**These names were accidentally left off the volunteer list in the last issue of ChaiLites: Shelly Begel, Anna Frid, Sue Jacobson, Cheryl Karlin, Charlotte Leventhal, Sandy Mosectick, and Ilene Siegel. Thank you for your commitment!**

# It's Great to be a Chai Guy

We are very excited to begin another year of FUN, Fundraisers, CG Monthly Dinner Nights Out, & Special Events. Each summer feels like a renewal. Our enjoyment of being together, and the camaraderie it brings continues to grow and flourish. We have over 115 members going into this 2019-2020 year. We hope our ranks continue to grow.

Our Signature Fundraising Joint Event with the Women of Temple Chai, “The Chai Way-Trivia Bowl”, is on Saturday, November 16, 2019 (mark your calendars now). Teams of

8 will be competing for good, sporting, fun, bragging rights & maybe even prizes. Start fielding your Chavurah/Team of 8 now. Our contest will be conducted by an experienced Trivia Bowl M.C. Professional. Once again, dinner will be included.

Already this year we have had our Chai Guys vs Chai Guys softball game, a great Night Out at Prairie House, and our 20% Lou Malnati's Fundraiser. We have more upcoming including building the Sukkah in October and our ever popular “Steak & Scotch” in December.

Welcome to the newly installed Chai Guys Board: Marty Glink-President; Dan Hirschberg-Executive Vice President; Mark Kessler- Treasurer; Barry Rosenbloom- Secretary; Steve Bradley-V.P. of Membership; and Howard Reiss- V.P. of Worship. Contact us at [chaiguysbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:chaiguysbrotherhood@gmail.com) if you'd like to be involved in our leadership.

If you're not yet a Chai Guys Member, why not? Join up now & enjoy a full year of events. For sure, you'll want to join in November so why wait?

# Humans of Temple Chai: Beverly and Julian Schreiber



**Julian and Beverly Schreiber**

**Married in 1965**

**Two children/two grandchildren**

**Arlington Heights residents**

**Members since 1972**

Ask Julian Schreiber what springs to mind when he thinks of Temple Chai and he will tell you without hesitation, “the volunteer spirit of this congregation.” Arlington Heights residents Julian and Beverly Schreiber have been members of Temple Chai for 47 years. “The Jewish population in the Northwest suburbs was increasing in leaps and bounds back in the 70’s,” said Julian. “Beverly and I thought it was important to join an engaged and growing reform congregation.” The

Schreiber’s, along with their two young children, were part of the second wave of members to call Temple Chai home shortly after opening its doors in 1972. “There was no Checker Road building as we know it today. That didn’t happen until 1980,” Julian explained. “In 1972 Shabbat services were held at Kilmer School in Buffalo Grove, then they moved us to a small church in Wheeling before renting space again in BG at Kingswood United Methodist Church.”

Both Julian and Beverly jumped in and got involved. Beverly served as the second Sisterhood President and she helped start the first library as well as gift shop. “I drove around with the gift shop in the trunk of my car,” she said with a laugh. Julian was one of the first board members, later serving as the first religious school principal and elected President of the Board of Directors in 1982.

Julian was also very involved in launching several Temple Chai theatrical productions back in the 80’s and both of them have worked hard in recent years to publicize the many programs and events Temple Chai offers. Neither will take much credit. “It was largely the unsung members of our extraordinary committees that kept our temple vibrant and flourishing,” said Julian. “We were a DIY (do it yourself) temple and our committees and dedicated members did

it all—laid sod in our temple yard, painted when needed and installed the parking lot lights.”

Added Beverly, “our network of friends wanted the temple to succeed so we coordinated our efforts. We baked our own oneg desserts for Friday night and I even mopped the temple floor if it was dirty. We did not have Jaime or Gabby working for us, yet. We got stuff done.”

A retired employment law attorney, today Julian volunteers his time at a school for special education students, helping the kids to read and introducing them to theatre.

Julian’s only regret is that he still hasn’t realized his dream to be a major league baseball player.

Beverly stays active with the Women of Temple Chai and has now become proficient at following the stock market, buying and selling stocks for their family portfolio.

*(Editorial comment: Lots has changed in the 47 years the Schreiber’s have been members. Our volunteers may not be mopping floors or installing parking lot lights, but our Temple still depends on the dedicated efforts of so many congregants. We thank the Schreibers for leading the way.)*

## Join Women of Temple Chai Today!

Together WE will make a difference! Bring your voice, ideas, interests and passions and help us create a stronger Women of Temple Chai! Fill out the membership form in the office. Please join us today and together, we will build a brighter future for our beloved temple!

### There are 3 ways to pay your dues:

Make a separate check out to Women of Temple Chai and mail it to: Temple at 1670 W. Checker Rd, Long Grove, IL 60047;

Pay online by clicking on the QR code; or going to <https://squareup.com/store/temple-chai-sisterhood>

### Annual Dues Levels:

**Esther** (\$40)

**Miriam** (\$54)

**Deborah** (\$72)

**Leah** (\$100)

**Sarah** (\$180+)

to support women who can’t afford membership



| By Laura Perpinyal, Director of Congregational Learning |

## Women of Temple Chai is excited to announce their 2019–2020 Board and Positions

**Janice Bradley**, Co-President

**Debbie Robins**, Co-President

**Debbie Stookal**, VP of Membership

**Blythe Thomashow**, VP of Religion and Education

**Louise Resnick**, VP Gift Shop/Special Projects

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**Michelle Meyers-Edley**, Honey for Rosh Hashanah

**Allison Alon**, Yom Tov Book (Yes Fund) HHD

**Linda Iser**, Sip & Savor in the Sukkah Chair

**Kitty Loewy**, Trivia Night and Silent Auction

**Janice Bradley/Julia Popp**, Holiday Bazaar Chairs

**Megan Gelfner**, Baking / Cookie Walk

**Linda Brubaker**, Simcha Showcase Chair

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**Debbie Robins**, Mah Jongg Tournament Chair

**Karen Schwartz**, Challah Bake

**Susan Hirschberg**, Evening Book Club

**Maxine Katz**, Daytime Book Club

**Susan Hirschberg**, WTC Shabbat Chair

**Sandy Mose tick**, Kol Isha

**Reesa Epstein**, Social Programming

**Sandi Firsell**, Lillith

**Fran Sachs**, Uniongrams

**Marla Moore**, Gift Shop Buyer

**Mickey Reiss**, Gift Shop Treasurer

**Marlene Dolin**, Gift Shop Financial Secretary

**Kim Renko**, Gift Shop Volunteer Coordinator

# Temple Chai at the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade



You may have noticed a new sign on the doors into the building. It's a small white sticker with a bright rainbow that says "Temple Chai - Everyone Is Welcome Here!" A simple statement with a powerful message. While we might have known that everyone is welcome here, for an LGTBQ+ identifying person, its important to know that Temple Chai is a safe space and that they are welcome in our community.

We created this sign among other things because of a yearlong workshop we've participated in through Keshet, a national organization working towards LGBTQ+ equality in Jewish Life. Serendipitously, our work on inclusion coincided with the first ever Buffalo Grove Pride Parade this past June. Over 35 temple members marched together in the parade, joined by many more watching the parade too. We were right at the beginning, number 7 of 89 groups that marched. The energy and positivity were electric and contagious!! Over 5,000

people participated in the celebration focused on love and acceptance of LGBTQ+ folks in our community!

Personally, this was the first time I had ever marched in a parade before. It was so special to march with my family and my extended Temple Chai family and proudly put our Jewish Values into action. I believe that we are ALL created B'tzelem Elohim in the image of God, and therefore ALL deserve to live with dignity and equality. I believe our Jewish Community should be a place where every person should feel safe, accepted and comfortable to be themselves. The Buffalo Grove Pride Parade exemplified these values and created a space to truly celebrate them! My kids called it a "rainbow explosion" and keep referring to it as the (Love is) Love Parade. I couldn't have said it any better!

Mark your calendars for June 7th, 2020 when Temple Chai will PROUDLY march again! We hope you can join us!

# Reflections from a Teen Volunteer

This past Memorial Day weekend, I volunteered with NFTY Camp CAR at OSRUI, along with fellow Temple Chai teen Maya Cohn! Camp CAR is a year-long partnership with Cooke Magnet Elementary School in Waukegan, IL. NFTY teens volunteer in Waukegan throughout the year, and then welcome elementary school campers to a weekend planned and led by NFTYites at OSRUI. Campers who otherwise wouldn't get to experience summer camp have the opportunity to meet teen counselors eat three nutritious meals a day, and enjoy activities such as music, hiking, arts and crafts, cooking, and a variety of sports and team building activities – all for free!

I had the most amazing experience that I wouldn't trade for the world. It was really neat to see camp from the counselor side and get to have more of a leadership role in the activities. The kids were such kind, friendly, amazing people, and I had so much fun getting to know them. They all enjoyed

Camp CAR more than words can say – just look at the smiles in the picture!

Throughout the weekend, the kids got to participate in a ton of camp activities, like water fun, making s'mores, and sports. I helped to run arts and crafts – the campers got to make stress balls, lanyards, friendship bracelets, and design a paper square for a mural. We even were able to bring in an animal show/petting zoo. The best part, though, was just getting to know the campers. The week after camp, I got to go to their school play. I built a lot of really meaningful relationships throughout the weekend, and it was so nice to follow up with them after camp and say hi again!

The whole weekend was circus themed, so we played a lot of Greatest Showman music during activities to get in the spirit. I think this quote from one of my campers sums up the impact this weekend had on all of them well: "You know how in the movie The Greatest Showman they have the greatest show on earth? Well, this is the greatest place on earth." It was an incredible and unforgettable experience for me and especially for the campers.



## SUKKOT CELEBRATION WITH THE BADEN FAMILY

Spend an evening with your Temple Chai friends and family with Rabbi Baden and her family at their annual vegetarian pot-luck appetizer and dessert open house.

For more information and to RSVP, visit [bit.ly/TCPPrograms](https://bit.ly/TCPPrograms).

# Third Thursday Program

## August

8/15/2019 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



### *Charles Troy on 'Funny Girl'*

Charles Troy, musical theater historian, will present the multimedia back story of *Funny Girls*. If you liked his past presentations of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *West Side Story*, you will love *Funny Girls*.

## September

9/19/2019 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

### *Greatest 15 Presidential Decisions*

A President learns the U.S. has a weapon more powerful than any other in history. Should he use it? Another President is offered an opportunity that will shape the future of America, but likely put the government into debt for decades. Should he seize the opportunity? A third President can connect two oceans, but only if he will work with dissidents in a foreign country against the wishes of that government. Is it worth the risk? Join Professor Gary Midkiff for details of these three stories and twelve others. Some of the decisions are good, some are bad, but all are important.

## October

10/17/2019 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



### *Author Shel Pais presents the writing of 'The Fate of the Arrow'*

He will be sharing the historical fiction writing process and unique Jewish history of the Middle Ages.

Come learn how historical fiction is created from Shel Pais, author of 'The Flate of the Arrow!' Together we will benefit from his expertise on Jewish life in the Middle Ages.

## THIRD THURSDAYS AT TEMPLE CHAI

Third Thursday of Every Month  
from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Join us for engaging and relevant Adult Programming. Topics vary monthly and cover a variety of themes.

Visit the Temple Chai website for the full line up.

### 2019-2020 Dates

August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19  
January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18

# Hineini— Caring for Our Community

In the spirit of *Hineini* — “I am here,” Temple Chai members strive to care for one another. We are fortunate to have the leadership of a dedicated committee, Caring Community, leading these efforts.

The following are examples of Temple Chai Members Caring for Members.

- When a congregant becomes a parent or a grandparent, a sweet treat is delivered. We also connect with JUF to have a jBaby Swag package delivered to the new parents if they reside in Illinois!
- When there is a death in the family, it is acknowledged by sending a personalized card. Additionally, recognizing that the first year after a death is difficult, we deliver a Remembrance Bag coinciding with Rosh Hashanah.
- At Friday night services a member of the Caring Community reads the names of ill congregants. A “thinking of you” card is sent.
- Lastly, we celebrate milestone birthdays by sending a birthday card.



As the new year begins, we have started work on a new mitzvah. We are hoping to assist congregants who are experiencing temporary health and/or mobility challenges. To that point, we are compiling information about local resources that will provide services and assistance to the homebound.

We welcome your recommendations for inclusion in our resource list that will be published in a future ChaiLites. Suggestions can be emailed to [susan.millstone@comcast.net](mailto:susan.millstone@comcast.net).

| By Irene Lerner |

## Rainbows Social Action Program is back at Temple Chai!

As you may know, the Rainbows program has been a social action initiative for many years at Temple Chai and — once again — we hope to reinstitute this vital activity at Temple Chai. This innovative opportunity is a non-profit, international organization based on a peer support curriculum for children and adolescents who are grieving a loss due to a death, separation or divorce in their family. We continue to be the only site that offers this

program to anyone in need within a Jewish setting. We are in a need of a coordinator and facilitators to run the 6-week sessions. Whether you might be interested in being trained and then leading groups or if you are just interested in finding out more for yourself or others who might benefit from this experience, you can go to the RAINBOW's website at <http://rainbows.org/about-us>.

Please join us for an informational meeting at Temple Chai on Monday, September 23, 2019 beginning at 7:30 P.M. You can RSVP to [LPerpinyal@templechai.org](mailto:LPerpinyal@templechai.org) or leave a message for her at **847.537.1771, extension 228**. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

# Spice of Chai

There's a common theme that plays out in every Jewish household as we look towards the new year and begin preparing for the High Holy Days. Food. Who's cooking? Where are we doing Erev Rosh HaShanah dinner? What's the best food to break fast on Yom Kippur? Everyone has a staple food (or foods) that need to be served during these holy days; but we invite you to bring a sense of *Chidush* to your festive meals with a couple of recipes from Temple Chai's very own congregant created cookbook sold in the Temple Gift Shop.

## Excerpt from *Spice of Chai – a Temple Chai Cookbook*

Written by Rabbi Nancy Myers

Food is embedded in the very foundation of Judaism. It's part of our religious identity and plays an essential role in bringing our families and friends together. Whether it be holidays or life cycle events, the prevalence or absence of food is a theological statement: for example, the round shaped challah symbolizes the kingship of God, oily latkes remind us of the miracle of light, and matzah recalls our exodus out of Egypt. No denying it, the smell of brisket, chicken soup, kugel, and rugelach permeating a Jewish home has helped ensure our very survival while fueling our neurotic obsession with food.

We call ourselves the people of the book, but perhaps we should call ourselves the people of the table. In the kitchen nosing or at the table eating, this is where Judaism is experienced, argued, smelled, and tasted. So enjoy and be careful with that schmaltz!



## HONEY ZUCCHINI BREAD

Written by Claire Lombardo  
(mother of Michele Fenton)

- ½ cup flour
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tbsp ground cinnamon
- ½ cup coarsely ground nuts (walnuts or pecan)
- 1 large zucchini (enough for 2 cups shredded)
- 1 egg
- ¾ cup honey
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine the first 5 ingredients. Stir in nuts. Mix zucchini with remaining ingredients; add to the flour mixture, stirring only until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into a greased and floured 5x9x3 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour, or until bread tests done. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan and finish cooling. If you find it too sweet, try less honey.



## LUCHEN KUGEL WITH APPLES

Written by Linda Brubaker

- 6 eggs, or egg substitute
- 1 stick butter or margarin, melted
- 1 lb noodles
- 1 (15 to 16 oz.) container cottage cheese
- ½ pint sour cream
- 1 pint 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 low-fat/no-fat products as with regular ones!



## SHARE THE LOVE!

*Refer a friend to join our community.*

Share your love of Temple Chai! Bring a friend and both families get a discount on membership for the coming year! For details, contact Alison Siegel Lewin at [alewin@templechai.org](mailto:alewin@templechai.org).



# B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants



**Amelia Nevel** attends Thomas Middle School where she enjoys participating in choir, softball, umpiring, and Tae Kwon Do. At home Amelia spends time with her mom, dad, younger brother Shaye, and playing with her dog Bear.



**Jack Omansky** is an eighth grader at Cooper Middle School where he really enjoys math and playing the trumpet in two different bands. When not in school, he enjoys playing baseball (go Dodgers!), video games, and spending time with his friends and family, even his 10-year old sister, Emily.



**Jacob Helfer** is a seventh grader at Twin Groves Middle School. He is the son of Julie and Mike Helfer and has a sister named Emily. He enjoys being with his family and his friends. Jacob loves to play sports, especially baseball.

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peh	ayin	samekh	nun	mem	
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Adult Hebrew Classes meet on Monday evenings 7:30-9:00 p.m. beginning October 28

To register: [bit.ly/TCPrograms](https://bit.ly/TCPrograms)

Questions: [Lperpinyal@templechai.org](mailto:Lperpinyal@templechai.org)

# Donations

**Abrams, Robert & Katie**

- We are so grateful for the help and support you provided us during Molly's Bat Mitzvah preparation and service

**Azriel-Prager, Laura & Prager, Howard**

- For the Birth of Alexa Jordan Sidoti

**Bergman, Allan & Jan**

- For the Birth of Rabbi and Mendy Hart's grandson, Benjamin. Mazel Tov!!!!
- In Honor of The Bestowing of an Honorary Doctorate on you Cantor Simon. Mazel Tov!!
- For the Yahrzeit of Sharon Cole. May her memory be for a blessing

**Berman, Barbara**

- For the Yahrzeit of Andrew M. Berman

**Bradley, Steven & Janice**

- In Honor of Cantor Simon

**Caitung, Arlene**

- For the Yahrzeit of Marge Caitung
- In Honor of Richard Caitung's Birthday

**Chapman, Sherwin & Gertrude**

- In Honor of Marlene's special birthday

**Davidson, Lauren**

- In Memory of Birdie Wollman

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- For the Yahrzeit of Edward Frank

**Ezell, Barbara**

- In Memory of Martin Borodkin

**Falk, Marlene**

- For the Yahrzeit of Robert Falk

**Firsell, Michael & Sandra**

- For the Yahrzeit of Lowell Stolerow

**Glickson, Bruce & Lynne**

- In Honor of Cantor Simon earning his Doctorate. Mazel Tov!

**Gluskin, Jason & Melissa**

- On Behalf of the Gluskin Family. Thank you, Cantor Simon, for performing a beautiful ceremony for Violet Mya's baby naming!

**Goldstein, Diane**

- In Honor of Kim Renko's Bat Mitzvah

**Gordon, Jeffery & Barbara**

- In Memory of Ruth Gordon

**Gross, Arnold & Deborah**

- For the Birth of Thea Maisie Axel- Mazel tov!
- In Memory of William Hunter

**Halperin, Renee**

- For the Yahrzeit of Donald Halperin

**Harris, Marilyn & Robert**

- In Memory of Robert Harris

**Hirschberg, Daniel & Susan**

- For the Birth of Matan, Toby & Mitch Kriss' new grandson
- For the Yahrzeit of Norman Ritter
- In Honor of Kim Renko becoming a Bat Mitzvah

**Hochman, Joel & Janet**

- For the Yahrzeit of Doris Core

**Kaplan, Allan & Judy**

- In Memory of Laurie Azriel-Prager's father and grandfather
- In Honor of Marcia's and Michael Rosenblum's granddaughter Alana's Bat Mitzvah

**Kaplan, Nolan & Norma**

- For the Yahrzeit of David A. Simkins

**Katzen, Leon & Beverly**

- For the Yahrzeit of Sadie Katzen

**Kirsch, Jo Ann**

- In Honor of Robert (Bob) Greenberg's 80th Birthday

**Kravitz, Betty**

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- For the Yahrzeit of Stanley Fong

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- For the Yahrzeit of Florence Ridzinski

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- In Honor of the birth of Miles Ryan Braverman, grandson of Shirlee and Ed Nickow
- For the Birth of Alexa Jordan Sidoti
- In Honor of Cantor Simon receiving his degree of Doctor of Music Honoris Causa
- In Honor of Rabbi Baden's selection as a fellow in the Rabbinic Leadership Initiative program of the Shalom Hartman Institute

**Lee, Robert & Janet**

- For the Yahrzeit of Joseph Nathan

**Leonard, Larry & Lynne**

- In Memory of Kenneth L. Tucker, father of Michele (Bill) Michlin.

**Levine, Bruce & Dede**

- For the Yahrzeit of Norman Gerald Levine father of Bruce (Dede) Levine
- In Memory of Kenneth L Tucker father of Michele (Bill) Michlin
- For the Yahrzeit of Samuel N. Plotkin

**Levinson, Richard**

- For the Yahrzeit of Jerrold Basofin
- In Memory of Linda Levinson. Thank you Cantor Simon, for bringing Howard Levy & Friends to us!

**Marlowe, Craig & Debra**

- In Honor of Cantor Simon, Mazel Tov on receiving your degree of Doctor of Music Honoris Causa from HUC-JIR SSM! Your honor is our good fortune.

**Mattes, Patrick & Deborah**

- For the Birth of Alexa, the granddaughter of Sal and Jane Sidoti

**Mell, Michael & Sharon**

- In Honor of Cantor Simon Doctor of Music Degree
- In Memory of Laurie Azriel-Prager's father Edward Frank

**Merkin, Edward & Phyllis**

- In Honor of Marlene Falk's Special Birthday

**Millstone, Douglas & Susan**

- For the Yahrzeit of Beverly Rapper
- In Memory of Kenneth Tucker father of Michele Michlin
- For the Yahrzeit of Beverly Rapper
- In Honor of Cantor Simons honorary doctorate.

**Moons, Gerard & Terry**

- In Memory of Marie Moons

**Nahrstadt, Bradley & Debra**

- For the Yahrzeit of Sidney Goldsmith

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- In Memory of Lorraine Pohn

**Renko, Alex & Kimberly**

- For the Yahrzeit of Mary Komissarenko

**Rosen, Gary & Linda**

- For the Yahrzeit of Leonard Goldin

**Rosenberg, Charles & Renee**

- In Honor of Howard and Marilyn's granddaughter Hannah's Bat Mitzvah

**Saffrin, David & Joni**

- For the Yahrzeit of Selma Saffrin

**Saffro, Ruth**

- In Honor of Cantor Simon

**Scher, Steven & Eleanore**

- For the Birth of Tina and Phil Pollack's new granddaughter
- For the Birth of Toby and Mitch Kriss' new grandson

**Schreiber, Julian & Beverly**

– In Honor of Rabbi Hart

**Schwartz, Charles & Donna**

– In Memory of Edward Frank  
– In Honor of Cantor Simon's Degree of Doctor of Music

**Shamberg, Michael & Susan**

– For the Yahrzeit of Sol Kesselman

**Sherman, Karen**

– For the Yahrzeit of Donald Sherman

**Sophian, Laurence & Ardis**

– For the Yahrzeit of Lee Esador

**Spungen, Glenn & Linda**

– For the Yahrzeit of Janet Offenberg

**Stewart, Ronald & Sherry**

– For the Yahrzeit of Arthur Shattil and Helen Shattil  
– In Memory of Ann Stewart

**Stolman, Maureen**

– On Behalf of the Stolman Family, thank you Sandi and Mike Firsel for your help during our shiva

**Temple Chai, Sisterhood**

– In Honor of Cantor Simon for his Music Programming

**Thomashow, Andrew & Blythe**

– For the Yahrzeit of Margo Boruszak Philbrick

# Life Cycle

## Our Condolences To:

David Damlich on the death of your father, Milton G. Damlich

Laura Golden and Jeff Gordon on the death of your grandmother and mother, Ruth Gordon

Michele Michlin on the death of your father, Kenneth Tucker

Arlyn Nevel on the death of your brother, Michael E. Friedman

Marilyn Pohn on the death of your father, Joseph Groner

Daphne Plotsky on the death of your uncle, Marshall Poll

Earl Sabes on the death of your wife, Barbara Sabes

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| By Shari Damlich, Executive Vice President |

## Why Chai?

I am drawn to warmth and sincerity. It is how I choose my friends and it is how I raised my children and now nurture my grandchildren. 20 years ago when my husband and I had many local choices of synagogues, what stood out to us was the warmth and sincerity of Temple Chai's clergy team and members. Today, I continue with pride to belong to Temple Chai. Our clergy team and staff set the pace of excellence and exceed my expectations daily. Our congregation has evolved, innovated, improved and the warmth and sincerity remains.

# Women of Temple Chai Uniongrams

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**To: Terri and Stuart Argentar**

*Mazel Tov on your granddaughters, Orli and Ilana becoming B'not Mitzvah*

**From: Marcia and Michael Rosenblum**

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**To: Bob Greenberg**

*Happy "Special" Birthday*

**From: Marcia and Michael Rosenblum**

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**To: Deb and Rick Greenswag**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Henry Lewis Hackwell*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz**

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**To: Linda Iser & Peter Vigushin**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Olivia Mae Schneider*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz**

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**To: Helen Kornick**

*Congratulations on being named Teacher of the Year at Innovations Academy*

**From: Deanna Tenofsky & Steve Sonderling**

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**To: Toby and Mitch Kriss**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Matan Binjamin Ben-Moshe*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz**

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**To: Debbie Marlowe**

*Best wishes for a Speedy Recovery*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Michele and Bill Michlin**

*In memory of your father, Ken Tucker*

**From: Linda and Don Brubaker**

**Sandi and Mike Firsel**

**Shirley Kreisman**

**Beverly and Julian Schreiber**

**Kitty Loewy & Terry Steczo**

**Debbie and Dave Robins**

**Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Shirlee and Ed Nickow**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Miles Ryan Braverman*

**From: Barb and Rich Heinrich**

**Shirley Kreisman**

**Terry and Jerry Moons**

**Debbie and Dave Robins**

**Deanna Tenofsky**

**& Steve Sonderling**

**Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Rachel Roth**

*Mazel Tov on your Adult Bat Mitzvah*

**From: Barb and Rich Heinrich**

**Leah and Ian Miska**

**Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Kim Renko**

*Mazel Tov on your Adult Bat Mitzvah*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Cantor Scott Simon**

*Mazel Tov on receiving a Doctor of Music Honoris Causa*

**From: Leah and Ian Miska**

**Marcia and Michael Rosenblum**

**Mae and Al Schwab**

**Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Ardis Sophian**

*Thank you!*

**From: Susan Hirschberg**

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**To: Debbie and Marc Stookal**

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Sara Lois Cornfield*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz**

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**To: The August B'nei Mitzvahs; Amelia Nevel, Jack Omansky**

*Mazel Tov on becoming B'nei Mitzvahs*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: The September Bar Mitzvah; Jacob Helfer**

*Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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## What is a Uniongram and the YES Fund?

Uniongrams are donations to the Women of Reform Judaism YES Fund in honor of a celebration, simcha, death, or life cycle events. The YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) represents the collective financial efforts of individual donors and WRJ-affiliated sisterhoods to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure the future of Reform Judaism. Email Fran Sachs at [franetc@hotmail.com](mailto:franetc@hotmail.com) to send a Uniongram. Contact Sandi Firsel at [sfirsel@comcast.net](mailto:sfirsel@comcast.net) with any questions.

## How does the purchase of Uniongrams help the YES Fund?

The funds collected by purchasing the Uniongrams (note cards) goes directly to the WRJ YES Fund.

## How can I obtain the YES Fund products?

If you want to send a Uniongram for a celebration, simcha, death, or life cycle events, just send an email to Fran Sachs at [franetc@hotmail.com](mailto:franetc@hotmail.com) and she will send one out to the receiver of the Uniongram and inform them of your contribution. It will cost \$5.00 and Fran will bill you for your contribution. Also, you can purchase packets of Uniongrams, special cards, or make your own contribution to Women of Reform Judaism to the YES Fund. We can help you with your generous gift and help you make a difference. Any questions contact Sandi Firsel at [sfirsel@comcast.net](mailto:sfirsel@comcast.net).

# Calendar

August 2019		
Friday, August 2 (Matot-Mas-ei)	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship
Monday, August 5	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 P.M.	Jewish View
Thursday, August 8	7:30 P.M.	WTC Board Meeting
Friday, August 9	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship
Sunday, August 11		Tishah B'Av
Monday, August 12	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 14	6:30 P.M.	ChaiGuys Night Out (Off Site)
	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
Friday, August 16 (Va-et'chanan)	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship; Shabbat Under the Stars & Simcha Blessings
	5:00 P.M.	ChAmPY Board Meeting
Monday, August 19	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 21	6:30 P.M.	ChaiGuys Board Meeting
Friday, August 23 (Eikev)	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship
Saturday, August 24	10:00 A.M.	Madrichim Orientation
	10:30 A.M.	Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Nevel
Sunday, August 25	12:00 P.M.	Education Committee Meeting
Monday, August 26	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, August 27	6:30 P.M.	WTC Girls Night Out (Off Site)
Thursday, August 29	7:00 P.M.	Temple Board Meeting
Friday, August 30 (R'eih)	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship
Saturday, August 31	10:30 A.M.	Bar Mitzvah of Jack Omansky

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## CHAVURAH

THE FAMILY YOU'VE YET TO MEET.

A Chavurah is a small friendship group of Temple Chai members who come together to experience Jewish life. New groups form throughout the year. Contact Charla Silver at [csilver@templechai.org](mailto:csilver@templechai.org) for details.

## Women of Temple Chai Fall Events

October 16	NEW Afternoon Book Club
October 19	Sip and Savor in the Sukkah, *Joint Event with Chai Guys
October 19	Kol Isha with Gail Simon
October 30	Membership Dinner
November 16	Trivia Night and Silent Auction, *Joint Event with Chai Guys

# Calendar

September 2019					
Monday, September 2	Labor Day	Office Closed	Monday, September 16	6:00 P.M.	Ruach Choir
	4:00 P.M.	NFTY Kickoff 6–12 Grade (Off Site)		7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 5	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, September 18	6:30 P.M.	ChaiGuys Board Meeting
Friday, September 6 (Shoftim)	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat	Thursday, September 19	7:00 P.M.	WTC Book Club
	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim		1:30 P.M.	Third Thursday Program
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship	Friday, September 20 (Ki Tavo)	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
Saturday, September 7	10:30 A.M.	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Helfer	Saturday, September 21	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship
Sunday, September 8	9:00 A.M.	First Day of Sunday Religious School		4:00 P.M.	Club 345 Kick Off Event
	11:00 A.M.	Congregational Picnic	7:15 P.M.	S'lichot	
Monday, September 9	4:15 P.M.	First Day of Midweek Hebrew	Sunday, September 22	9:15 A.M.	Parenting Series Class
	5:30 P.M.	First Day of 7th/8th Grade		11:00 A.M.	Chalutzim Kick Off Event
	6:00 P.M.	Ruach Choir		11:15 A.M.	Chai School Elective Excitement
	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal		11:30 A.M.	Caring Community Mitzvah Bag Packing
Saturday, September 7	10:30 A.M.	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Helfer	Monday, September 23	5:30 P.M.	Jr. ChAmPY Kick Off Event
Sunday, September 8	9:00 A.M.	First Day of Sunday Religious School & Hebrew		6:00 P.M.	Ruach Choir
	11:00 A.M.	Congregational Picnic		7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Monday, September 9	4:15 P.M.	First Day of Midweek Hebrew	Thursday, September 26	7:00 P.M.	ChAmPY Lounge Night
	5:30 P.M.	First Day of 7th/8th Grade	Friday, September 27 (Nitzavim)	7:00 P.M.	Temple Board Meeting
	6:00 P.M.	Ruach Choir	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim	
	7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship	
Wednesday, September 11	6:30 P.M.	ChaiGuys Night Out (Off Site)	Saturday, September 28	Madrachim & Youth Leadership Training Day with NFTY & OSRUI (Off Site)	
Thursday, September 12	7:00 P.M.	Chai School Hebrew	Sunday, September 29 (Erev Rosh HaShanah)	NO SCHOOL	
	7:30 P.M.	WTC Board Meeting		7:30 P.M.	Erev Rosh HaShanah Service
Friday, September 13 (Ki Teitzei)	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim	Monday, September 30 (Rosh HaShanah Day)	NO SCHOOL	
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship		9:00 A.M.	Rosh HaShanah Contemporary Service
Saturday, September 14	5:30 P.M.	ChAmPY Kick Off Event		11:45 A.M.	Rosh HaShanah Traditional Reform Worship Service
Sunday, September 15	9:00 A.M.	WTC Baking Babka		2:45 P.M.	Rosh HaShanah Family Worship Service
	9:15 A.M.	BBM Meeting for 2022 Kids		3:30 P.M.	Rosh HaShanah Tot Program
	11:15 A.M.	Chai School Mitzvah Meet-Up			



**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CHAILITES IS AUGUST 19TH**



# SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

6:15 P.M. CHAI & MIGHTY PLAYERS CONCERT AND BYO PICNIC

7:00 P.M. SHABBAT WORSHIP

Nourish your body with a picnic dinner to enjoy alongside a "Ravinia Style" concert by the Chai & Mighty Players.

Nourish your soul with the spiritual jams of Shabbat worship and a blessing of our students.

Nourish your community by bringing toiletries to donate to the young men of Viator House.