

ChaiLites

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Stand Up and ~~Step In~~ Stay Home

How to act like Nachshon
and lead by example

This tree was grown from a maple tree sapling planted and nurtured by children in the Terezin Concentration Camp during the Holocaust. Few of the children survived, but this sapling from their tree lives on for all to remember.

A poem written by a girl in Terezin:

There are three things the Nazis could not take from us
They could not take the blue sky above us, for our gazing.
They could not take the flood of sunlight pouring into our courtyard,
nourishing our tree and us.
But most of all, they could not take our Invisible God
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| By Michelle Meyer-Edley |

Why Chai?

When we joined Temple Chai nearly 10 years ago, my family was searching for a Jewish home that would welcome us, educate us, and be there when we needed them. We wanted our children to learn what it meant to be Jewish, understand the meaning behind our traditions, and feel connected to the Jewish community. Growing up Jewish without a community, I didn't want our children to feel that same void I felt. Also, as an interfaith couple, it was crucial to be part of a community

that accepted and embraced us. At the beginning, we joined an Interfaith Chavurah, attended Interfaith programs, and participated in every Tot Shabbat offered. Back then, these were the spaces where we "fit." Over the years we learned that we "fit" in so many more spaces. Ryan joined the Chai Guys and played softball during the summer. I sang in the choir for the High Holy Days and celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah through Temple's Adult Education program. Both our kids are part of the amazing education program too. Jacob celebrated becoming a Bar Mitzvah, now attends Chai School, is the Madrich for 5th grade, and tutors B'nei Mitzvahs students. Danielle will become a Bat Mitzvah this August, is a member of the Ruach Choir, and is looking forward to becoming a Madricha in the near future. Whether we are attending family events like Pizza Bingo, celebrating Sukkot in Temple's Sukkah, laughing and booing at the entertaining Purim Spiel, singing along at Shabbat Under the Stars, or even sitting with friends at Friday night services, Temple Chai is the space where we feel at home.

The Mitzvah of Cancelling



It all started, as most things do nowadays, with an email. On Friday February 28, we notified the congregation of a new greeting, the “elbow bump”, in a message titled “Share Prayers, Not Germs”. Next came an update with information from the Centers for Disease Control on simple steps to stay healthy. The next Shabbat brought two emails: first, a reminder about illness prevention during Shabbat and then a notice to our congregants cancelling Torah Study because, after a possible exposure at the AIPAC conference, our Senior Rabbi would be self-isolating. Shortly thereafter it was a policy update regarding food and beverage service and ultimately, on Thursday March 12, we issued

a heart-breaking directive: Don’t Come to Temple.

In just a few short weeks, we will celebrate the holiday of Passover. The trials and tribulations of Israel, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam will be widely shared. There is one person, however, whose story often goes untold. That is Nachshon. According to the midrash (the rabbinic story), Moses raises his hands in an effort to make the sea part so that the Israelites could outrun the Egyptians who were pursuing them—yet the waters do not immediately separate. The people start to panic. Yet, Nachshon ben Abinadav has faith. He believes that if God said the waters would part, then surely they would do just that. Even though the sea rages, he steps into it. Once he does this, the waters recede and clear a path of dry land so that he and the rest of the Israelites may make their way safely to the shores of freedom. Nachshon finds himself in an interesting place. Together with his community, he stands in between a known threat—Pharaoh’s army—and the unknown consequences of a dramatic change of course. Someone has to take the first step, and Nachshon does just that.

Recently, our Temple Chai leadership found ourselves in Nachshon’s shoes. With news that the Coronavirus had reached our community and having learned much in a short time from experts in public health, we found ourselves standing between a known threat and unknown consequences. If we remained open, it was a matter of time until COVID-19 made its way into our facility and spread amongst our members. But what would happen if we stepped into the sea? Never in any of our lifetimes had we seen a religious congregation—who gathers people together as a core tenet of its mission—shut its doors to its members. What would happen if we shut our doors? What would happen if we told our members to stay home? And so on Thursday, March 12 a leadership team convened, consisting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, our entire clergy and senior staff,

and our Facilities and Security Committee Chair. We shared information. We spoke with experts. We weighed our options. Ultimately, we chose to act. In a dramatic change of course, we chose to close our doors and suspend ALL in-person congregational activities until at least the end of March, in order to do our part to mitigate the spread of this novel virus. Just like that, we became Temple Chai Virtual.

In Judaism, we understand that the mitzvah of Pikuach Nefesh—of preserving life—takes precedence of virtually all other sacred obligations. In addition, we take to heart the idea that saving just one life is tantamount to saving an entire universe. As we learn about the rapid and exponential spread of COVID-19, this teaching takes on a new and urgent meaning. We realized that many of our dedicated and loyal (and often, yes, over 65) congregants found it emotionally difficult to miss out on the programs and services we offer in person. The only way to truly ensure they would not be part of a crowd was for us to simply cancel these activities until it is once again safe for us all to be together in the same physical space.

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What does it look like to suspend in-person congregational activities? This will vary for every congregation and community, but this is what it looks like for us:

- **Open Congregation:** The Temple Chai clergy and professional staff remain available to serve our members and community in these uncertain times. We have launched a Remote Engagement Task Force that is working overtime, often into the wee hours of the morning, developing new opportunities for our members to connect to one another and to Temple Chai. In just a few short days, hundreds of our members of all ages have joined us in virtual prayer, participated in digital education, and come together to support each other in this uncertain time. The coming days will bring opportunities to meditate and reflect, to appreciate live music, to continue ongoing learning, to learn new skills, to pray, and most importantly to interact with and support one another. We may even have some fun and some laughs along the way.
- **Closed Facility:** Our building is closed to all congregant activity. Our maintenance staff is performing a deep clean of the facility and will tackle building projects that they may not have otherwise had an opportunity to do until summer.
- **Embracing Technology:** We had already begun experimenting with virtual adult education programs. Overnight, we became a completely virtual staff team. Tools like Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facebook Life, and more are our new best friends. Every day we are learning more about how to leverage each platform for

the benefit of our congregation.

- **Supportive Members:** The biggest question mark was the reaction of our members to what was, at the time, a more drastic change than other organizations were making. No one could predict the response from our congregants, which has been overwhelmingly appreciative. Messages of gratitude, support, and understanding have poured in not only from congregants here in town, but others who are spending the winter in warmer climates and even some who have long since moved away.
- **Understanding Families:** This decision may have hit no one harder than those in our community anticipating the rituals of the Jewish life cycle. Difficult conversations are taking place between our clergy and families both in mourning and looking towards upcoming celebrations. We are working with our congregants to come up with creative, adaptive, and meaningful alternatives for Jewish life observance. Thankfully, all the families have understood and appreciate these efforts. In our community, people recognize the need to be flexible during this critical time.

Of course, any initiative this large takes a village. None of this would be possible without the talents, expertise, commitment, and flexibility of our clergy, professional staff, lay leadership, and countless volunteers. From the bottom of our hearts we thank them for sharing new ideas, learning new skills, and stepping up to a (hopefully short-term) future of uncertainties—just like Nachshon. It is an honor to serve beside them.

As of publication, Temple Chai has suspended all in-person programming until May 1st. Leadership is in communication with public health officials to monitor the situation as it changes. It is our hope to return to a full schedule of congregational activities as soon as developments allow.



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Celebrating 20+ Years With Cantor Simon!



On February 22, we honored Cantor Simon for his dedication and service to the congregation for over twenty years. Temple Chai also celebrated Cantor Simon's wife, Gail, who has contributed her own unique talents to the synagogue as Youth Choir Director, among other roles. The evening celebration, attended by over 200 congregants and guests, featured the New York-based band Noah, C. + Sari.

This past spring, we also celebrated Cantor on receiving an honorary doctorate of music from his alma mater, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in recognition of his twenty-five years in the cantorate.

Cantor Simon recently reflected on his years at Temple Chai. He shared, "For over twenty years I have tried to inspire and engage our congregants by bringing to them the best traditions of Reform Judaism and by introducing the many innovations in Jewish culture that keep it vibrant and relevant in our daily lives."

Cantor Simon is realizing his goal of keeping Jewish culture vibrant and engaging at Temple Chai by co-leading a variety of innovative Shabbat services and by bringing multimedia concerts to the synagogue. In 2019, he presented concerts in both Opera and Jazz genres and costarred with award winning guest performers. He also

presented educational free concerts on topics like "The Influence of Jewish Composers, Performers, and Soul on the Jazz Genre," which featured The Hip Landsman, a jazz ensemble of Chicago professionals.

Temple Chai and its clergy team are strong supporters of Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council, and Cantor Simon has been instrumental in directing both the music and liturgy of its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. He is proud of the many friends of faith he has made over the last two decades. "The music directors and clergy of our area are incredibly dedicated faith leaders as well as musicians. Their work and professionalism are an inspiration to me every year. Our relationship—both as colleagues and as friends—has been one of the greatest blessings of my pulpit," said Cantor Simon

Cantor Simon has written music and liturgy in a variety of styles and genres for Temple Chai's Sabbath and High Holy Day services and directs its many music ensembles. He has composed upbeat children's songs for the congregation's vibrant school music program where he teaches weekly. He is also the driving force behind Temple Chai's annual witty Purim Spiel celebrations. His other pastoral duties include teaching B'nei Mitzvah students (he has taught over 1700 students), making visits to those who are ill, and officiating at various life cycle events.

He also leads adult study courses and has facilitated meditation classes at the congregation.

Cantor Simon also directs the Temple's volunteer adult choir, and collaborates with his wife, Gail, who is a respected District 102 music teacher and choir director and leads Temple Chai's youth choirs. "I am grateful to Temple Chai for allowing us to bring what we have to offer," said Gail.

When assembling the "Chai and Mighty Band", Cantor Simon often calls on his son, Nadav, who is a busy percussionist and music teacher in Chicago and around the North Shore. "One of the true joys of my professional life is working with both my wife and son here in the congregation," remarked Cantor Simon.

In reflecting on the recent celebration, Rabbi Baden commented, "It was wonderful to be able to express our love and gratitude to Cantor, Gail and the Simon family. They bring integrity, authenticity, and warmth in all that they do for Temple Chai. It is a joy to be Cantor Simon's partner. I look forward to many more years with Cantor Simon as we continue our sacred partnership in serving our very special congregation."

Legacy

Over three years ago, Temple Chai partnered with the Harold Greenspoon Foundation and the Crown Family to become a part of the Legacy Initiative administered by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Over these three years under the leadership of Bill Adolph and our Legacy Committee we have been successful in meeting the requirements of this partnership and in return received \$25,000 of grant money from the Crown Family and Greenspoon Foundation. During this time, we have received commitments from 45 members to leave a part of their own legacy to Temple Chai. It is as simple as naming Temple Chai as one of your beneficiaries in a retirement account or naming Temple Chai in your will.

We are extremely thankful to the numerous members who have participated in this initiative. Temple Chai has been a part of our lives and our community for 47 years and our hopes and prayers are that our synagogue is around to serve future generations for decades and decades to come.

Last spring, I had the honor to present a check to the board from my father-in-law, Marvin Azriel of blessed memory. Marvin was the first one of our legacy participants to pass away and therefore the first to fulfill this commitment. Temple Chai was a huge part of his life. He came to Shabbat Services almost every Friday night, attended Torah Study on Saturday mornings and most importantly watched three of his grandchildren grow up here at Temple Chai. He saw his legacy and love of Judaism continue through his grandchildren. When I approached him a couple years ago about being a part of our legacy program he did so without hesitation.

We recently observed Marvin's first yahrzeit and we know he would be so proud of his dedication to our community and would hope others would do the same. If you would like to be a part of this program please don't hesitate to contact Bill Adolph, Alison Lewin or myself. We would be happy to answer any questions.



Marvin Azriel visiting the Kotel in Jerusalem.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS WITH CANTOR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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- William Adolph & Beth Katz-Adolph
- Laurie Azriel-Prager & Howard Prager
- Rabbi & Jeffrey Baden
- David & Wynne Baruch
- Ricardo & Jennifer Bekin
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- David & Shari Damlich
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- Michael & Sandra Firsell
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- Richard Levinson
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- Bradley & Debra Nahrstadt
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- Bruce & Linda Gordon
- Robert & Sandra Greenberg
- Charles & Eileen Kuenneth
- Gerard & Terry Moons
- Laura & Avi Perpinyal
- Mitchell & Marcy Weinstein

Welcoming Gil Hoffman To Temple Chai

On their last day in Jerusalem, Temple Chai Israel Trip travelers were both educated and entertained by Gil Hoffman, the chief political correspondent and analyst for *The Jerusalem Post*. Gil Hoffman engaged his audience with humor as he discussed many aspects of Israeli society, including the Israeli elections, Israeli start-ups and threats from Iran. Israeli Television calls Hoffman “The most optimistic man in Israel.” Hoffman has a special connection with the U.S. after growing up in Lincolnwood, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University’s School of Journalism, and writing for the Miami Herald and Arizona Republic before moving to Israel.

Temple Chai is honored to have Gil Hoffman address the congregation, address the congregation virtually. As of publication, our team is working with Mr. Hoffman to schedule a private session for Temple Chai members. Please watch your email for details.



Gil Hoffman — Jerusalem Post
Chief Political Correspondent.

Well-connected to Israeli and Palestinian leaders, he has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum, has been interviewed by top media on six continents and is a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets. Called “The most optimistic man in Israel” by Israel Television, Hoffman provides a behind the scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena.

He was raised in Chicago, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University’s School of Journalism, and wrote for the Miami Herald and Arizona Republic before moving to Israel. A reserve soldier in the IDF Spokesperson’s Unit, he has lectured in every major English-speaking country in the world, more than half the Canadian provinces, and recently made history in Hawaii by becoming the first speaker to have lectured about Israel in all 50 US states. He lives with his family in Jerusalem.

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How do we teach our children to be like Nachshon?



communities. Sometimes that is speaking up when you hear a negative comment and sometimes that's putting your values into action to help educate others. Sometimes it's a small step that can really make a huge impact on someone's life and in the broader community.

And then after an amazing Purim celebration, our Temple Chai leadership made the difficult, though necessary, decision to implement Social Distancing. We needed to pivot and step up! That first Sunday when there was no Religious School in the building, we met online! We had almost full classes of students joining us virtually for story-time with our beloved teacher Valerie Gangware, for text study and prayer and our high school students met with Rabbi Baden to debrief their new (ab)normal.

The world can feel like a scary place and we don't always know when we should step up or step out. There is a saying: we make plans and God laughs! That said, if we are grounded in our values, we can use them when we need to pivot and step up! Even though the world is changing extremely fast, over the past few months, we've had an opportunity to explore with our students when others have stepped up or stepped out and why.

In February, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) came to our school to first meet with parents and then with our high school students. In each presentation the ADL discussed the State of Hate and what we can each do to make a difference in our

I'm so proud of our ability to step up in the face of a new challenge. For our teachers to think creativity and laterally as we all acted as Nachshon and took uncharted steps into virtual teaching and creating of community. I'm proud that our entire community can help empower our students to learn from their past, to take the example from Nachsohn, that they can take a step and make a positive impact on our future, and all the more so, in unsettling times! May we continue to grow from strength to strength and be in person together again soon!

Jewish Life Vocabulary

April 5	הגדה, Telling, Haggadah	ה hey
April 12/9	Review of Previous words!	א alef
April 26	זהב, Gold, Tzahav	ז zayin
May 3	ישראל, Israel, Yisrael	י yud
May 10	לֹא תִּבְרָח, Until We Meet Again, L'hitraot	ל lamed

School Snapshots



Adult Learning Opportunities

Upcoming Adult Education Programs

All programs will be offered virtually unless communicated otherwise at a later point in time.



April Virtual Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Baden

Thursday, April 2 12:00 p.m.

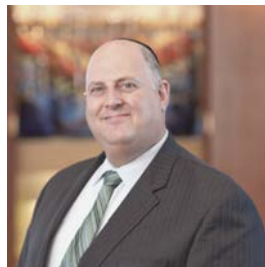
Innovations for your Seder! From Recipes to readings, we'll discuss some new innovations to add to your passover experience this year! Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/TCLunchLearn04022020>



April Parenting Series - Jewish Texts on Tech with Becky Salasche, LCSW

Sunday, April 19th 9:15 a.m.

Join Becky Salasche, LCSW for a conversation over ZOOM on Jewish texts on Tech(nology) and Social Media.



May Mini-Mester with Cantor Scott Simon

Wednesdays, May 13, 20, & 27 12:00 p.m.

Join Cantor Simon for a mid-week learning series on Jewish musicians and composers of the Oscars. This will tie in to the June Third Thursday session.

Third Thursday Programs

The April program will be offered virtually via Zoom. Our May and June programs are scheduled as normal as of publication. Please check our website for any updates.

April

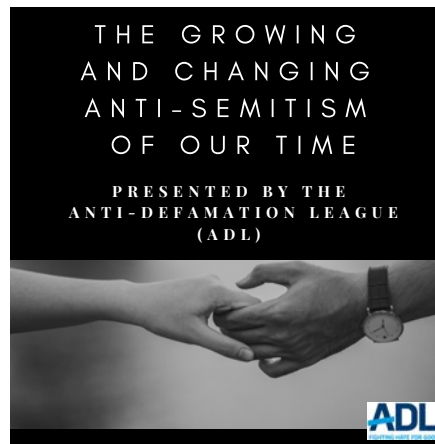
4/16/2020 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



Barry Bradford presents Favorite First Ladies. We will examine how the historical roles of women have changed from the days of marvelous Martha Washington, a slave owner, to modern Michelle Obama, the descendent of slaves and Melania Trump, immigrant to the U.S. and everyone in between!

May

5/21/2020 • 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.



The Anti-Defamation League presents The Growing and Changing Anti-Semitism of our time.

June

6/18/2020 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



Cantor Simon presents a musical smorgasbord at 'Cantor's Deli of Song!'. Enjoy a foray into the works and lives of Hollywood's greatest Jewish composers, study the lives of Oscar winning hit writers and hear the tunes that enthralled generations of Americans from the silver screen. This is in conjunction with the May Lunch 'n Learn series and will be the culminating class.

Women of Temple Chai

Women of Temple Chai is very fortunate to have many members that step up and take on leadership roles or join a committee to help on one or more of our projects. The relationships and friendships that develop from volunteering is wonderful to behold. WTC is blessed with women who really make a difference for our temple and our community! Because of their participation, WTC has been able to provide a rich assortment of activities and opportunities for everyone at Temple Chai. This demonstrates our mission statement: "Women of Temple Chai connects all the women in our congregation to each other, to Temple Chai and to our community." As co-presidents of WTC, we are extremely grateful to our board members, committee chairs and volunteers who continuously create the love, strength, and devotion to WTC, each other and our temple. Thank you to you all!



"Women of Temple Chai connects all the women in our congregation to each other, to Temple Chai and to our community."

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All Levels Are Welcome, Please Join Us!

Mah Jongg / Canasta Tournament

Sunday May 31st

Please Register by May 27th
with either a check, or online with a credit card

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	11:30 - 12:15 p.m.	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Registration	Luncheon	Tournament

Enjoy Three Fun Filled Hours of Mah Jongg or Canasta With
Great Raffles, Game Prizes, and Much More!

\$45 Women of Temple Chai / \$48 Non-Member
Price includes a card table, lunch, snacks and desserts

MAH JONGG
Come as a foursome or we can help create a table for you, just let us know.

CANASTA
Register with one partner for Tournament play. Four partners if playing outside the Tournament.
Remember to bring your own snack tables, Mah Jongg set or Canasta equipment.

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 27th Mah Jongg / Canasta Tournament May 31, 2020 Registration Form PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 27th

Name: _____ Mah Jongg _____ Canasta _____
 Email: _____ Phone _____
 Player(s) in your group (please include their emails) _____

PAYING BY CHECK: checks should be made payable to *Women of Temple Chai*, 1670 Checker Rd, Long Grove, IL 60047, Attn: Mah Jongg / Canasta Tournament. Please indicate which tournament you are playing in.
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 Or use the QR Code below Make sure to enter your partners name(s) and which game you are playing in the notes section.

For more information contact
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Top 5 Israeli TV Shows on Netflix and Amazon Prime to Keep You Going!



Shtisel



Fauda



The Good Cop



Mossad 101



The Beauty & the Baker

Looking for something to watch to keep you busy during these crazy times? Try one of these popular Israeli TV shows (or all of them!) You can even practice your Hebrew with some of them.

Stepping Up As A Chai Guy

There it was! The last (first), open parking space on the night of the Congregational Shabbat Dinner. This is the space closest to Checker Road. It was already 6:15 P.M., the start time for Oneg & deli dinner.

I turned the steering wheel hard right. I headed straight at the open parking space.

The problem: instead of turning right into Temple Chai's parking lot, I turned right into the snow-covered field just east of the front entrance. Not having 4-wheel or all-wheel drive, I got stuck in the snow. I mean really stuck. I tried rocking the car, but no success. I put on my 4-way emergency flashers and walked into the Temple lobby. Within minutes five of

the Chai Guys were putting on coats and coming out to help, while another member kept recruiting others – those who didn't have bad backs. In the end, with the help of the many Chai Guys who interrupted their Shabbat dinner with their families and friends to assist me, I was able to get unstuck and make it in for Shabbat.

What does it really mean to be a Chai Guy? Stepping up with acts of loving kindness and thinking of others in need of help. A huge todah rabah to Howard Reiss, Ryan, Lloyd, David, Steve B., Barry R. and anyone else I may have missed. I was very proud of our Chai Guys that night.



Pictures from the March 6th Chai Guys & Women of Temple Chai Shabba

“What does it really mean to be a Chai Guy? Stepping up with acts of loving kindness and thinking of others in need of help.”

Al Nitilat Yadayim The Jewish Prayer For Washing Hands

In these difficult (and probably the cleanest your house has been) times, know that Judaism is there to help you wash your hands!



Washing Hands

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al nitilat yadayim.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to wash hands.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם.

Humans of Temple Chai: Sam and Dede Harris



Samuel and Dede Harris

Residents of Kildeer

Married 58 years

Children: daughter Julie and her husband Jeff and their two children Jeremy and Jessica. Their son David, of blessed memory, is deceased.

Temple Chai members 20 years

Ask Sam Harris what motivates him and he'll tell you that sharing the story of his life, and what he lived through keeps him going. "Many in this world choose to ignore the horrors of the Holocaust or don't believe it happened," he said. But I lived it and it would be a shame if I didn't share it. I feel I owe it to the world."

As difficult as that story is, Sam has shared it in books, in film, in a hologram, (now at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie) and to thousands of children and adults in schools, churches, synagogues and community centers as well as the museum, which he founded in 2009.

Born in Demblin, Poland in 1935 to a large family of seven brothers and sisters, Sam was just four years old when Hitler and his army overran his town. Following the Nazi occupation, Demblin was turned into a ghetto where thousands would die from starvation, illness and overcrowding. In 1942 Sam and his family were rounded up for deportation. In the frenzy of the round up, Sam's father told him to jump out of line and run. Sam escaped death, but watched in horror as his brothers, sisters and parents were marched toward the railcars. He would never see his parents again. He was just seven years old. As the round ups decreased, the Deblin ghetto was converted into a concentration camp. Miraculously, Sam was able to hide from the guards and survive in the darkness of the barracks. On January 6, 1945, he was liberated by the Russian army.

Following the war Sam was placed in an orphanage in Poland and then went with two surviving sisters to Vienna. In 1947 he was set to leave for Israel upon the historic ship Exodus but because he missed the ship, ended up traveling to the US where he was adopted by the Harris family of Northbrook. "It was beshert that he ended up missing that ship," said Dede. (The Exodus carried 4,500 Holocaust survivors and was commandeered by the British after the ship reached Palestinian waters with the intent of sending the survivors back to Europe.)

Sam explains, "In 1948 at the age of 12 I became Sammy Harris of Northbrook, Illinois. My given name was Szlamek Rzeznik. I had to try to figure out how to become Sammy, an American child. I didn't know how to do that. I had missed so much."

Following graduation from New Trier H.S., Sam got his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Grinnell College. In 2001, Sam wrote his autobiography, *Sammy, Child Survivor of the Holocaust*. It has been

translated into multiple languages and is required reading in parts of Europe. Sam's message is, and continues to be, stand up to bullies. "Hitler was a bully. We can't allow it. When you see someone being a bully, it's up to us to stop it."

Sam met his wife Dede in 1959 after Dede's sister fixed them up. "After 3 dates I knew I wanted to marry him, but we waited six months," said Dede. "This June will be 59 years."

A graduate of Von Steuben High School in Chicago, and both the University of Illinois and University of Chicago, Dede has been creating art her whole life. Dede is the author of *The Children's Tree of Terezin*, about how a group of children and their teacher at the prison camp Thereisenstadt lovingly nurtured a maple tree while surrounded by the worst of humanity. A descendant of that silver maple is now growing on the grounds of the Skokie museum (as well as Temple Chai), and cuttings have been replanted at schools and synagogues across the area.

Her latest book is *If Only My Belt Could Speak*. "This latest book is about the only item that Sam had on him after coming out of the camps," said Dede. In addition to art and books, Dede is also a docent at the museum the Harris's helped create.

One thing you can say about Sam and Dede is that neither of them allows grass to grow under their feet. Always involved in a project—a film, a book or a presentation, the Harris's know how important it is to be involved in the Jewish community. Sam and Dede have been connected to Temple Chai for 20 years. Says Dede, "I love the warmth of the people at Temple Chai. We consider all the clergy to be dear friends. We think that this is a wonderful home for us. Added Sam, "And, there are so many docents from Temple Chai at the museum. We are so proud of that!"

Watch Sam's Documentary — Sammy the Journey - at <http://sammythejourney.com/movies/>

Community Yom HaShoah Service

Holocaust ~~Remembrance~~ Day

Monday, April 20th hosted by virtually by Temple Chai

www.templechai.org



Please join us online for
an evening of reflection,
remembrance, and
inspiration.



Featured Speaker

Sam Harris

Sam Harris was born in Poland in 1935 and survived the Holocaust as a child. He is the author of "Sammy, Child Survivor of the Holocaust" and President Emeritus of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. We are grateful to him for sharing his remarkable story with us at this Yom HaShoah service.



The Tree of Jewish Children planted in 1943 in the Theresienstadt ghetto



A sapling of the Terezin Tree donated by the Harris family and planted at Temple Chai



Spice of Chai



PASSOVER CHEESE KUGEL

Submitted by Mae Schwab

4 matzos, each about 6x6 inches
2 c. (16 oz.) cottage cheese
3 eggs
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 c. sugar
1 T. lemon juice
Grated rind of 1/2 lemon
1/2 c. raisins
1/2 c. broken or coarsely-chopped walnuts
6 T. melted butter
Sour cream (for serving)

Heat oven to 325°. Soak whole matzos in cold water to cover until slightly softened, but not mushy, about 1 1/2 minutes. Drain thoroughly. Mix the cottage cheese, eggs, salt, sugar, lemon juice, lemon rind, raisins, and walnuts. Pour about 3 tablespoons melted butter into an 8-inch square baking dish or cake pan of about 2-quart volume. Set 1 whole matzo in the pan, filling in any spaces with pieces from another matzo. Spread half the cheese mixture in the pan. Cover with another layer of matzo. Spread the remaining cheese mixture in the pan. Top with a layer of matzos. Sprinkle the remaining melted butter on top. Bake for about 1 hour, or until set and the top is browned. Serve hot or lukewarm; cut in squares and serve accompanied by sour cream. Makes 6 servings.



PASSOVER LASAGNA

Submitted by Irma Cravath

2 (8 oz.) cans of tomato sauce
1 (1 lb.) ctn. Cottage cheese
1/2 lbs shredded muenster cheese
Garlic (opt.)
3 or 4 matzos
Salt & pepper
2 eggs

Beat eggs; mix with cottage cheese, salt, pepper, and garlic. We matzos to soften (not soggy). Pour a little sauce on bottom of 8x8-inch pan. Layer remaining ingredients (matzos, cottage cheese mixture, tomato sauce, Muenster cheese). End with Muenster cheese. Bake at 350° for 45 – 50 minutes. Let stand 5 – 10 minutes.

Email Scott Goode at 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.

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**.

Around the Temple



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Virtual Sunday School



Shabbat Under The Stars



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B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Congratulations to our B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants for April and May.



Jack Slavik, son of Robin and Mike, is in seventh grade at Twin Groves. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family when he is not playing baseball or basketball.



Justin Shorris, son of Nancy and Perry Shorris and brother of Jeremy, is a seventh grader at Aptakistic Junior High School. He enjoys performing in theater productions, playing percussion and spending time with friends and family.



Zack Greenberg is the son of Lisa and Gary Greenberg. He is a 7th grader at Aptakistic Junior High. Zack likes watching football with his brothers JJ and Ben and he enjoys playing hockey, lacrosse and flag football.



Lindsey Goldberg, daughter of Jill and Scott and sister of Stephanie, is in the seventh grade at Aptakistic Junior High School. She enjoys ice skating, baking, making art and spending time with friends and family.



Andy Edmonds, son of Jim and Lauren, is a 7th grader at Cooper Middle School and is excited to become a Bar Mitzvah in May. He loves to play baseball, go to the movies with his friends, and hang out with his parents and sister, Abby.

Celebrating Rabbinic Ordinations

Temple Chai is proud to announce that this spring, two of our Temple families will be celebrating the rabbinic ordination of their children from Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion. Ben Azriel will be serving as Rabbi Educator and Rabbi Administrator at two synagogues in South Western Ohio. Austin Zoot will be the Rabbi Educator at The Valley Temple of Cincinnati. Mazel tov and yashar koach to both of these incredible individuals!



Ben Azriel

From Consecration at Temple Chai to the Old City in Jerusalem we are so excited and proud to see Ben fulfill his longtime dream of becoming a rabbi. There is so much to look forward to as he has so many talents and treasures to share wherever his path will lead.

The Azriel and Prager Family



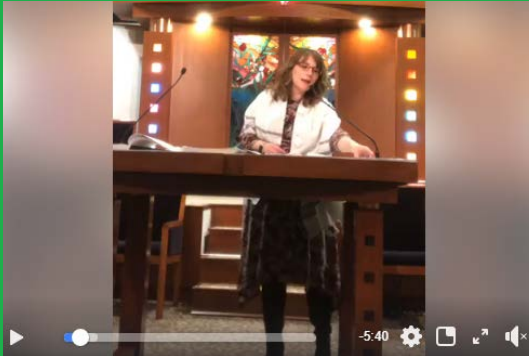
Austin Zoot

On behalf of our entire extended family, we couldn't be more proud of Austin's hard work and accomplishments. We are excited for the future of the Jewish people through his enthusiastic leadership.

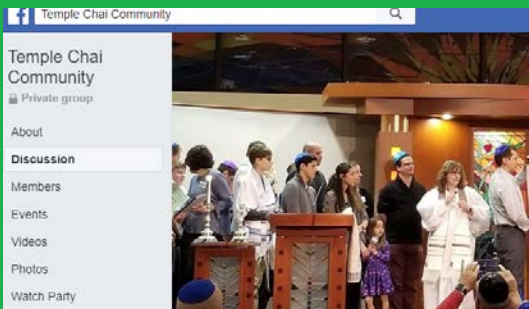
The Zoot Family

HOW TO ACCESS TEMPLE CHAI PROGRAMMING REMOTELY

FACEBOOK FOR COMMUNITY AND STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES



Temple Chai will be streaming all Shabbat and other holiday worship experiences on Facebook Live through the Temple's Facebook page. You can access our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Chai-357859136662/> or search Temple Chai



Temple Chai has created a members community group to allow our congregation to come together virtually. This group will be used to post recorded Zoom classes, have fun social engagements through Facebook Live, and check in on each other. Join us there by searching "Temple Chai Community".

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR NON-WORSHIP RELATED TEMPLE PROGRAMMING



What is Zoom?

Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing platform that can be used for video conferencing meetings, audio conferencing, webinars, meeting recordings, and live chat. **Temple Chai will be using the Zoom platform for virtual classes & meetings. Services will be streamed through Facebook on the Temple Facebook page.**

Zoom Meetings

A "Zoom Meeting" simply refers to a meeting that's hosted using Zoom, and attendees can join the meeting in-person, via webcam or video conferencing camera, or via phone. A link with call in information will be made available for each individual "meeting".

How To Join A Zoom Meeting

Joining a Zoom meeting is as easy as clicking on the link that Temple Chai provides. If you need more Zoom provides a detailed guide on how to join a meeting at: bit.ly/TCZoomFAQ



For additional information or questions, please contact Scott Goode - SGoode@TempleChai.org

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- For the Birth of Parker Ken Lisnek, Michele and Bill Michlin's grandson (PNF)

Mell, Michael & Sharon

- In Honor Of Cantor Simon's 20 years plus celebration (CSDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of our mothers Ruth Mell and Jeanne Goodman (RBDF)

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- For the Yahrzeit of Our beautiful daughter Abigail Rose Shack (CSDF)

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- In Memory Of Sheldon Block (CCF)

Pivar, Gary & Cara

- For the Yahrzeit of Shirley Taussig (CCF)

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– For the Yahrzeit of Alan M. Rosenbloom (CSDF)

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– In Honor Of Cantor Simon (CSDF)

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– For the Yahrzeit of Ann and Max Maston (GDF)

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Simon, Linda

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Waltz, Steven & Andrea

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Weiner, David & Patricia

– For the Yahrzeit of Arnold M. Weiner (RHDF)

Weissman, Esther

– For the Yahrzeit of Raymond Weissman (RBDF)

Zohar, Albert & Aliza

– For the Yahrzeit of Shimon Ohana (RBDF)

Donations

Donations can be made in honor, on behalf of, or in memory of a person or event. You can see a description of all available funds from our website at templechai.shulcloud.com/payment.php.

Many employers will match your donations. Please check with your employer about potentially increasing the value of your donations to Temple Chai. Donations to Temple Chai, a 501(c)3 organization, are tax deductible. A minimum donation of \$18 is required to send an acknowledgment letter. All donations will be recognized in the bi-monthly ChaiLites publication.

Funds That Received Donations

Cantor Simon's Discretionary Fund (CSDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
Caring Community (CC)	Assist congregant families in times of need and celebration
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Pikuach Nefesh Fund (PNF)	Support individuals and families to meet their Temple Chai financial obligation
Prayer Book Fund (PBF)	<i>Siddurim</i> (prayer books) and <i>Chumashim</i> (Torah commentary) for Temple Chai
Rabbi & Mendy Hart Israel Action Fund (RMHIAF)	Promote greater involvement in, and connection to, the State of Israel
Rabbi Baden's Discretionary Fund (RBDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
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Waterman Family Music Fund (WFMF)	Support Temple Chai Music and Fine Arts programming
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To: Barbara and Mitch Bryan

In memory of your father, Sheldon Block

**From: Linda and Don Brubaker
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Terry and Jerry Moons**

To: Inez Freed

In memory of your husband, Lawrence Freed

From: Terry and Jerry Moons

To: Debbie and Larry Gluskin

Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Lauren Sophie Gluskin

**From: Debbie and Dave Robins
Women of Temple Chai**

To: Mr. & Mrs. David Klein and Family

In memory of your father, Leslie Klein

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To: Michele and Bill Michlin

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson,
Parker Ken Lisnek*

**From: Linda and Don Brubaker
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To: Syndee Miller and Family

In memory of your mother, Dvora Weiss

From: Debbie and Dave Robins

To: Roslyn and Jamie Topolski

In memory of your mother, Millicent Grossman

From: Linda and Don Brubaker

To: April B'nei Mitzvahs;

**Zach Greenberg, Justin Shorris,
Jack Slavik**

Mazel Tov on becoming B'nei Mitzvahs

From: Women of Temple Chai

To: May B'nei Mitzvahs;

**Andrew Edmonds,
Lindsey Goldberg**

Mazel Tov on becoming B'nei Mitzvahs

From: Women of Temple Chai

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 franstc@hotmail.com to send a Uniongram. Contact Sandi Firsell at sfirsell@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 franstc@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.

Life Cycle

MAZEL TOV TO:

Donna and James McCabe on the marriage of their daughter, Samantha to Dr. Alex Jacob Ruby on January 18, 2020.

Howard Deutsch on his marriage to **Lisa Dunn** on March 15, 2020.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Barbara Bryan on the death of your father, Sheldon Block.

Wynne Baruch on the death of your mother, Sandra Zelen.

Howard Deutsch on the death of your father, Earl Deutsch.

Dan Hirschberg on the death of your cousin, Stacy Foltz.

Marlene Kozer on the death of your husband, Seymour Kozer.

Eileen Kuenneth on the death of your cousin, Stacy Foltz.

Deb Mattes on the death of your mother, Sandra Falk.

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**MAY THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES
BE FOR A BLESSING.**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY CHAILITES IS APRIL 20TH.

**Thank you to all the
medical professionals and
first responders serving our
communities during this uncertain time.**



**You are an inspiration to all of us and
we appreciate everything you have done
and continue to do.**