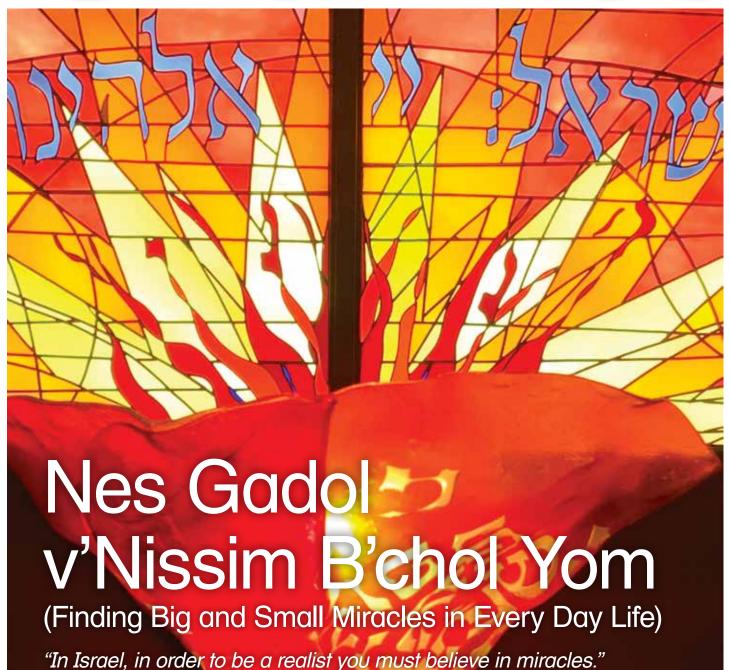
# ChaiLites



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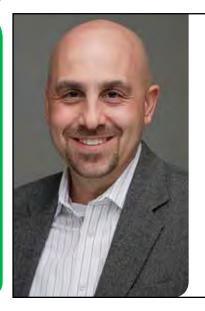
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#### **Are You Getting All Our Temple** Communications?

Do you get the weekly e-blast on Wednesday afternoons and our Chai Cares notifications about life cycle events in the congregation? If NOT, please contact Scott Goode at **sgoode@templechai.org**. If you have changed your email address (or other contact information) you can log onto your member portal account at templechai.shulcloud.com



By Dan Gingiss

## Why Chai?

We joined Temple Chai because of the warm and welcoming atmosphere, the outstanding clergy, and because we had a lot of friends here. We've stayed for those same reasons. I enjoy Friday night services, especially when the band plays and Rabbi does her current events discussion afterward. I also love playing on the men's softball team and attending the various musical events that Cantor organizes. What really stood out was how Rabbi and Cantor personalized my son's Bar Mitzvah service even though they lead dozens of them each year. They helped create a lasting memory.

## Nes v'Nissim



As we take out our dreidels in preparation for the Chanukah holiday, we cannot help but notice the letters on each of its sides: Nun, Gimmel, Hey, and Shin-an acronym for the Hebrew phrase: Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, "A great miracle happened there." These words remind us of the miracle story of this festival in which the Israelites found only one cask of pure oil with which to kindle the Eternal Light when they reclaimed the Holy Temple. This cask was supposed to last for only one day, but instead allowed the lamp to burn for an entire week plus one extra day. This, it is said, is why we celebrate eight nights of Chanukah—to remind us of the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days.

This teaching might lead us to believe that events are only considered miraculous when something happens that defies the laws of physics and natures. Yet, we find that the same Hebrew word, Nes, appears in our liturgy each and every morning in a more

mundane fashion. At the beginning of the service, we read a series of blessings called Nissim b'chol Yom, "Miracles that Happen Every Day." This prayer reminds us how special it is to wake up each and every dayto open our eyes, clothe our bodies, walk with a sense of purpose, and enjoy our status as free human beings.

The juxtaposition of these "big" and "little" miracles reminds me of a teaching from Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav: As the hand held before the eye conceals the greatest mountain, so the little earthly life hides form the glance the enormous lights and mysteries of which the world is full. People who can draw it away from before their eyes—as one draws away a hand—beholds the great shining of the inner worlds.

As we enter this Chanukah season, may we all take away our hand from our eyes so that we can see, experience, and savor the many miracles we encounter.

#### **MLK SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICE**

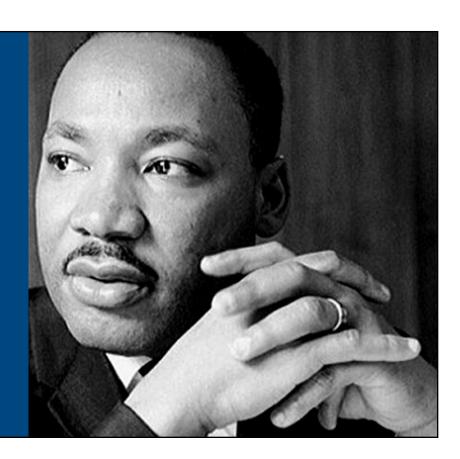
HONORING THE LIFE AND **WORKS OF DR. MARTIN** LUTHER KING JR.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 2019 KABBALAT PANIM AT 6:15 PM

FEATURED SPEAKER **USENI PERKINS - POET,** PLAYWRITE, ACTIVIST, LEADER

COMBINED WORSHIP BAND

HOSTED AT TEMPLE CHAI WITH CONGREGATIONS BETH AM & BETH JUDEA



# EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE JAM!! BRING A FRIEND!

## SHABBAT SHIRAH UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:15 PM MUSIC AND BYO DINNER

7:00 PM ROCKIN' SABBATH SERVICE



BRING LAWN CHAIRS
& BLANKETS

## Kol Sason — A Voice of Joy!



Shalom u'vrachah – Peace and Blessings to you!

O.K. here we go! The first night of Chanukah, the 25th of Kislev, falls on Sunday night the 22nd of December. The Temple Chai Chanukah Sabbath service celebration falls on Friday the 27th and we'll all fall on plates of fried latkes and *Sufganiyot* every night in between and then some. With the holiday falling during winter break the temptation to cuddle in oily kitchen comfort will be high. I know it will take Maccabean strength to resist but stay strong my friends!

Miraculous Chanukah festivities will ensue on Shabbat evening Friday the 27th, at 6:15 p.m., featuring a pre-service Chanukah party jam with the Chai & Mighty Players rockin' out pop Chanukah tunes, served up with holiday treats and dreydels to spin. Bring your favorite Chanukiah, and candles for the family friendly service featuring Chanukiah lighting and a singalong.

Miraculous moments continue in 2020 as we proudly host the Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat on Friday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. joined by our neighbors, Congregations Beth Am and Beth Judea. Our featured speaker will be the incredible American poet, paywright, activist and youth worker Chicagoan Euseni Perkins, author of 'Hey Black Child' and other literature treasured by the African American community. Eusini has been a rock of the community for over fifty years and will cut to the heart of the African American experience in Chicago today. Don't miss this wonderful night of understanding and music featuring an incredible ensemble with three cantors honoring Dr. King and his legacy of justice, righteousness and change. (See Ad)

Our gratitude goes out to all who supported not just our Temple's High Holy Day worship experience, but the many concerts and special services for the last two months. Our choirs, musicians and sound engineers created an uncountable number of miracles small and large and left us amazed and inspired. It would not have been the same without them! Last but certainly not least, please join me in thanking the Baruch Family Foundation and Concert Series for the unbelievably amazing performance by Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago who tore the roof off the sanctuary at their concert on Sunday, November 3rd. With their miraculous support we continue to bring the highest quality, most innovative contemporary performers from Chicago and around the country to our Bimah! Kol Hakavod!

"Thank you to the Baruch Family Foundation for sponsoring the unbelievably amazing performance by Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago and for the upcoming February concert featuring Soulfarm & Sari."

## **Great Miracles** Are Here!



We often think of miracles as big, audacious events; things that happen once in a lifetime. Granted, there are many such miracles in our tradition. At the same time though, there is liturgy, or prayers called Nissim b'chol Yom — Daily miracles. Each morning we read: "Thank you God for opening my eyes, Thank you God for making me a Jew, Thank you God for protecting Israel..." To our ancient rabbis a miracle happened every morning when we simply woke up! The Rabbis and other ancient thinkers didn't quite understand what happened to our bodies when we slept. They didn't have an understanding of science and biology, and thought our souls left our bodies to return to us in the morning. Our liturgy reflects this: we sing the Hashkivenu at night and say: "ufros alienu sukkat shlomech," "spread over us a shelter of your peace," meaning protect us in the night, from the things we can't see or understand. Then in the morning we sing Elohai Neshama which thanks God for returning our soul to

our body. There is even a prayer that thanks God for making all of our veins, arteries and other tubes work!! If you think about it in this most basic way, it is literally a miracle that we breathe while we sleep, that our bodies wake up and we are aware of the world around us. There are so many elements to a human body that it is truly a daily miracle when it all works the way it should!

I am grateful to share these prayers with our students in school. One of my favorite things is to lead *t'fillah* with our students and to pray the Nissim b'chol Yom, The Daily Miracles, as written in our *siddur* (prayer book) but then ask our students to share their Daily Miracles. What a way to start your day!! Our students are thoughtful and reflective, eager to share their daily miracles like: having a loving family, trees around us to help us breathe, friends and being a part of a community, even grateful for our teachers! Yes, each of these when you break it down is truly a miracle. Seeing our students make these connections and appreciate the awe of simple things is truly a blessing!

On the driedel it reads: Nes Gadol Hayah Sham — a great miracle happened there, meaning in Jerusalem. But on driedels in Israel it reads: Nes Gadol Hayah Po a great miracle happened here. If I could be so bold, I would change the phrase to be: Yesh Nes Gadol Po — we have great miracles here! And I'm grateful to experience them with our students on a daily basis.

#### Consecration and School









## Jewish Life Vocabulary

As part of our new initiative to infuse Hebrew into our community even more, each week of school we will be exploring a new Hebrew letter and many words that start with that letter. This is an example of one word from each letter, though there are 5-10 more words we will be adding to this list each week! (Please note that the italicized words are the transliteration of the pronunciation of the Hebrew words in English.)

<u>Date</u>	Hebrew Letter of the Week	Hebrew Word of the Week
December 8th	1 Nun	O1 Nes – Miracle
December 15th	<b>х</b> Alef	אור Or – Light
January 12th	T Daled	(ה) דוד Dod/Dodah – Uncle/Aunt
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	n Chet	חורף <i>Choref</i> – Winter
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	и Ayyin	עץ Aitz Tree

## Women of Temple Chai

Women of Temple Chai members are part of a whole temple community which steps up and brings the miracles of happiness and smiles to so many needy individuals.

- Donating school supplies at the beginning of the year has helped many children feel happy starting the year off right in their schools.
- Dreidel Do-gooder's is a program for Chanukah where children from ages infancy through twenty get wish lists granted. Our congregants chose a dreidel with the list for a particular child and purchased something or everything from the list to give to this child. What a special miracle for these children on Chanukah!
- The clothing drive for Cradles-To-Crayons provided winter clothing for children in need, such as winter coats, mittens, scarves and hats. The joy of staying warm in the winter should be a given right to all children, but unfortunately this is not the case. For these children it is a miracle that they received these warm items.

Important Dates for Your Calendar			
Sunday, December 8	Holiday Bazaar	9:00 а.м.— 3:00 р.м.	Temple Chai
Monday, December 9	Lilith Salon	II:45 а.м. — I:30 р.м.	Temple Chai
Tuesday, January 21	Girls Night Out - Dinner and a Movie	5:30 р.м. dinner	TBD
Sunday, January 26	Simcha Showcase	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Temple Chai
Sunday, February 9	Bingo Dinner and Prizes	4:00 — 8:00 р.м.	Temple Chai





## Chai Guys **Brotherhood**

Over the last three and a half years, the Chai Guys Brotherhood and the Women of Temple Chai have enjoyed doing many activities together. Whether a joint fundraiser, Sip & Savor in the Sukkah, or Trivia Night, a strong bond of friendship and synergy has been nurtured and continues to develop. We have all learned that we are stronger together. We are all looking forward to our future events: Pizza Bingo on February 9th and a "Chai Ways" Road Rally on May 17th.

These may or may not be small miracles, but they seem to be expanding into greater ones.

Through cooperation and creativity, things are truly better for both groups. JOIN US. The adventure has already begun.









Join the Chai Guys Brotherhood for a fun evening full of Tacos, Tequila, and more!

Sunday, December 8th 7:00 p.m. **RSVP** at: bit.ly/TCPrograms



Save the Date Family Pizza Bingo! Sunday, February 9 4:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the children of Temple Chai

Sponsored by the Chai Guys Brotherhood and Women of Temple Chai

## Miracles in Israel

Eighty Israel trip travelers are looking forward with great anticipation to celebrating Chanukah in Israel. Trip participants will be reciting, "Nes Gadol Haya Po" — "A Great Miracle Happened Here". With both Senior Rabbi Ilana Baden and Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Hart, accompanying our group, this trip will certainly generate wonderful memories for a lifetime.

In addition to seeing ancient sites and new innovations, the group will spend some time in southern Israel, all the way to the port city of Eilat. An underwater coral reef and water sports are among the many activities travelers will enjoy in the balmy air. The B'nei Mitzvah service will be quite spectacular among the beautiful red rock formations in Timna Valley Park. Trip participants will also have an opportunity to take a dip in the Dead Sea, and hike near Ein Gedi.

This year, we were so fortunate to be able to award a \$500 scholarship to seven students on the trip from the Rabbi Stephen and Mendy Hart Israel Action Fund, through donations made by you. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fund.

Please mark your calendar for the December 20th Israel Trip Shabbat Service. The travelers will receive a special blessing for the trip, and a dinner will be held for the travelers after the service.

You will be able to find highlights from the trip while they are travelling on the Temple facebook page.







Pictures from the pre-trip Dinner and Havdallah



## **Humans of Temple Chai:** The Stettners



The Buffalo Grove home of the Stettner family is a busy one. Like many families with two young children, the day begins early with Ali on the road at 6:00 am to get to her teaching job in Beach Park and Jordan ferrying the kids to school—7 year old Lior to Tripp in Buffalo Grove, and 4 year old Levi to pre-school at JCYS—before getting to his management position at Superior Optical in Glenview.

Ali and Jordan have been members of Temple Chai since 2015. Joining Temple Chai was an easy choice for the Stettners. Ali's mom, Ellen, had been a religious school teacher at Temple Chai and dad Marc Fenton, and step mom Michele, have been members for many years.

Ali grew up in the Buffalo Grove community, attending Stevenson High School, and then went on to the University of Kansas, where she met future husband Jordan. "I thought that law school was going to be my future," explained Ali. Convinced by her mother and grandmother to consider teaching, Ali says she never looked back after deciding to become an English teacher. "This was and is my calling," said Ali. "I love my students and I advocate for them every day. Many of them come from difficult homes. It gives you perspective on your own life."

Ali finds that journaling daily helps to slow down the hectic pace of motherhood, full-time work and other responsibilities. "I sign my journal, with gratitude and strength, Ali explained. "I am very grateful for the blessings that life has given me."

One of those blessings is membership at Temple Chai. "I love that my boys are growing up here, "said Ali. "I can't wait for the day that they become B'nei Mitzvah and are told by Rabbi Baden, I remember when you were 'this big.' Membership at Temple Chai is warm, the clergy is accessible and the people make us feel so comfortable. Being an active member of the Jewish community is so important to me."

Ali credits her grandparents for her strong Jewish roots. "I was influenced by my Bubbe and Papa to embrace our values, our family, our culture, our foods. I hope I am making them proud."

We think they are very proud of Ali, Jordan, Lior and Levi. Temple Chai is proud and grateful to have this family as part of its congregation.

## **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 for details.

## Teen Madrichim at Temple Chai



As this edition of ChaiLites hits your mailbox, the students at Temple Chai will be learning about the Hebrew letter mem. This Hebrew

letter is the first letter in the word madrich/madrichah. The literal translation of this word is "guide" or "counselor". And for those in Sunday school, they would know this to be the term we use to call our teen volunteers.

The Temple Chai *Madrichim* program is an incredible opportunity for the teens in our kehillah (community) to give back to the synagogue. These 7th – 12th graders volunteer their time and effort each Sunday in our classrooms, in the school office, working with students who have special needs, song leading, and teaching Hebrew. They also spend time learning and developing their leadership and mentoring skills with multiple learning sessions with myself, Michele Perlman – our inclusion specialist, and participating in a full day training session with NFTY. Many of these teens are also

involved in the other teen programs temple offers, as participants and leaders in ChAmPY (the high school youth group), as students in our Jr. Chai & Chai School programs, and in the temple's social action programming.

As I think about our madrichim, I am in awe of the talent and dedication they bring with them. In this season of miracles and light, these teen madrichim are one of our brightest. Laura, myself, our teachers, and our students are truly grateful to these teens who help mentor our students and bring the joy of temple into the classrooms.

So the next time you are at Temple on a Sunday morning and see a teen running around or leading a group of kids, make sure to thank them for everything they do, because they are performing miracles and bringing light to Temple every Sunday.









#### **CHANUKAH SHABBAT**

December 27 6:15 p.m. Kabbalat Panim 7:00 p.m. Chanukah Worship Service

> The Chai & Mighty Band, Ruach! Youth Choir, Latkes, & Menorah Lighting

## B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Congratulations to our B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants for December and January.



Amira Gray is an amazing daughter to Brian Gray and Melissa Greenberg. She is a wonderful big sister to Ashlyn Gray. Amira enjoys spending her time dancing and competing for On Your Toes Academy of Dance. She is an actress, swimmer, and musician. Amira is blessed with the opportunity to have her Bat Mitzvah in Israel this December.



Tommy Renko is a sophomore at Stevenson High School. He is excited for both his Bar Mitzvah in Israel and Confirmation at Temple Chai. Tommy plays keyboard in a rock band and enjoys playing D&D with his friends.



**Jason Sherman** is a seventh grader at Aptakisic Junior High. He loves basketball and plays on travel teams throughout the year. Jason also enjoys spending time with his older brother, Matt, as well as the rest of his family and friends.

#### **EVENT RENTALS** AT TEMPLE CHAI

Host your next party at Temple Chai!

Contact the Temple Office for more information.



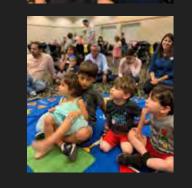
## TOT **SHABBAT**

**DECEMBER 6TH JANUARY 3RD** 

5:30 P.M. PIZZA DINNER 6:00 P.M. TOT SHABBAT PROGRAM







THANK YOU

## to all our volunteers!

YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION IS APPRECIATED.



## Spice of Chai

"On Chanukah it is customary to eat foods that are either fried in oil or made with cheese. The fried foods custom recalls the miracle of Chanukah, which centered around oil (one cruse lasting for eight days). Latkes (fried potato pancakes) are traditional, topped with applesauce or sour cream, but there are many creative variations to the pancakes and the toppings. Other fried foods for Chanukah include sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts) and other kinds of fritters.

The cheesy foods tradition is based on a story from the apocryphal Book of Judith which takes place during the time of the Maccabean revolt that we commemorate on Chanukah. In it, an Assyrian warrior named Holofernes besieges the town of Bethulia, and though Bethulia's elders are ready to surrender, Judith, a widow, enters the Assyrian camp and gives Holofernes salty cheese to make him thirsty and wine to make him drunk. After he becomes intoxicated, she seizes his sword and beheads him, bringing the head back to her village in a basket. The next morning when the Assyrian troops found the headless body of their leader, they fled in terror. While a severed head is not the most appetizing image, we honor Judith's victorious and brave use of cheese by incorporating the dairy product into our Chanukah menus."

Excerpt from My Jewish Learning https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/hanukkah-foods/



#### **GRANDMA'S POTATO PATTIES**

Submitted by Carol Letofsky 4 cooked potatoes Salt and Pepper 1 small onion, chopped 2 tablespoons margarine 1 egg ½ cup flour ½ teaspoon baking powder Corn Flakes

Oil

Mash potatoes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Sauté onion in margarine. Add onion, egg, flour, and baking powder to potatoes. Put in fridge. Crush corn flakes with rolling pin. Put waxed paper on cookie sheet. Take large spoonfuls of potato and form into balls. Roll ball in corn flakes and flatten with spatula. Fry in small amount of oil.

Four large baking potatoes make 20 patties



#### **CREAM CHEESE KUGEL**

Submitted by Gigi Aronson

Cinnamon & Sugar

1 stick butter, softened 1 (8oz.) package of cream cheese, softened ½ cup sugar 8oz. noodles 1 cup milk 1 teaspoon salt 4 eggs Corn flake crumbles

Cook and drain noodles. Cream together butter, cream cheese, and sugar. Add eggs, milk, and salt. Add noodles. Mix well. Put in 7x10 inch buttered casserole. Mix together corn flake crumbs, cinnamon, and sugar. Sprinkle this mixture on top. Bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour.



#### Kids Corner Recipe **EDIBLE MENORAH**

Submitted by Eddie Gangware

1 piece of bread Cream cheese or butter 8 pretzel sticks Carrot stick Raisins

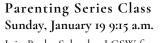
Spread soft butter or cream cheese on a piece of bread. Lay pretzel stick candles and a carrot stick shamash on bread. Use raisins for flames.

Email Scott Goode at sqoode@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.

## **Adult Learning Opportunities**

*Upcoming* Adult **Education Opportunities** 





Join Becky Salasche, LCSW for a book discussion on The Blessing of a Skinned Knee.



#### Virtual Lunch and Learn

Thursday, January 30 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Join from any computer or phone to see Rabbi Baden and interact virtually over lunch from the comfort of your office or home! RSVP to Laura Perpinyal for the link: LPerpinyal@Templechai.org.



February Mini-Mester with Laura Perpinyal Mondays, February 3, 10, & 17 12:00 p.m.

Join Laura Perpinyal for a mid-week learning series focused on Tu B'shvat.

## Third Thursday Programs

#### December

12/19/2019 • 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.



#### Dr. Phil Chaikin presents The Drug Discovery and Development Process

Learn how new drugs are discovered, developed and the various steps involved in preclinical and clinical drug development. He will also highlight the FDA approval process.

#### January

1/16/2020 • 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.



#### **Local Mayors Panel Discussion**

Program will feature a discussion panel with Buffalo Grove Mayor, Bev Sussman and Long Grove Mayor, Bill Jacob.

#### **February**

2/20/2020 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



#### Laura Perpinyal presents Destruction and Evolution

What do the Destruction of the second Temple and the French Revolution have in common with Reform Judaism? A lot. Let's discuss.

## **URJ** Biennial

### There is still time to join our Temple Chai Delegation at the URJ Biennial. December 11-15 this year in Chicago! New this Biennial – One Day Shabbat Community Pass!

#### What is the URI Biennial?

- It's the largest Jewish gathering in North America – this year in Chicago!
- Delegates came from nearly every U.S. state, six Canadian provinces, Israel, and a dozen other countries.

#### Why attend the URJ Biennial?

- Worshipping together with 6,000 Reform Jews is an extraordinarily powerful spiritual experience, and an opportunity to "recharge your Jewish batteries."
- Entertainment! Enjoy the best Jewish music line-up anywhere, including four dozen leading musicians and groups, and the Biennial choir, featuring conference participants from across North America.

• Visit one hundred and fifty exhibitors, including emerging Jewish artists, organizations, and vendors from all over the world.

#### Shabbat Community Pass — Saturday, December 14

- For the first time the URJ is making Biennial accessible to everyone.
- · Access to all Biennial programming on Saturday.
- Begins at 7:30 AM with breakfast & Torah Study and continues with morning worship, Shabbat lunch, two Shabbat afternoon program blocks with nearly 30 sessions to choose from, closing plenary with Havdalah and a final song session.

• The day will end around 10:30 PM.

For more information on how to register for the entire Chicago URJ Biennial experience or for the Shabbat Community Pass go the website listed above or contact Loren Elliot lelliot@templechai.org or Laurie Azriel-Prager llabj5@aol.com





Melton Learning Series - Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 Join us for a unique learning experience with Rabbi Baden and the Florence Melton School "Modern Living: Maintaining Balance; How Can Judaism Help Us Restore Balance?"

For more information and to register visit bit.ly/TCPrograms



## WELCOME TO MONDAY MAH JONGG DROP IN!

-- OPEN PLAY --COME PLAY, LEARN AND PRACTICE NEW STRATEGIES! MONDAYS 12:30 - 3:00 P.M.



Contact Blythe Thomashow for information at: blythethomashow50@gmail.com. Refeshments will be served! A minimum \$5.00 donation per day for non-members to attend.

## Around the Temple



High Holy Days



High Holy Days



7th and 8th Grade Retreat



High Holy Days



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Tot Shabbat



Women of Temple Chai Dinner



Simchat Torah



Soul Children Concert



Women of Temple Chai Dinner



Simchat Torah



Soul Children Concert



Sukkot



Simchat Torah



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Sukkot



Simchat Torah



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Sukkot



Simchat Torah



Soul Children Concert

## **Donations**

#### Axel, Jacob & Robin

- For the Yahrzeit of Anitz Stern (DKEF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Anita Stern (CSDF)

#### Azriel-Prager, Laura & Prager, Howard

- For the Birth of Micah Benanav-Weidenfeld (GDF)

#### Bergman, Allan & Jan

- In Memory Of Your Beloved Husband and Father, Leonard Melvin Cravath. May His Memory Be For A blessing. (CC)
- For the Yahrzeit of Lillian Beatrice Bergman (RBDF)

#### Bloom, Hilary

- For the Yahrzeit of my Bubbie Mildred (CC)

#### Bryan, Mitchell & Barbara

For the Yahrzeit of Harry Bryan (LLJL)

#### Caitung, Arlene

- For the Yahrzeit of Ethel Paul (PBF)

#### Chapman, Sherwin & Gertrude

- For the Yahrzeit of George Chapman (CSDF)

#### Derenfeld, Carl & Caryl

- For the Yahrzeit of Joshua Green (CC)

#### Firsel, Michael & Sandra

- For the Yahrzeit of Jane Firsel and Hannah Oppenheimer (FEF)

#### Frid, Roman & Anna

- For the Yahrzeit of Roman's Grandmother Rivka
- For the Yahrzeit of Genya Frid (GDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Esther Shadkhin (GDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of David Shadkin (GDF)

#### Garb, Richard & Lynn

- For the Yahrzeit of Philip Garb, Evelyn Garb and Ernest Simon (CC)

#### Geller, Alvin and Barbara

- In Honor Of Marilyn Simon and her family for the New Year. (CSDF)

#### Glink, Martin & Gail

- For the Yahrzeit of Cyrene Green (CSDF)

#### Gluskin, Lawrence & Debra

- In Memory Of Philip Gluskin and Lenore Gluskin (RHDF)

#### Gordon, Jeffery & Barbara

- In Honor Of Sam Golden's Bar Mitzvah (CSDF)
- In Honor Of Sam Golden's Bar Mitzvah (RBDF)
- In Memory Of Myrtle Gordon (RBDF)
- In Memory Of Harriette Shevin (RBDF)

#### Green, Kevin & Robin

- For the Yahrzeit of Jeanne Shifrin (GDF)

#### Greenberg, Gary & Lisa

In Memory Of Roz Pearlman grandmother/great grandmother of Brett, Nicole, Braeden and Landon Fuenfer (CC)

#### Greenfield, William & Barbara

- In Memory Of Andrea Carlton (CC)

#### Gross, Arnold & Deborah

 In Memory Of Leslie Kessler- May her memory be a blessing (PNF)

#### Gross, Kevin M. & Friedman-Gross, Michelle

- In Memory Of Gloria Serota (CC)

#### Halperin, Renee

- For the Yahrzeit of Tillie Bloomberg and Joan Teather (LLJL)

#### Herman, Susan

- In Memory Of My loving mother, Paula Wolinsky Moise (GDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Barbara Baker (CSDF)

#### Hirschberg, Daniel & Susan

- For the Birth of Sue and Dave Weidenfeld's grandson (RMHIAF)

#### Hirsh, Jason & Katya

For the Yahrzeit of Irene Kraemer (RBDF)

#### Hochman, Joel & Janet

- For the Yahrzeit of Zena Hochman (RBDF)

#### Israel, Laurel

- For the Yahrzeit of Minton Ostertag (DKEF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Bea Zivin (CC)
- For the Yahrzeit of Shirley Begun (FTHF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Shirley Israel (PNF)

#### Kaplan, Nolan & Norma

For the Yahrzeit of Etta Kaplan (DKEF)

#### Katz, Sondra

For the Yahrzeit of Gilbert Katz (RHDF)

#### Kessler, Mark & Mindy

- For the Yahrzeit of Myron Newman (RBDF)

#### Kramer, Linda & Billy

- In Memory Of Peter Levinson (GDF)

#### Krawitz, Charles & Laiyew

For the Yahrzeit of Arnie Krawitz (CSDF)

#### Kriss, Mitchel & Toby

In Memory Of Maxine Katz (LLJL)

#### Krupp, Rob & Barbara

- For the Yahrzeit of Mannie Krupp (LLJL)

#### Kuenneth, Charles & Eileen

- For the Yahrzeit of Beloved father, Robert Hirschberg (RMHIAF)
- For the Birth of Micah Benanav-Weidenfeld, grandson of Susan and Dave Weidenfeld (RMHIAF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Beloved uncle, Ned Langer
- For the Yahrzeit of her beloved Zayde, Matt Langer (RBDF)

#### Lee, Robert & Janet

- For the Yahrzeit of Virginia 'Teenee' Lee (GDF)

#### Levine, Bruce & Dede

- In Memory Of Leonard Melvin Cravath, husband of Irma Cravath (CC)
- For the Yahrzeit of Gertrude Goodwin (CC)

#### Levinson, Richard

For the Yahrzeit of Lillian M.Rubin (LSRF)

#### Lewin, Renee

- In Honor Of Executive Director Alison Siegel Lewin (GDF)

#### Lewis, David & Violet

For the Yahrzeit of Irving Lewis (GDF)

#### Lozins, Richard & May

- For the Yahrzeit of Mark Lozins (GDF)

#### Malkan, Robert

- For the Yahrzeit of Sally L. Malkan (RBDF)

#### Marlowe, Craig & Debra

In Memory Of Alan Moyer, brother of Debbie Marlowe, uncle of Alan Marlowe (CC)

#### Mattes, Patrick & Deborah

- In Honor Of Gabrielle and Elizabeth being called to the bimah during the High Holy Days (CSDF)
- In Honor Of being called to dress the Torah on Rosh Hashanah (RBDF)

#### Mendal, William & Resnick, Nina

- In Honor Of Pamela and Michael Bukowski (GDF)

#### Michlin, Michele & Bill

For the Yahrzeit of Rona Sable (CC)

#### Millstone, Douglas & Susan

- For the Yahrzeit of Marilyn Berman, sister of Dick Millstone (CC)
- For the Yahrzeit of Jack Rapper (CC)

#### Musick, Anita

For the Yahrzeit of my beloved father, Joseph Glassman (GDF)

#### Nahrstadt, Bradley & Debra

- In Honor Of Syd Weisberg (EF)

#### Nahrstadt, Bradley & Debra

- For the Yahrzeit of Minnie Goldsmith (EF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Minnie Goldsmith (LLJL)
- In Honor Of Go Blue!!! (RBDF)

- In Memory Of of Lawrence Friedman (RHDF)
- In Memory Of Lawrence Friedman (CSDF)

#### Nickow, Edward & Shirlee

On Behalf Of the entire Nickow family in gratitude for providing guidance and assistance to Ed to officiate and Jon and Lexie's wedding. (RHDF)

#### Nieder, Judi

- In Memory Of Bennett Nieder (CSDF)
- In Memory Of Bennett Nieder (RBDF)

#### Pomerantz, Richard & Susan

For the Yahrzeit of Brett Lerner (GDF)

#### Ratskoff, Bruce & Rita

- For the Yahrzeit of Tillie Stein and Marshall Ruttenberg (RBDF)

#### Resnick, Louise

For the Yahrzeit of Sam Berkowitz (GDF)

#### Rohr, Allan & Susan

- For the Yahrzeit of Charles Goldberg, Hyman Epstein, Philip Rohr, Florance Baines & Harry Paul

#### Rosen, Gary & Linda

- For the Yahrzeit of Sam Rosen (WFMF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Elizabeth Goldin (WFMF)

#### Rosenberg, Charles & Renee

- In Honor Of Sara Kalina's grandaughter Sadie's Bat
- In Memory Of Barbara Greenberg (PNF)

#### Ross, Mark & Elaine

For the Yahrzeit of Barbie Ross (CC)

#### Roth, Marc & Lisa

- For the Yahrzeit of Allen Roth (RMHIAF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Vivian Roth-Sacks (CSDF)

#### Sachs, Robert & Frances

- For the Yahrzeit of Corinne Z. Sachs GDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Bennett D. Levy (GDF)

#### Saffrin, David & Joni

For the Yahrzeit of Harry William Saffrin (RHDF)

#### Schwartz, William & Amy

- For the Yahrzeit of Bill Levin (CSDF)

#### Shamberg, Michael & Susan

- In Memory Of Maxine Katz (CGSAF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Harold and Marion Shamberg RBDF)

#### Sherman-Gieschen, Bobbi

For the Yahrzeit of Jane Kurman (CSDF)

#### Sobel, Amy

- In Memory Of Maxine L. Katz (GDF)

#### Sophian, Laurence & Ardis

- For the Yahrzeit of Irving Sophian (GDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Loretta Sohpian (CSDF)

#### Stewart, Ronald & Sherry

- For the Yahrzeit of Sylvia Ablin Adelman (RBDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Myron Stewart (RBDF)

#### Stolman, Maureen

- In Honor Of Temple Chai Sisterhood (FEF)

#### Talbot, Hope & Marshall

- In Memory Of Tracy Lynn Mopper (CSDF)

#### TEMPLE CHAI, SISTERHOOD

- On Behalf Of WTC. Thank you Jim Elliot for keeping us safe during our Sip & Savor event. (GDF)
- In Honor Of the Firsel Family's participation in the WTC Membership Dinner (FEF)
- On Behalf Of WTC, thank you Rabbi Baden for leading us at our Sip & Savor (RBDF)

#### Teplinsky, Steven & Susan

- For the Yahrzeit of Minnie Glazer and Joshua Teplinsky (RBDF)

#### Waitz, Steven & Davidson Waitz, Andrea

- For the Yahrzeit of Ira D. Davidson (PNF)

#### Weiner, David & Patricia

- For the Yahrzeit of Sherlee Weiner (CC)
- For the Yahrzeit of Manfred Fink (RHDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Ronald Drabanski (CSDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Phyllis Drabanski (CSDF)

#### Weissman, Esther

- For the Yahrzeit of Yale Weissman (CSDF)

#### Wolff, Jerold & Lori

- For the Yahrzeit of Frances Wolff (RBDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Richard Bardos and Myron Wolff (RBDF)

#### Yakubov, Avnun

- In Honor Of Rosh HaShanah (GDF)
- For the Yahrzeit of Kcio Bat Brucho (GDF)

#### **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.

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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	
Carlyne Gilbert Social Action Fund (CGSAF)	Support Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World) activities and programs	
Dr. Kondritzer Education Fund (DKEF)	Donations provide special equipment and programs for our school	
Endowment Fund (EF)	Ensure Temple Chai's future	
Feed the Hungry Fund (FtHF)	Donations support area food pantries, shelters and individuals in need	
Firsel Education Foundation (FEF)	Assist parents of Temple Chai students with tuition for school and camp	
General Donation Fund (GDF)	Support ongoing Temple programs and services	
Hart OSRUI Scholarship Fund (HOSF)	Assist parents of Temple Chai students with tuition for OSRUI	
Levinson Scholar-in-Residence Fund (LSRF)	Support opportunities to study and learn with prominent Jewish scholars	
Life Long Jewish Learning (LLJL)	Meaningful programs to enhance Jewish education for adults of Temple Chai	
Memorial Plaque (MP)	Remember your loved one with a plaque on our Memorial Wall (Yahrtzeit board) in the Heinrich Memorial Foyer	
Pikuach Nefesh Fund (PNF)	Support individuals and families to meet their Temple Chai financial obligation	
Prayer Book Fund (PBF)	Siddurim (prayer books) and Chumashim (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	
Rabbi Hart Discretionary Fund (RHDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community	
Waterman Family Music Fund (WFMF)	Support Temple Chai Music and Fine Arts programming	
Tree of Life Leaf (ToLL)	Commemorate special events with a Leaf (\$180), a Raised Leaf (\$360), or a Rock (\$1800) on our Tree of Life in the Heinrich Memorial Foyer	
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## Women of Temple Chai Uniongrams

To: Terri and Stuart Argentar

Mazel Tov on Ami becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Marcia and Michael Rosenblum

To: Bobbi and Rob Feldgreber

In memory of your father, Larry Feldgreber

From: Sandi and Mike Firsel

To: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goodman

In memory of Dorothy

From: Carol and Norm Letofsky

To: Eileen Kuenneth

Best wishes for a Speedy Recovery

From: Shirley Kreisman

To: Debbie Marlowe

Best wishes for a Speedy Recovery

From: Biv Michaels

To: Leah Miska

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

From: Sandi and Mike Firsel Fran Sachs

To: Terry Moons

Best wishes for a Speedy Recovery

From: Sandi and Mike Firsel

To: Judi Neider

In memory of your husband, Bennett Neider

From: Barbara Berman Sandi and Mike Firsel Phyllis and Steve Gold **Elaine Ross** 

To: Marlene Nett

In memory of your daughter, Andrea Carlton

From: Marcia and Michael Rosenblum

To: Randi Schneider

In memory of your husband, David Schneider

From: Marcia and Michael Rosenblum

To: Carol Teplis

Wishing a Speedy Recovery

From: Sandi and Mike Firsel **Debbie and Craig Marlowe** 

To: Susan and Dave Weidenfeld

Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Micah Bernard Weidenfeld

From: Linda and Don Brubaker Sandi and Mike Firsel Barb and Rich Heinrich Leah and Ian Miska

To: Larry Wolheim

In memory of your brother

From: Marcia and Michael Rosenblum

To: December Bar Mitzvah; Jason Sherman

Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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 Firsel at 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 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. Any questions contact Sandi Firsel at sfirsel@comcast.net.

## Calendar

	De	ecember 2019
I-Dec		No School - Thanksgiving Break
5-Dec	7:00 р.м.	Temple Board Meeting
	5:30 р.м.	Tot Shabbat
6-Dec	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship
7.0	9:00 а.м.	Torah Study
7-Dec	10:30 а.м.	Bar Mitzvah of Jason Sherman
	9:00 а.м.	Women of Temple Chai Holiday Bazaar
8-Dec	4:00 р.м.	NFTY678 Hanukkah Party
	7:00 р.м.	Chai Guys Tacos and Tequillas
10-Dec	11:45 а.м.	Lilith Salon
10-Dec		URJ Biennial Dec. 11th - 15th in Chicago
II-Dec	6:30 р.м.	Chai Guys Night Out
12-Dec	6:00 р.м.	Women of Temple Chai Chanukah Party
	12:00 р.м.	Women's Learning Chavurah
13-Dec	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship
14-Dec	7:30 а.м.	URJ Biennial Shabbat Day Pass
וש-דו	4:00 р.м.	Club 345 Program
I5-Dec	11:00 а.м.	Chai School
13-066	11:00 а.м.	Chalutzim Program
18-Dec	6:30 р.м.	Chai Guys Board Meeting
19-Dec	1:30 р.м.	December Third Thursday Program
20-Dec	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
20-Dec	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship
22-Dec		No School - Winter Break
23-Dec		Temple Chai Israel Trip Departs
27-Dec	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
<u> </u>	7:00 р.м.	Chanukah Shabbat Worship
29-Dec		No School - Winter Break



	,	January 2020
	5:30 р.м.	Tot Shabbat
3-Jan	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship
4-Jan		Temple Chai Israel Trip Returns
5-Jan		No School - Winter Break
6-Jan		Hebrew School Resumes
8-Jan	6:30 р.м.	Chai Guys Night Out
9-Jan	7:30 р.м.	WTC Board Meeting
10-Jan	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
IU-Jan	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship
II-Jan	9:00 а.м.	Torah Study
12-Jan	9:00 а.м.	Sunday School Resumes
15-Jan	12:00 р.м.	Mini-Mester Lunch and Learn
15-Juli	6:30 р.м.	Chai Guys Board Meeting
16-Jan	1:30 р.м.	January Third Thursday
		NFTY-CAR Winter Kallah Weekend
17-Jan	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
	7:00 р.м.	MLK Shabbat Worship with Congregation Beth Am and Congregation Beth Judea at Temple Chai
18-Jan	9:00 а.м.	Torah Study
19-Jan	9:15 а.м.	Parenting Series Class
20-Jan		No School - MLK Day
21-Jan	5:30 р.м.	WTC Girls Night Out
22-Jan	12:00 р.м.	Mini-Mester Lunch and Learn
22-0uii	7:00 р.м.	The Jewish View!
23-Jan	7:00 р.м.	Temple Chai Board Meeting
	12:00 р.м.	Women's Learning Chavurah
24-Jan	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship
25-Jan	9:00 а.м.	Torah Study
26-Jan	11:00 а.м.	Chai School
20-0011	1:00 р.м.	Simcha Showcase
29-Jan	12:00 р.м.	Mini-Mester Lunch and Learn
30-Jan	12:00 р.м.	Downtown Lunch and Learn
31-Jan	6:15 р.м.	Kabbalat Panim - Turning Towards Shabbat
31-Juli	7:00 р.м.	Shabbat Worship

	Holiday Hours	
24-Dec	Office and Building Closed as Normally Scheduled	
25-Dec	Office and Building Closed	
31-Dec	Office and Building Closed as Normally Scheduled	
I-Jan	Office and Building Closed	

## Life Cycle

#### **MAZEL TOV TO:**

JANET AND JOEL HOCHMAN, on the birth their granddaughter, Lilian Hope Chamberlain on August 12th

SUSAN AND DAVID WEIDENFELD, on the birth of their grandson, Micah Benanav-Weidenfeld on September 4th

MARILYN WEISBERG AND SORUSH BATMANGELICH, on the birth of their granddaughter, Raven Simone Batmangelich on September 12th

PATRICIA AND ALLEN ROBIN on the marriage of your son Ryan Robin to Cindy Rozmenoski on September 14th

#### **OUR CONDOLENCES TO:**

Irma Cravath on the death of your husband, Leonard Melvin Cravath

Rob Feldgreber on the death of your father, Larry Feldgreber

Lynn Garb on the death of your mother, Louise Bobker

Gaby Gurtz on the death of your mother, Leslie Kessler

Rick Hazan on the death of your father Irving Hazan

Marlene Nett on the death of your daughter Andrea Ellen Carlton

Judith Nieder on the death of your husband, Bennett Nieder

Shelia Schwalb on the death of your brother, Michael Richard Wolfe

Joshua Popp on the death of your uncle

Stephanie Stoga on the death of your sister, Julie Ann Wellisch

Marilyn Simon and family, on the death of your cousin, Selma Yanowitz"

#### **Memorial Plaques:**

Doug and Janice Berman in memory of Ralph Ira Berman

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