

ChaiLites



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I Am Jewish Because...

"I am Jewish and it colours everything I've done, do and will do."

– David Horovitz (editor of the Jerusalem Post)



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| By Jeff Bloomberg |

Why Chai?

My family initially joined Temple Chai simply due to proximity to our home and a recommendation from a friend when we moved to the area in 2013 and were looking for a Reform congregation to join. Little did I know how impactful of a decision that would be. Once we joined, we felt instantly connected by the warm welcome of the existing members. The love and pride for Israel made me feel that I was among likeminded individuals. More than anything we love Temple Chai's second-to-none Hebrew and religious school led by Laura Perpinyal. The school program has been central to my children gaining and understanding their sense of Judaism. Temple Chai is major positive influence in the lives of our family by giving us endless opportunities for new friendships, education, giving back, and spiritual growth. The congregation simply provides us a sense of community that we hadn't realized we had been missing.

Jewish American or American Jew?



When I was in high school, my youth group friends and I would love to play the “Are you a Jewish American or an American Jew” game. We would spend hours discussing the intricacies and implications of determining which identity should be the noun and which identity should be the adjective. How does our patriotism influence our religion? How does our Judaism inform our nationalism? Should our primary allegiance be to our country or to our faith?

As we anticipate our annual celebration of Purim, I am reminded of these conversations from my teenage years. While most of our focus for this holiday tends to be on the witty shpiels, fun carnival games, and joyous costumes, we realize that the Book of Esther presents us with a very serious allegory for what it means to be Jewish in a non-Jewish world. Esther

experiences successful assimilation (she marries the king!) as well as horrific antisemitism (the king’s advisor plans to kill all the Jews!).

Esther demonstrates that it is not only possible, but it is actually a priority for us to be members of both the larger culture and Jewish peoplehood. While we should strive to be successful and productive members of society, it is important that we remain involved in and concerned about our Jewish community.

Are we Jewish Americans or American Jews? In the end, I am not so sure that the need to answer this question is so pressing—as long as we are aware and appreciative of the fact that we are connected to both identities and are willing to embrace the best that they each represent.



SHABBAT SHIRAH UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:15 PM

MUSIC WITH THE
CHAI & MIGHTY BAND
AND BYO PICNIC DINNER

7:00 PM

ROCKIN' SABBATH
SERVICE FOR
ALL AGES

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE JAM!! BRING A FRIEND!

Kol Sason – A Voice of Joy!



Shalom u'Vrachah - Peace and Blessings!

With the new year comes many new and exciting musical moments to Temple. Through the support of the Baruch Family Concert Series, the Rosen family and all of you; fantastic concerts will fill our halls with incredible song, profound Sabbath and special Holiday services will bring us nearer to spirit, and incredible teaching moments will enrich us and draw us closer. As we proudly march into the excitement of 2020 I'd like to pause and deeply express my gratitude to you; for all you've done to be supportive over the last twenty-one years, allowing me to be a part of your lives and community and for your kindness and friendship.

Over the years, our Rabbis, Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Hart and our senior rabbi, Rabbi Ilana Baden, have motivated and inspired me to confidently lift my voice to heaven and create beautiful moments in time. For the honor of working with them every day, their guidance and their partnership, in gratitude, I thank them both. I've tried to teach and laugh with all of you from a place of Chesed, God's love. I've given my heart to all of you, face by face, goal to goal, soul by precious soul and you've accepted it; especially

the wonderful volunteers I've had the joy and privilege to spend time with. This has been a constant source of blessing and gratitude to me. We've been exciting agents of change, adaptation, and learning here. Thank you volunteers for the incredible musical gifts you've given to the congregation and for the fun of the journey!

I owe so much to the many boards and leaders who have supported music programming and our pulpit. Our current board of dedicated leaders are fantastic. They stand on the shoulders of a legion of passionate, big hearted people whose generosity and dedication have always made me proud to serve this congregation. We'll enjoy a bright future because of them.

All the incredible staffs I've worked with over the years deserve unending thanks. They've made many sacrifices for us and the congregation's musical vision or our Purim spiels would have come to diminished ends without their hard work. Much appreciation goes to Jaimie and Phillippe, who are always there behind the scenes helping me prepare for our musical events. Charla has been my partner and friend now for two decades, passionately leading our incredible B'nei Mitzvah program and making our students happier and my job easier every day. Charla you are wonderful and one of our crown jewels! Gregory is a wonderful musical partner and support to us. We are truly, truly blessed to enjoy the benefits of not only his artistry, but his incredible work ethic every day. Finally, with gratitude and love I thank my wife Gail and children Nadav,

Haggai and Lily who have been incredibly supportive not just of me but of you, your families and children. Their creativity and Jewish joy, their work both behind and in front of the scenes, not just as sounding boards but doing the actual musical work: directing the children's choir, singing in our choirs, drumming, teaching school music, creating incredible artwork and sharing Jewish life has been an absolute gift of love to all of us. They are my heart and I simply can't thank them enough.

Finally, I share a word with you on Jewish identity. Whatever your religious background, whether you've been here for one year or twenty-one years, your spiritual identity will be strengthened doing Jewish here in the supportive embrace of Temple Chai. I know it sounds cliché, but I've witnessed it. God is good, our legacy is good, knowing who you are and striving towards rich meaningful moments is good. The moments we share in our beautiful sanctuary are moving and inspiring. It is a place that both mirrors heaven and reflects our loving hearts to the world. We emerge from the sanctuary each Shabbat reenergized with a deepened context to understand our place in the world and better equipped to get through our days joyfully and experience important, meaningful life cycle moments and critical peaks of faith with our families. It is real, it has amazing lasting value, and you and your family will love what it does for you. Come and be a part of it.

In gratitude and hope,
Cantor Scott Simon

Saturday, February 22, 2020

One Night Only!

Celebrating Cantor Scott Simon

Please join us for an evening of song in celebration of Cantor Scott and Gail Simon's over 20 years of commitment to Temple Chai.

5:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Concert Featuring SoulFarm + Sari

Doors open 5:15PM

Co-Chairs: Wynne and David Baruch

THREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE

- **General Admission:** \$45, includes dinner and concert.
- **Join the Fan Club:** \$90, includes the above plus one drink ticket and listing in the Chailites.
- **Become a Groupie:** \$180, includes the above plus unlimited drinks and reserved concert seating, plus a free child's admission with each paid adult Groupie

Festive attire. Cash bar.



Visit bit.ly/TCCantorConcert or call the Temple Chai office to purchase tickets.

Biennial Reflection



I shared with a friend recently that I was participating at the URJ Biennial here in Chicago with 5,000 other Reform Jews. They responded with “Wow, how did you deal with the 6,000 opinions”!

True, a lot of Jews usually equals a lot of opinions. But what struck me being in the room with so many fellow Jews, is that we are each part of something bigger than ourselves. We are part of a movement – both literal and figurative. Literally, we share values and we vote on policy statements based on those values. When a speaker says “ALL Jews matter: Jews of color, LGBTQI+ Jews, differently-abled Jews, Jews by Choice and Jews where only one parent is Jewish, and even the non-Jewish spouse is a valued member of our community” and the audience erupts in applause – that feels amazing! Figuratively, we also move the needle on society. Temple Chai was the recipient of a Fain Social Justice award for our congregation-wide education initiative around LGBTQ inclusion in our community and the work we put into supporting the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade. There were 20 congregations around the country that received awards for the amazing Social Justice

work that literally makes the world a better place. It’s inspiring to hear individual stories, but it’s impactful on the world when we all come together under one umbrella. That is what is it to be part of a movement, the Union for Reform Judaism!

On a personal note, I saw friends and colleagues from around the country, I attended sessions that sparked new ideas and fostered meaningful conversations and even took the lead in our celebratory launch of a new Vision of Excellence for the Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE), my national professional association! It was exhausting and exhilarating all at the same time!

One of the most powerful take-aways for me was the idea that Jewish Identity is not an outcome of Jewish Education; Jewish Identity is a process and Jewish Education is a vehicle to discovery! How empowering to believe we are all learners continually on a journey! The teacher of this session, Dr. Miriam Heller Stern, shared the following insight: Knowing and Feeling are co-dependent and we can follow the model of our worship service: first we listen with Sh’ma, then we follow with love and learning in V’ahavtah. Our social-emotional health is critical to our being successful learners and our Jewish text gives us a guide to better supporting our learners – wherever they are on their journey!

I’m looking forward to bringing many new ideas from the URJ Biennial and the ARJE conference back to Temple Chai. The inspiration has momentum – excited for next steps!!

School Snapshots



Jewish Life Vocabulary

February 2	כחול, Blue, <i>Kachol</i>	כ <i>chaf</i>
February 9	טו בשבט, 15 of <i>Shvat, Tu B'shvat</i>	ט <i>tet</i>
February 23	טוב, Good, <i>Tov</i>	ט <i>tet</i>
March 1	פורים, Lots, <i>Purim</i>	פ <i>pey</i>
March 15	חתונה, Wedding, <i>Chatunah</i>	ח <i>chet</i>

Women of Temple Chai

The Women of Temple Chai Sisterhood has a strong identity. Historically as we serve as social and economic Temple leaders. Each year we provide a variety of opportunities for Temple members — encouraging community interaction and engagement.

Social action projects are one way we encourage involvement. This year we've collected school supplies for mens clothing for WINGS, children's winter clothing for Cradles to Crayons, and donated 90 Chanukkah gifts to children in need through our Dreidel-Do-Gooders program!

We've organized fun activities for member participation such as Sip and Savor, Trivia Night, Girls Night Outs, and Book Club to name a few.

WTC has assisted Temple financially by supporting special necessities over the years. In the past we've outfitted the kitchen with supplies, contributed \$54,000 for a new Torah

Scroll through the Torah Mitzvah Project, purchased and installed the Accessibility Doors, gave \$20,000 for assistance, and much more. This year we have given money to support:

- Fixing the Convection Oven.
- Financed the Reverse Osmosis Water System installation in the kitchen.
- Donated \$3,000 to help with the purchase of new computers, LCD Projectors, speakers and microphones.

- Three individuals' participation in the Rainbows training program, bringing the Rainbows program back to Temple Chai after a prolonged absence.
- The school by purchasing a year subscription of the publishing program Canva Pro for school and administration.

We are so proud of our identity as an affiliate of Temple Chai. We are the Women of Temple Chai, and we work with love for our Temple.

Important Dates for Your Calendar		
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Evening Book Club - Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali	7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 23	Hamantaschen Baking	9:00 – 12:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 5	Shalach Manot Packing	6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Friday, March 6	WTC & Chai Guys Shabbat Participation	6:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 2	Intergenerational Seder	5:45 – 9:00 P.M.

Women's Intergenerational Seder

Thursday, April 2nd
at Temple Chai

5:45 p.m.
Registration & Appetizers

6:15 p.m.
Seder Dinner

Invite Family and Friends to Join You.
Women of All Faiths Are Welcome!

\$24 Women of Temple Chai Members
Adults \$26/Children \$13 (under 12 years old)
Please Register or RSVP by March 26th with seating requests.

Seating requests can only be honored if received by this date!



To pay and register online please go to the following site or use the QR Code: <http://bit.ly/womensederapril2>
Paying by check please download a registration form from the Temple's Website: templechai.org/community/adults/sisterhood and click on upcoming programs. Mail it in to Temple Chai, Attn: Women's Seder. Make check payable to the Women of Temple Chai.

Please bring non-perishable food items to our seder for the area food pantry.

For more information contact Louise Resnick
847-670-1810 / louisesresnick@gmail.com

Shalach Manot Baskets for Purim!



Send Shalach Manot Purim Greetings to your Temple Chai family and friends! Check your email in February for your personalized link. Click and follow the prompts. For more information contact shalachmanot.templechai@gmail.com You will receive a card listing all the people who sent you the Shalach Manot this year.

Like to Bake?

We need your help! We'll be baking hamantaschen in the Temple kitchen on February 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m. The more the merrier!




Contact Blythe Thomashow at blythethomashow50@gmail.com to RSVP that you are coming!

What Does It Mean To Be A Chai Guy?

What does it mean to be a Chai Guy?

Being a Chai Guy means being a leader both in the congregation and in the larger community. It means getting your hands dirty building a sukkah. It means supporting the incredible programming at Temple Chai. It means creating a tight knit group of guys that come together for monthly nights out for dinner and conversation, poker, Passover seders, social action projects like Shop For a Cop, fundraising for the synagogue and so much more. It means being engaged in all aspects of Temple life. What does it mean to be a Chai Guy? It is one more way to make Temple Chai your home. Please join us on our Jewish journey as we strive to educate and involve our community in a variety of programs.

Don't miss our upcoming events including:

- Pizza Bingo on Sunday, February 9th at 4:00p.m. sponsored by the Chai Guys and the Women of Temple Chai. Who doesn't like great prizes, pizza, and lots of fun? This will be a family "Fun Raiser".
- February's Chai Guys Night Out will be on Wednesday, the 12th at 6:30p.m. at D'Agostino's in Wheeling.
- The Chai Guys and Women of Temple Chai Shabbat on March 6th
- The March Chai Guys Night Out March 11th; location TBD
- Chai Guys Men's Passover Seder on April 1st

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming programs!



Photo from Chai Guys Night Out in December at Wild Buffalo



Family Pizza Bingo 2020

An evening of fun, family, friends, food, and fabulous prizes!

"Bundle of Fun Package" per person includes:

- 1 pizza ticket – salad – beverage – dessert –
- 1 raffle ticket – 1 bingo card

(additional pizza slices or bingo cards \$2 each)
\$8 per adult - \$5 per child

Sponsored by the Chai Guys Brotherhood and Women of Temple Chai
All proceeds will benefit the children of Temple Chai. Questions?
Please contact Dan Hirschberg dhirschb1@gmail.com

Pick up your Bundle of Fun Packages at check in.

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Adults (\$8): _____ # of Children (\$5): _____ Yes I want to call a Bingo Game for a donation of \$25: _____

of Extra Bingo Cards (\$2 each): _____ # of Extra Slices of Pizza (\$2 each): _____

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Temple Chai Brotherhood and mail to Temple Chai Brotherhood attn: Bingo Night
1670 Checker Road Long Grove, IL 60047

Temple Chai 2019 Journey to Israel: The Trip Of A Lifetime!



I have journeyed to Israel with my fellow congregants six times now over the last ten years. Each visit is a special and treasured experience! This trip was no exception. We began our adventure here at home with activities including dinner at the home of Etty and DouDou Dolgin, a movie night to familiarize us with some of the sites we would be seeing in Israel, and Shabbat at Temple the weekend before our trip with a special blessing for travelers.

Our first morning, we hit the ground running! First-time travelers visited the Palmach Museum, the Ayalon Institute, Rothschild Boulevard, and the Independence Experience. Second time travelers went on a scavenger hunt through the Neve Zedek neighborhood,

visited the Peres Innovation Center and the Israel Seeing Eye Dog Center.

We traveled south to tour Ben Gurion's desert home in Sde Boker and the Ramon Crater. Then it was on to Kibbutz Lotan, one of the first reform kibbutzim in Israel, where we celebrated Shabbat.

Next stop: Eilat! For most of us, it was our first time visiting this gorgeous city on the Red Sea. After a day of relaxing or enjoying water sports, we embarked on to the Timna Valley Park. We gathered there for the B'nei Mitzvah service of six of our fellow travelers followed by Havdalah and an amazing B'nei Mitzvah Desert celebration. Next morning, we enjoyed a jeep ride in the Eilat Hills, and as we stood high atop a hill in Israel, we were able to see Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Our next destination was Ein Bokek and the Dead Sea, which is the lowest place on earth! We went to Masada and then on to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We saved Jerusalem for last and stopped for a group photo on top of Mount Scopus, overlooking the city. The view is breathtaking!

Early the following morning, we visited the Western Wall and the Old City, always a special place to go to. New Year's Eve was very festive with dinner at Blaustein Hall at HUC, overlooking the walls of the Old City. Several surprises were in store, including Tsahi HaLevi from the cast of the Netflix show Fauda and Gal G'lay R.N.I., an Israeli dance troupe with dancers in wheelchairs. On New Year's Day, we all went to Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust museum, beginning with a presentation from Berthe Badehi, a survivor living in Israel.

Our final day included a lecture by a political reporter from the Jerusalem Post, a tour of the Israeli Supreme Court, a food tour in the Shuk and a magnificent final group dinner at Eucalyptus.

It is always difficult to leave Israel, and this time was no exception. I look forward to the time I can return to this magical place. I hope that many of you who read this will join me on our next Temple Chai trip of a lifetime in 2021.

February is Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

How do you identify yourself? Are you tall, short, Jewish, a good cook, an avid reader? People typically identify themselves by their attributes. People with disabilities may also identify themselves as tall, short, etc., rather than by their disability. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act website (www.adata.org), in general, when referring to a person who has a *disability*, refer to the person first, say "person with a *disability*" rather than saying "a disabled person".

Join us on Sunday, February 9th at 11:30 A.M., when we will learn about the Jewish National Fund's ALEH-Negev program. This is a state-of-the-art community in the Negev that will provide support for 500 residential adults with disabilities and 12,000 children and young adults with disabilities on an outpatient basis.

Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

ALEH NEGEV- A MIRACLE BLOOMING IN THE DESERT FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday, February 9th 2020
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at Temple Chai
GUEST SPEAKER - ROB RUBIN, JNF CHICAGO



Temple Chai's OSRUI Connection



Without question, one of the most influential experiences, if not THE most influential experience that shaped my identity was

my time at Jewish overnight camp. I was a camper at OSRUI for seven summers, on staff for eight summers, and am heading into my fifth summer serving on faculty. For those counting, I've spent more than half of my summers at camp; 120 weeks at the end of the 2020 summer or 2.3 years of my life. My time at OSRUI, the people I met, the connections I made, all helped to forge my strong personal Jewish identity.

When I look at the various life choices I made, I can always trace the influence of the decision back to camp whether it was choosing to take Hebrew as a foreign language in high school and college, studying abroad in Israel during college, pursuing a degree and career in education, or the many other choices I made. My parents have often said that the best

investment they ever made for my brother and I was OSRUI. They'd send us off each summer and watch us return more confident in ourselves and with a deeper connection to our Jewish peers, the Jewish community, and Israel. I'd have to say I agree with them and am grateful for my time at OSRUI.

This summer we are excited to be sending more than twenty campers and staff to OSRUI as well as those who are attending other URJ camps, Camp CHI, Beber Camp and the various Jewish day camps in the area! I know that these campers are in for a life changing experience this summer.

Below are pictures of our clergy and staff when they were campers and staff at OSRUI as well as pictures of our Temple Chai campers from this past summer.

"One of the most influential experiences that shaped my identity was my time at Jewish overnight camp"



Alison Lewin through the years with her OSRUI friends



Laura Perpynal on staff at OSRUI



Scott Goode as a camper in 1999



Rabbi Baden on staff



Laura Perpynal with Temple Chai campers and staff this past summer



Scott Goode with his daughters at camp this past summer



Rabbi Hart with Debbie Friedman on staff at OSRUI



Rabbi Hart and Mendy with daughter Dena at camp at OSRUI



A Temple Chai camper during Yom Yisrael (Israel Day)

Adult Learning Opportunities

Upcoming Adult Education Programs



February Mini-Mester with Laura Perpinyal

Mondays, February 3, 10, & 17 12:00 p.m.

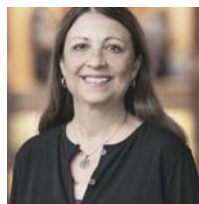
Join Laura Perpinyal for a mid-week learning series focused on Tu B'shvat.



Current Events Discussion After Shabbat Worship With Rabbi Baden

Friday, February 28 ~8:00 p.m.

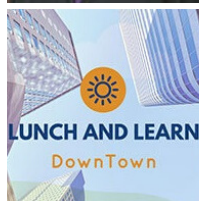
Join Rabbi Baden after Shabbat services for a community discussion about the current events happening in our world today.



March Mini-Mester with Charla Silver

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, & 19 12:00 p.m.

Join Charla Silver for a mid-week learning series as she explores "Our Jewish Stories".



April Downtown Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Baden

Thursday, April 2 12:00 p.m.

Work downtown? Come spend your lunch hour with Rabbi Baden for Torah Study. RSVP to Laura Perpinyal at LPerpinyal@TempleChai.org.

Third Thursday Programs

February

2/20/2020 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



Laura Perpinyal presents Destruction and Evolution.

What do the Destruction of the 2nd Temple and the French Revolution have in common with Reform Judaism? A lot. Let's discuss.

March

3/19/2020 • 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.



Chuck Kuenneth presents viewing and discussion of the movie Avalon

A story about a Polish-Jewish family that comes to the USA at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. There, the family and their children try to make themselves a better future in the so-called promised land.

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 and everyone in between!

B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Congratulations to our B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants for February and March.



Maya Heller, daughter of Becca and Jamon and sister of Dalia, is a 7th grader at Twin Groves Middle School. She loves reading, writing, acting, dancing, playing music, making art and spending time with friends and family.



Seth Levy is the son of Mara and Brian Levy and is in seventh grade at Woodlawn Middle School. He enjoys playing travel soccer, playing video games and spending time with friends and family. His favorite food is anything with chocolate chip cookie dough.



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.



Melton Learning Series at Temple Chai

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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?" This four-part course takes a look at a selection of classic and modern Jewish texts from the renowned Florence Melton School curriculum that relate to this contemporary challenge. Participants will discover Jewish wisdom that helps us to balance between the needs and demands of family, work, community and self.



For more information and to register for the discounted Temple Chai rate, please email: [Rolly Cohen Rolly@bjechicago.org](mailto:RollyCohenRolly@bjechicago.org) -- Temple Chai is a Melton Consortium Member

Humans of Temple Chai: Shirlee and Ed Nickow



Shirlee and Ed Nickow—members since 1996

Buffalo Grove residents until 2013—now residing in Lincolnshire

Ed: controller for an electrical contractor

Shirlee: Part time Nanny

Three daughters: Alyssa, Sarah and Taryn

Grandchildren: Hailee and Miles

Favorite activity: Disney World vacation with the entire family

Sometimes the familiar brings comfort—a favorite restaurant, a good book that you’ve read countless times, a song that brings back memories.

And then there’s something about walking into a place and knowing so many familiar faces will be there to greet you, to pray with you and to teach you. One of those familiar faces is Ed Nickow, who along with his wife Shirlee have been Temple Chai members since 1996. You might know Ed from his bright blue kippah emblazoned with a Cubs logo, or you may have joined him at Torah study or at one of his adult B’nei Mitzvah classes.

Shirlee, a Skokie girl, met Ed, a Highland Park boy while in high school where they were both involved in USY (United Synagogue Youth). Shirlee majored in Early Childhood Education at Northern Illinois University, while Ed studied accounting at the University of Illinois. Shirlee changed career direction shortly after graduation and became a nanny, working for several families in the area. Ed began his career working for a public accounting firm. They married in 1977 and raised their three daughters in Buffalo Grove.

The Nickows had originally joined a different Reform congregation but ended up at Temple Chai because their daughter Alyssa got involved with Chai’s youth group. “We didn’t start out at Temple Chai but it worked out so

well,” said Ed. “We joined originally because of our daughter, but decided to get involved because of the strong, committed clergy and warm and friendly members.”

Added Shirlee, “For us, Temple Chai was the place to be. I love the Tot Shabbats and also the beautiful music programs, especially the Soul Children of Chicago.”

If you attend High Holy Day services (of course you do), you are familiar with Ed fulfilling the commandment to sound the shofar. “One of my favorite things to do is to blow the shofar during the High Holidays,” said Ed. “After 20 years I think they have decided to keep me on.”

Two decades ago Ed answered the call to teach at Temple Chai, working with Bet, Gimel and Dalat students. In addition, for the last 10 years he’s prepared adult learners to become B’nei Mitzvah. “I love getting kids and adults excited to learn about Judaism,” said Ed. “But I like to think I learn more from them.”

He has also held a number of board positions, including Worship VP and chair of Lifelong Jewish Learning. Shirlee has been active with the Women of Temple Chai.

The Nickows are definitely people you should know. If you haven’t met them, just look for the Cubs kippah.

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.

Spice of Chai

Tu B'shvat

“Tu B'shvat or the “New Year of the Trees” is Jewish Arbor Day. The holiday is observed on the 15th (tu) of the Hebrew month of Shvat. Scholars believe that originally Tu B'shvat was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu B'shvat that is similar to a Passover seder. Today, many Jews hold a modern version of the Tu B'shvat seder each year. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.”

<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/tu-bishvat>

“On Tu B'shvat it is traditional to eat fruit associated with the land of Israel. The “classical” fruits are the seven species described in Deuteronomy 8:8, “a land of wheat and barley, of vines [grapes], figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey [dates].” But today many people celebrate the holiday by cooking with all kinds of fruit.”

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tu-bishvat-foods>



SPINACH PIE (SPANAKOPITTA)

Contributed by Beverly Schreiber

4 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped spinach (thawed)

½ c. olive oil

2 lg. onions, chopped

1 bunch green onions (4” tops only) finely chopped

½ c. chopped fresh (preferred) parsley

4 eggs

½ lb. Feta cheese, crumbled (domestic will work well)

½ lb. ricotta cheese

¼ c. butter or margarine, melted (cooking oil can be substituted when layering the pastry)

16 sheets phyllo dough pastry (2 boxes works best) *

*Unroll pastry dough and make sure it is completely covered with a wet towel, so it does not dry out.

Put frozen spinach into a colander. Squeeze out as much water possible. In the meantime, heat ½ cup oil and saute onions and scallions, until soft, but not brown. Transfer to a bowl. Make sure onions are cool. Beat eggs lightly; add cheeses and blend well. Combine ½ cup olive oil and melted butter. Grease shallow baking pan (rectangle), 11x13-inch will work. Take 8 pastry sheets from package. Center 1 sheet in the pan and brush with melted butter or spray with cooking oil. Repeat this step 7 times. Let the dough have a 1-inch overhang over the sides. Trim edges with a scissor. Do not use a knife; it will tear the pastry. Spoon on spinach mixture. Add enough to cover but not too much to make it soggy. Cover the top with 8 more pastry sheets, repeating the above method. Tuck overhanging pastry together. Spray top with cooking oil. Score with a fork. Do not cut through scored lines. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes. If using a foil pan, for safety place onto a cookie sheet.

This is a large recipe. I make it in a foil pan. I am able to get 3 pans out of recipe. Great as a side dish. It freezes very well.

Purim- Hamantaschen

“Hamantaschen (Yiddish for Haman’s pockets) are three-cornered pastries filled with poppy seeds (mohn in Yiddish), fruit preserves, chocolate, or other ingredients that are traditionally eaten on Purim. In Israel during the weeks leading up to Purim, the aroma of freshly baked hamantaschen can be smelled on every block. Their triangular shape is thought to be reminiscent of Haman’s hat or ears.”

<https://reformjudaism.org/purim-customs-and-rituals>



HAMANTASCHEN

Contributed by Sue Samuel
from “Spice of Chai”

2/3 c. margarine

3 eggs

½ tsp. salt

1 c. flour

1 c. sugar

2 T. melted honey

1 heaping tsp. baking powder

1 can filling

Blend margarine and sugar. Add eggs. Mix. Add honey, salt, baking powder and flour. Mix well. Roll out dough. Cut into 2 ½ -inch circles. Put a dollop of filling in center. Pull up sides to form a triangle. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 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.

Around the Temple



Chalutzim Chanukkah Program



Chanukkah Shabbat



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Ruach Youth Choir



Israel Trip



Temple Chai at NFTY678



Women of Temple Chai Bazaar



Israel Trip



Temple Chai at NFTY678



Women of Temple Chai Cookie Walk



Israel Trip



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Women of Temple Chai at Biaggi



Israel Trip



Interfaith Thanksgiving



Trivia Night



Israel Trip



Women of Temple Chai Bazaar



Trivia Night



Temple Chai School

Open House

Sunday, May 3rd 9:30 a.m.

Do you have friends temple shopping? Invite them to come to Temple Chai for an opportunity to see our religious school, meet the clergy and staff, and experience the joy of "Fun-day school"!

For more information or to RSVP contact Director of Congregational Learning Laura Perpinyal - LPerpinyal@TempleChai.org

Save The Date

Temple Chai
Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 14th



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2/9/2020

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Israel Committee Chair	Works with the Clergy and Israel Committee to update the Board on all matters related to Israel.
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Member-at-Large	Assists President in chairing committees, task forces and special projects.

(*) denotes officer position. Must have one year of Board experience to hold an officer position. Only members in Good Standing may apply, be slated for, or serve on the Temple Chai Board. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, February 9, 2020 and interviews will begin shortly after. Please contact Laurie Azriel-Prager, Immediate Past President for more information at Llabj5@aol.com
Apply at bit.ly/TCBoardApplication

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To: Arica Belbot

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

From: Kitty Loewy

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In memory of your husband, Leonard Cravath

From: Barbara Berman, Sandi and Mike Firsel, Barb and Rich Heinrich, Wendy and Alan Itzkowitz, Shirley Kreisman, Carol and Norm Letofsky, Leah and Ian Miska, Terry and Jerry Moons, Fran and Bobby Sachs, Andrea Waitz, Women of Temple Chai

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From: Sandi and Mike Firsel, Toby and Mitch Kriss, Leah and Ian Miska, Debbie and Dave Robins, Women of Temple Chai

To: Barb and Rich Heinrich

Mazel Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah

From: Sandi and Mike Firsel

To: Alison and Foster Lewin

In memory of your grandmother, Ann Siegel

From: Linda and Don Brubaker, Sandi and Mike Firsel, Sandy and Bob Greenberg, Shirley Kreisman, Kitty Loewy & Terry Steczo, Debbie and Dave Robins, Fran and Bobby Sachs, Women of Temple Chai

To: Phyllis Schneider

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In memory of your father, Stanley Wachler

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To: Adrienne Zindell

In memory of your mother

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To: Maya Heller

Mazel Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

From: Women of Temple Chai

To: Seth Levy

Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Women of Temple Chai

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Calendar

February 2020		
1-Feb	9:00 A.M.	Torah Study
2-Feb	9:00 A.M.	5th Grade Family Education
3-Feb	12:00 P.M.	Lunch and Learn with Laura Perpinyal
5-Feb	7:00 P.M.	Melton Learning Series
7-Feb	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim with Chai and Mighty Band
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Shirah Worship
8-Feb	9:00 A.M.	Torah Study
	2:30 P.M.	Club345 & Jr. ChAmPY At Medieval Times
9-Feb	9:00 A.M.	Pre-K Family Education
	11:00 A.M.	Chalutzim Youth Program
	11:30 A.M.	Israel Committee Program
	11:30 A.M.	Jr. Chai Town Hall
	4:00 P.M.	Chai Guys & WTC Pizza Bingo
10-Feb	12:00 P.M.	Lunch and Learn with Laura Perpinyal
12-Feb	6:30 P.M.	Chai Guys Night Out
	7:00 P.M.	Melton Learning Series
13-Feb	7:30 P.M.	WTC Board Meeting
14-Feb	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim & Congregational Shabbat Dinner
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship: Torah reading, Ta'am Blessings, and Grades 1 & 5 Participation
15-Feb	10:30 A.M.	Bat Mitzvah of Maya Heller
16-Feb		NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS DAY
17-Feb	12:00 P.M.	Lunch and Learn with Laura Perpinyal
19-Feb	6:30 P.M.	Chai Guys Board Meeting
	7:00 P.M.	WTC Evening Book Club
	7:00 P.M.	Melton Learning Series
20-Feb	1:30 P.M.	Third Thursday Program
	7:00 P.M.	Temple Board Meeting
21-Feb	12:00 P.M.	Women's Learning Chavurah
	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship: Simcha Blessings & Scout Shabbat
22-Feb	9:00 A.M.	Torah Study
	6:00 P.M.	Cantor's 20th Anniversary Celebration and Concert
23-Feb	9:00 A.M.	WTC Hamentaschen Baking
	9:15 A.M.	Family Shabbat Town Hall Meeting
25-Feb	5:30 P.M.	WTC Girls Night Out
26-Feb	7:00 P.M.	Melton Learning Series
28-Feb to 1-Mar		NFTY 678 Retreat at OSRUI
28-Feb	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim & Congregational Shabbat Dinner
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship followed by Current Events Conversation
Feb-29	9:00 A.M.	Torah Study

March 2020		
1-Mar	9:00 A.M.	Special All School Purim Learning Program
	9:15 A.M.	Parenting Series Class
4-Mar	12:00 P.M.	March Lunch and Learn
5-Mar	6:00 P.M.	WTC Sh'lach Manot Packing
6-Mar	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship: WTC & Chai Guys Participation
7-Mar	9:00 A.M.	Torah Study
	10:30 A.M.	Bar Mitzvah of Seth Levy
8-Mar	10:00 A.M.	Purim Spiel and Megillah Reading
	11:00 A.M.	Purim Carnival
9-Mar	11:45 A.M.	Lilith Salon
	6:00 P.M.	Erev Purim
11-Mar	12:00 P.M.	March Lunch and Learn
	6:30 P.M.	Chai Guys Night Out
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	6:30 P.M.	Chai Guys Board Meeting
19-Mar	1:30 P.M.	Third Thursday Program
	7:30 P.M.	WTC Board Meeting
20-Mar	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship: Simcha Blessings, Ta'am Blessings
22-Mar		NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
27-Mar	6:15 P.M.	Kabbalat Panim
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship
29-Mar		NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
30-Mar	7:00 P.M.	Temple Board Meeting

OFFICE HOURS DURING SPRING BREAK AND PASSOVER	
3/21 to 3/29	No School - Spring Break; No Saturday Torah Study these weekends; Building Closed on these Saturdays & Sundays
8-Apr	First Seder for Passover - Office and Building Close at 1:00 P.M.
9-Apr	Second Seder for Passover - Office and Building Closed
15-Apr	Last Day of Passover - Office and Building Closed

Life Cycle

MAZEL TOV TO:

MICHELE AND BILL MICHLIN, on the birth of their grandson, Parker Ken Lisnek on December 27th

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Phyllis Schneider on the death of your husband Larry Schneider

Steve Wachler on the death of your father Stanley Wachler

Ilene Siegel, Mark Siegel, and Alison Lewin on the death of your mother and grandmother Ann Siegel

Michael Helfer on the death of your mother Ellen Helfer-Bresler

Syndee Miller on the death of your mother Dvora Weiss

Barb Bryan on the death of your father Sheldon Block

Memorial Plaques:

Arnold and Charla Silver in memory of Harris Silver and Marian Silver

Friends of Larry Schneider

Craig and Debra Marlowe in memory of, Stephen M. Garber, Robert J. Moyer and Gloria G. Moyer

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR APRIL/MAY CHAILITES IS FEBRUARY 19TH.



Temple Chai Proudly Presents:

Frozen!

A Purim Story

Sunday, March 8th

10:00 a.m. Purim Spiel

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Carnival



Join us at the frozen Kingdom of Sushan on Sunday morning, March 8th as we journey with Queen Elsa, err..Esther through the Purim story! Wear your favorite costume, bring your groggors, and come sing along with Cantor and Rabbi!

We'll continue the celebration with the carnival immediately after the spiel.

Kid wristbands includes unlimited games, two *hamantaschen* and a drink.

Purchase your wristbands ahead of time at

bit.ly/TCPurim

\$15/wristband in advance

\$20/wristband at the door