

# ChaiLites

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## Tikkun

How we can go about repairing ourselves, our community, and our world.

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## Why Chai? | By Steve and Maxine Sukenik |

Shortly after Steve and I moved to Arlington Heights with our 2 sons in 1978, to our shock and dismay, for the very first time, we experienced anti-Semitism. Nothing sends you to find your own faster than a swastika on the back of your car. Our early involvement with Temple Chai were meetings in living rooms, study in local schools, and worship in a church. No matter what the location, we were at home when we were surrounded by fellow members. We were there when the first cornerstone to our new building was laid, and our sons became Bar Mitzvah on a “real” bimah.

My lack of early Jewish education gave me an insatiable thirst for study in retirement. One of the most rewarding volunteer positions I had was Lifelong Jewish Learning chair. Organizing classes on topics I was curious about and sharing Jewish wisdom with a room full of like-minded people.



Steve's love of travel and passion for Israel made him the perfect choice for chair of the Israel committee. What a joy it has been to share the Israel experience with hundreds of our fellow congregants. Nothing fills our hearts like watching the faces of those seeing the *Kotel* for the very first time.

I can't imagine life without our Temple Chai community to share the joys and challenges of our life for the last 42 years. We feel truly blessed to be a part of its incredible journey.

# The Sacred Act Of *Tikkun*



Remember when the thought of 2020 was so exciting? It was supposed to be the beginning of a new decade that had been associated with “20/20 vision”—the ability to see things with perspective and clarity. Yes, we ushered

in 2020 with great fanfare as a society, and it seemed to be going so well for the first few weeks. However, as the year unfolded, we quickly realized that 2020 was not going to be the festive kick-off to this new decade that we had thought it might be.

Indeed, most of 2020 has been overshadowed by issues revolving around the pandemic, social justice unrest, and political divisiveness. This has been a year that has revealed many cracks and chasms in our society and has exposed serious vulnerabilities. While it is tempting to throw our hands up in despair when confronted with these challenges, our Jewish tradition begs of us to take a different approach. Rather than throwing up our hands, we should put them to good work. Rather than giving into despair, we must be ambassadors of hope.

In Judaism, we embrace the concept of “*Tikkun*”, which is the Hebrew word for “making things right”. Perhaps you are

familiar with the phrase “*Tikkun Olam*”—repairing the world, or “*Tikkun haGuf*”—taking care of our body, or “*Tikkun haNefesh*”—healing our spirit. The act of *Tikkun* is a sacred act, and it is an act that beckons to us as we welcome 2021.

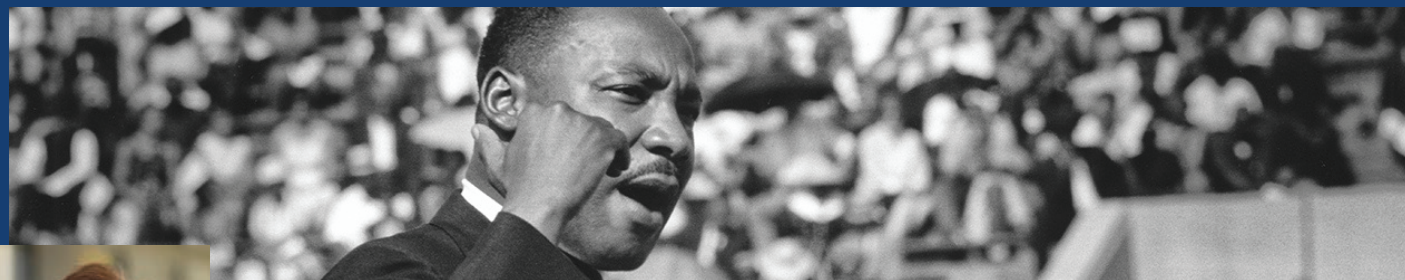
A mentor once pointed out to me, “Sometimes people don’t know that something has to be fixed until it is really broken.” As I reflect on the majority of this past year, I am aware of how much brokenness there is in the world. As much my heart breaks to see the pain, loss, and frustrations of the world as it is now, my soul takes some comfort in the prayer that perhaps the world is broken enough now for all of us to commit to the vital work of *Tikkun*.

With blessings for strength and healing,

JANUARY 15

## MLK SHABBAT

WITH LITURGY AND MUSIC HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



With featured guest speaker, Thomas White - Coordinator of Educational Outreach for the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at Keene State College

Presenting on: "What the Nazis Learned from America"

Tasked by Hitler to develop race laws, Nazi thinkers specifically cited the American experience as the world leader in white supremacist legislation. Nazi race thinkers began researching American race laws and discovered that immigration, naturalization, and marriage laws could be useful in crafting what became the infamous Nuremberg Laws. Contrasting the experiences of growing white supremacist legislation in the United States and Germany, we will reflect upon the legacy of Martin Luther King and all those who fight for human rights. Tom's talk will focus on confronting difficult history in order to build a more resilient democracy.

# Kol Sason – A Voice of Joy!



Shalom,

It is just before Hanukkah as I write this. The BBC is broadcasting Prince Charles, eulogizing Rabbi Jonathan Sacks at his memorial service at the end of his thirty-day shloshim. The prince is rightly proclaiming the esteemed Knight, Lord and emeritus chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth “a light unto the nations.” The voice of Rabbi Sacks, the teacher, statesman and world-renowned moralist, was a powerful foil that passionately condemned

negative and politicized extremism, as he strove to repair and illuminate the world with Jewish thought and wisdom. I remember reading a quote from a Sabbath sermon that he, the author of over twenty books, shared on the theme of prayer and music about ten years ago.

*“Judaism is a religion of words, and yet whenever the language of Judaism aspires to the spiritual it breaks into song, as if the words themselves sought escape from the gravitational pull of finite meanings. There is something about music that intimates a reality beyond our grasp. Words are the language of the mind. Music is the language of the soul... The Torah is God’s libretto, and we, the Jewish people, are God’s choir, the performers of God’s choral symphony. Indeed, it is our choirs and the music they generate that help create many of our most uplifting and highly spiritual moments.”*

However unique the language of a faith maybe, Rabbi Sack’s words regard the universal power of music in all faiths, and I think for each of us personally as well. While all may not love choral music

specifically, something happens to us when God language is set to music and harmony that opens another part of us and unlocks a gateway to holiness; with the power to repair our souls, transcend our fears and connect with a universal love of “the other” that lifts us beyond all specific creed or dogma, filling us with unbounded hope.

In the new year and coming months please turn to Temple Chai and join your clergy team and volunteers to fix this injured world with song. We will share our favorite inspiring music and encourage you to do the same. Like it does at all of our Holy Days and celebrations, Jewish spiritual music has the power, right now, to unify us and be a balm to us all. Let’s harness the power of spiritual music to lift us up and beyond the loss, sadness and brokenness we have all been experiencing and feeling. We are here for you, all in, bursting to share “the language of the soul” in poignant services and communal opportunities; repairing the world with music both glorious and intimate.

Shalom u’Vrachah – Peace and Blessings!

## Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday, January 29th on Zoom

Music will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a very musical service at 7:00 p.m.

Cantor Simon and the Chai & Mighty Players are gearing up for a spirited and musical Shabbat evening service!

Always a favorite service for everyone in the congregation!

Get ready to sing and jam with our premier Shabbat band!

# Tikkun Mabat: Changing Our Outlook On Life



Change can be uncomfortable. It can be hard. It can be slow. But it's also inevitable. Things will ALWAYS change. HOW things change can be up to us though. We can change the world, *Tikkun Olam*, we have the ability to change our bodies, *Tikkun HaGuf*, we have the inspiration to change our souls, *Tikkun HaNefesh*.

We can go through our day passively, letting things happen TO us. Or we can go through our day proactively, deliberately choosing. Jewish text is ripe with examples of caring for others, caring for the earth and for the community. "The great Chasidic master and Kabbalist Rabbi Nachman of Breslov said: "If you believe that you can ruin, then believe that you can fix." In other words, instead of focusing on the negative, concentrate on the positive, using your mental resources to repair things than to damage them." We have the opportunity to *Tikkun Mabat*, change our outlook! (Full disclosure, I just made this word construction up, it doesn't really exist in Jewish text... yet!)

Another Kabbalist and Chasidic master known as the Tzemech Tzedek once said in Yiddish, "*Tracht gut vet zain gut*," meaning "Think good and it will be good."

These winter months can be the hardest of the year, especially now. But there is light at the end of this tunnel. We have the power to bring light into everything that we do and everyone we interact with. We are here to be the light for you and bring the light through the screens as we navigate through this moment together! **Let us *Tikkun Mabat* change our outlook for the better!**

## School Dates

### Monday, January 4

Hebrew Small Groups and Adult Hebrew resume

### Sunday, January 10

Sunday School resumes & Jr Chai begins meeting on Sundays 5:00-6:00P.M. with Charla for a unit on Israel

### Sunday, January 17

Parenting Session with Becky Salasche, LCSW

### Monday, January 18

No school for MLK Day

### Sunday, February 14 and Monday February 15

No School; Teacher In Service

### Friday, February 19

Grade Level participation in Shabbat services

### Sunday, February 21

Purim Celebration in School

## Scenes from our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Family Education Session



## Jewish Life Vocabulary

Date	Letter	Hebrew Word	Transliteration	Translation
10-Jan	כ	לל הכבוד	Kol hakavod	Good job; "All the respect to you"
17-Jan	ע	עצים	Etzim	Trees
24-Jan	ט	ט"ו בשבט	Tu Bishvat	15 of Shevat/ Birthday of the Trees
31-Jan	ס	ספר	Sefer	Book
7-Feb	ט	טו באב	Tu B' Av	15 of Av/ Jewish Love Day
21-Feb	פ	פורים	Purim	Lots
28-Feb	ק	קהלה	Kehilla	Community

# Coping Strategies: Social Isolation and the Winter Blues During Covid 19

How do we keep our spirits up in this strange time of being separated from friends and family? How do we feed our soul in this different year of no programs, planning or physical get togethers? We are not eating in restaurants, going on vacations or even simply hugging each other. A wonderful book titled, Happy for No Reason by Marci Shimoff devoted an entire chapter to this big question: How do you plug into your soul or spirit (in the middle of a pandemic)? While none of us are in control of our lives right now, it is perhaps better to give up that control and look at the bigger picture. We can truly feel happy, reverence, wonder and gratitude for the remarkable gift of just being alive. We can feel awe when we look out at the stars above or look at a beautiful landscape. There is truly a bigger picture or Divine that is surrounding us. Individuals who are connected to some sort of higher power are both happier and healthier.

We seem to have such a disdain for being bored, for being alone. Experts such as Marci Shimoff, our own Debbie Gross and Mendy Hart, suggest learning to meditate. Each of us can find their own way to connect to their own soul. Some might find meditation in prayer during our Zoom Shabbat services, while others might find it in listening to music or even looking at a sunrise.

We also need to trust that life's unfolding and that in the end, everything will work out. We will get through this tough time together. Women of Temple Chai will always provide a safe haven of friendship and spirit with each other. We are in this together.



Women of Temple Chai mailed Face Masks with our logo and Theme for this year, "Women Without Limits" to all WTC members! We hope you are putting them to good use. Thank you to Marcy Weinstein who came up with the idea and ordered these!

## Important Dates for Your Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PRESENTER	CONTACT
Tuesday, January 5	Dealing with the Winter Blues of the never ending Pandemic	7:00 P.M.	Debbie Gross	drobinswtc@gmail.com
Tuesday, January 19	Kol Isha – A Woman's Voice with	7:00 P.M.	Laura Perpinyal	Blythe Thomashow at blythethom-ashow50@gmail.com
Tuesday, January 26	Lilith Salon	7:00 P.M.	Sandi Firsell	Sandi Firsell at sfirsell@gmail.com
Tuesday, February 2	Smashing the Glass Ceiling: Women Who Lead Major Companies in Food, Fashion, Formerly Male Industries and Technology	7:00 P.M.	Special Guest: Leah Polin	Debbie Robins at drobinswtc@gmail.com
Sunday, February 14	Pizza Bingo	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	David Bergman-Caller	David Bergman at dbergmanuga@yahoo.com
Tuesday, February 16	Shalva - Breaking the Code of Silence	7:00 P.M.	TBA	Mae Schwab at Maewashes@gmail.com
Tuesday, February 23	Book Club: <i>Red at the Bone</i> by Jacqueline Woodson	7:00 P.M.	Ardis Sophian and Maryam Brotine	Ardis at L.sophian@comcast.net Maryam at mbrotine@gmail.com

# Tikkun Olam – Now More Than Ever

Much of the world struggles with the global pandemic. First responders and essential workers are being stretched thin and beyond their ability to help everyone. We should all appreciate the sacrifices they have made and doing the best they can trying to keep our communities safe. If we ever needed to engage in *Tikkun Olam*, now is that time.

Throughout COVID-19, our Temple has remained a beacon of light within the turbulence. And the Chai Guys Brotherhood has continued working to create (virtually) a place for our members to remain connected both socially and

There are many ways each of us in our small groups can make a difference. The Chai Guys Brotherhood and Women of Temple Chai offer great ways to join in a larger effort to

engage in *Tikkun Olam*. We have sponsored an event with the Ruth Bader Ginsburg exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, our VP of Social Action – Rick Rosen – annually “rallies the troops” to sponsor our Shop with a (BG) Cop program that connects children in need with Buffalo Grove police offices to shop for the holidays for their loved ones, during normal times the members of the Chai Guys will volunteer at Uptown Café serving food to those less fortunate and in need of help, we deliver food packages to households for the holidays through Ma’ot Chitim, and have many other opportunities to give to the community.

One of our upcoming events to help out our own congregation is the annual Pizza and Bingo program. This year, our “Bingo

Afternoon” will be held on February 14 from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. Bingo will be played virtually on Zoom, and Nino’s has been gracious enough to provide a 15% donation to Temple Chai from all food orders bought that day when they are told it’s for the Temple Chai Pizza Bingo program. All proceeds from the Bingo program will go towards supporting the Temple Chai religious school and students. Make sure to register for the event ahead of time (one bingo card per person who registers)!

A very warm thank you, a *Todah Rabah*, to our leaders and clergy. They have worked tirelessly to hold our congregation together. Their ability to keep our congregation present during this tough year has been in its own way a *Tikkun Olam* for all of us.



## Annual Pizza & Bingo with the Chai Guys & Women of Temple Chai

Sunday, February 14 1:00 PM

Join the Chai Guys and Women of Temple Chai for their annual Pizza & Bingo fundraiser! All proceeds go to support the Temple Chai religious school and students.

One Bingo Card will be emailed to each family or individual who wishes to play. **Email addresses** will need to be emailed to [dbergmanuga@yahoo.com](mailto:dbergmanuga@yahoo.com) for each individual playing when registering. Suggested Minimum Donation \$10 per Family/ \$5 Individual. Pay by check payable to Chai Guys Brotherhood. Mail check to Mark Kessler at 506 Pauline Avenue, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Questions? Contact David Bergman at [dbergmanuga@yahoo.com](mailto:dbergmanuga@yahoo.com)

Buy Food from Nino's Pizzeria All Day- 10:30AM-10PM. Nino's will donate 15% back!

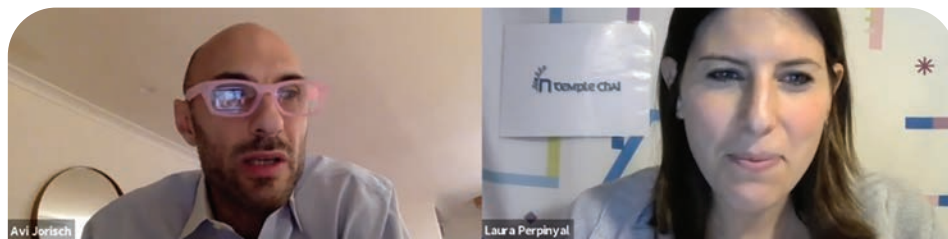
**Gift Card Prizes will be given to winners!**

# Using Israeli Innovation To Repair Our World

*Tikkun Olam* (Repair the World) is a Jewish value that the State of Israel and its citizens embody in a plethora of initiatives that make positive impacts both domestically and internationally. On December 6, Temple Chai had the pleasure of hearing from Avi Jorisch, the author of *Thou Shalt Innovate*. We are grateful to the Israel Consulate for helping us sponsor this program, which taught us more about Israel's benevolent use of its technology and expertise.

While most of us are informed about the innovations that Israel contributes to the world of medicine and technology (like developing the next great vaccine or microchip), we hear little about Israel's innovations being used to improve the daily lives of those living in less developed corners of the earth.

Little do we hear about Israel's innovations being used to improving the daily lives of those living in less developed corners of the Earth. In particular Israel has assisted a number of African countries with innovations



focused on battling starvation, providing fresh water, and even harnessing electricity.

Innovate Africa (iA), a private organization based in Israel, focuses on two types of projects. The first is expertise in well-drilling. iA brings a team of engineers and volunteers along with well drills, pumps, piping, and water tower building and technology to monitor the system from Israel once the project is complete. The second type of project is installing, and maintaining of solar power capabilities that are used for hospitals, schools, and other vital community resources. To date Innovate Africa ([innoAfrica.org](http://innoAfrica.org)) has helped to improve the daily lives of over 2 million people in 10 African countries.

In addition to non-governmental organizations, the Israeli government also takes on a *Tikkun Olam* mindset in Africa. Currently, Israel has a team in Ethiopia battling the Desert Locust at the request of the Ethiopian government. The rare locust swarm that Ethiopia now faces threatens to destroy thousands of acres of crops in a country that already battles hunger in a large segment of their population. The Israeli team brings expertise in controlling the locusts while using the least amount of pesticides possible.

We look forward to continuing to explore this kind of amazing work.

Sunday, January 10, 2021

7:00p.m. on Zoom

# DEON THOMAS



SHARES HIS STORY FROM  
MR. BASKETBALL OF ILLINOIS  
TO ISRAELI ATHLETE AND CITIZEN





# Behind the Scenes



People often ask me what goes on behind the scenes at Temple Chai. The answer, invariably, is a lot! As this issue of the ChaiLites turns its focus to Tikkun, to repair, I would like to share with you a number of repairs and upgrades that have been completed recently. Even as our congregational life pivoted to the digital world, our facility has been well cared for. Under the guidance of the Facilities and Security Committee and the Board of Trustees, the Temple Chai team has been hard at work making sure that the facility to which we (hopefully soon) return is one of health, holiness, and hospitality. Please enjoy this peek behind the scenes at just some of the projects undertaken to optimize our congregational home during these many months.

1. A COVID Response policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees, based on best practices and review of other religious organization practices. This has been the governing document of how we mitigate potential spread of the virus by making changes to our facility and how we use it.
2. Our Building Manager has remained on site during business hours, completing both routine and special projects while the majority of our professional staff has been remote unless necessary.
3. We adopted enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols and obtained the equipment necessary for their implementation.
4. Our washrooms are now a nearly touch-free environment due in large part to the hard work of our building and maintenance staff, who spent the summer researching, pricing, and installing everything from motion-controlled door openers to touchless faucets and flushers.
5. Hand sanitizer stations were created throughout the building, and COVID screening procedures were put in place for all individuals entering our facility.
6. Planned upgrades to our access control, alarm, and monitoring systems were completed as a part of our security improvements under a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.
7. Outdoor classrooms were created to allow open-air small group religious school classes to take place in the fall.
8. Cost saving and performance enhancing transitions to new phone and IT providers, as well as much needed upgrades to the relevant infrastructure, were completed prior to the High Holy Days.
9. Live-streaming stations have been set up throughout the building to enable our clergy and musicians to lead the congregation in worship and conduct life cycle events while remaining physically distant.
10. As I write this, additional building upgrades are planned for the early months of 2021.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the donors who sponsored these projects and the expertise and dedication of Board members Jim Elliot and Bruce Levine, Building Manager Jaime Marquez, and Assistant Director Scott Goode. Thank you all for your partnership. I look forward to the day when we again congregate in our beautiful facility at 1670 Checker Rd. Until then, I look forward to seeing your smiles on Zoom.



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# Adult Learning Opportunities



## Parenting Series with Becky Salasche, LCSW

Sunday, January 17 8:00 PM

An opportunity to connect with other  
Temple Chai parents

SAVE THE DATE!

## PURIM ADULT GAME NIGHT!

Saturday February 27 | 8 PM | On Zoom  
More information to come soon!

# Third Thursday Programs

## January

1/21/2021 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. on Zoom



**Dr. Barry Bradford** – Historian  
Dr. Barry Bradford will be  
presenting about Barbara Walters  
like never before

## February

2/18/2021 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. on Zoom



**Dr. Scott Heinrich** – Reflections  
on being an E.R. Doctor during  
a pandemic

## March

3/18/2021 • 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.



**Laura Perpinyal** — What  
is FREEDOM in Judaism?  
Exploring text, history and  
identity around “freedom”  
in the Jewish experience

# Humans of Temple Chai: The Brotine Family



Barry, Maryam, Jacob, Riley Brotine

Temple Chai Members since 2019

Palatine

Like so many of us, the Brotine family is living the quarantine life. For them, that means walkie-talkies at the ready and a challah in the oven. But more on that in a bit.

The Brotines; Barry, Maryam, Jacob, age 8, and Riley, age 4, make their home in Palatine. They made Temple Chai their “Jewish home” following an open house where, according to Maryam, they were impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the clergy and members.

Barry grew up on the North Shore, attended Evanston High School, the University of Illinois and received his law degree from Kent College of Law. Maryam was born in the Chicago area before the family moved downstate to Champaign. Her family is Persian, and she was raised in the Islamic faith.

“We were not particularly religious,” she says. “I never attended Islamic schools; in fact, I attended Catholic kindergarten. We always had a tree at Christmas as my parents were intent on Westernizing us.”

Maryam and Barry met in Chicago while she studied law at DePaul University. Before marrying Barry in 2006, Maryam began Jewish conversion classes. When she broke the news to her dad about converting to Judaism he was completely comfortable with it.

“My dad knew that Barry was a mensch and thought it more important that I marry a good person than worry about religion,” Maryam says. “Judaism was so appealing to me. I love the focus on family and home. It was an easy decision.”

Fully embracing her Judaism, Maryam has become a weekly challah baker.

“I took lessons from Laura Perpinyal on Zoom and now I’m hooked,” she says.

Both Barry and Maryam work from home. She is a lawyer for the Illinois Association of School Boards and he with Chicago Title and Trust. Jacob is in third grade studying remotely, and Riley attends pre-school. Both kids are in Sunday School and enjoying their new-found temple friends and activities.

Work-home life can be challenging, but manageable.

“Barry does most of the cooking”, Maryam explained, and he also drives Riley to school while I help Jacob with his e-learning.

“My home office is upstairs, Jacob is downstairs,” she says, “and when he needs me he calls me on a walkie-talkie. It’s a great system!”

Since joining TC in 2019, Maryam has jumped into temple life, co-chairing the Book Club and working on social action projects for the Women of Temple Chai.

The family regularly attends Friday night Shabbat services.

“We love the Zoom services, they are a soothing balm in these difficult times,” Maryam says. “Temple Chai has become my Jewish home away from home.”



**Purim is February 25th!**  
**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](mailto:shalachmanot.templechai@gmail.com)

You will receive a card listing all the people who sent you the Shalach Manot this year.

(There will be no physical basket this year. Pricing will reflect this change.)

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# Tu B'shevat Seder

When you hear the word Seder – what Jewish holiday do you think of? I bet it's not Tu B'shevat, but it should be!

Tu B'shevat is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is also called Rosh HaShanah La'llanot, literally 'New Year of the Trees'. Jewish kabbalists (mystics) in the 16th and 17th centuries created a special ritual to mark the holiday, modeled after the Passover seder, which celebrated God's presence in the natural world.

The Hebrew word Seder means "order" and is what we call any holiday meal that has a specific set of foods, blessings, and readings. Seders exist for many of the Jewish holidays including Passover, *Tu B'shevat*, and *Rosh HaShanah*.

**What you will need:**

## WHITE AND RED GRAPE JUICE OR WINE (ENOUGH FOR FOUR SMALL GLASSES PER PERSON)

A Tu B'shevat seder, full of imagery and symbolism, is often divided into four sections that represent the four seasons. As with the Passover seder, the Tu B'shevat seder evolved to include four cups of wine or grape juice, but in varying shades of red, which represent the seasons: white for the bleak time of winter, white with a bit of red to represent the earth's awakening in early spring, red with a bit of white representing the blossoming of late spring, and dark red to represent the fullness of all the growing plants and vegetation along with the heat of summer.

## TASTINGS OF THREE CATEGORIES OF FRUITS OR NUTS

1. Those with an inedible outer covering and edible inside: melons, nuts, pomegranates, coconuts, citrus, bananas, etc.
2. Those with an edible outside but inedible pit inside: dates, olives, plums, peaches, apples, avocados, nectarines, pears, etc.
3. Those that are entirely edible: berries, figs, grapes, etc.

These categories are said to represent different seasons. There is a lot of material available to add to your seder. Many people will add readings, poems, quotes, pictures about the environment, nature, and trees, or make theirs an Israel-focused seder.

For more resources, check out the Reform Judaism site at: <https://reformjudaism.org/have-tu-bishvat-seder>



### VIRTUAL MITZVAH SHOWCASE

Coming together as a Temple community to engage in Tikkun Olam. Contact Linda Brubaker at [LBrubakerWTC@gmail.com](mailto:LBrubakerWTC@gmail.com) with questions.

**Sunday, January 24 2:00 PM**



# Spice of Chai

Purim is a holiday unlike any other in the Jewish calendar. Crazy costumes, groggers, booing and cheering during the service, fun food and merriment, spiels (Cantor Simon's are a cut above the rest!) mishloach manot (food baskets for friends and family) and so much more. As with any Jewish holiday, food and drink play an important part, both as symbolism and part of the rituals. It is customary for adults to have alcoholic beverages, and the hamantaschen are so delicious (what's your favorite filling? Not poppy seed...anything but poppy seed!). For those unfamiliar with this famous Purim pastry, 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.



## MARGARITA COCKTAIL

1 (1 ½ oz) jigger tequila  
½ oz. triple sec  
1 oz. fresh lime or lemon juice  
salt  
cracked ice

Moisten rim of cocktail glass with fruit rind; spin rim in salt. Shake ingredients with cracked ice. Strain into glass. Sip over salted rim.



## SPINACH-CHEESE TRIANGLES

Recipe provided by Norma Kaplan

1 (12 oz.) pkg. frozen, chopped spinach  
1 ½ c. cheddar cheese, grated  
¼ c. Parmesan cheese, grated  
½ c. mayonnaise  
½ tsp. onion salt  
⅛ tsp. garlic powder  
Dash of white pepper  
Dash of nutmeg  
1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen puff pastry shells

Cook spinach as package directs. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Cool. In medium bowl, mix spinach with cheeses, mayonnaise, onion salt, garlic powder, pepper, and nutmeg; set aside. Roll each pastry shell into an 8-inch rectangle and cut each into quarters. Spread with filling. Moisten edges of pastry with water and fold over to enclose filling; form a triangle. Press firmly together with fork and place onto baking sheet. Bake at 400° for about 10 minutes, until puffed and golden brown. Serve warm. Makes 24 servings.



## HOMEMADE HAMENTASHENS

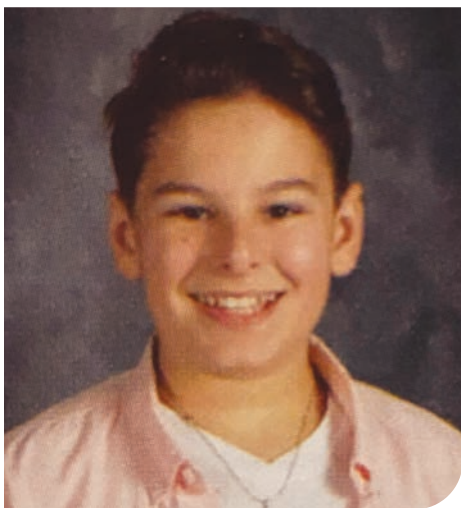
⅔ c. margarine  
3 eggs  
½ tsp. salt  
1 c. flour  
1 c. sugar  
2 T. melted honey  
1 heaping tsp. baking powder  
1 can filling (your choice!)

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° for 12 to 15 minutes.

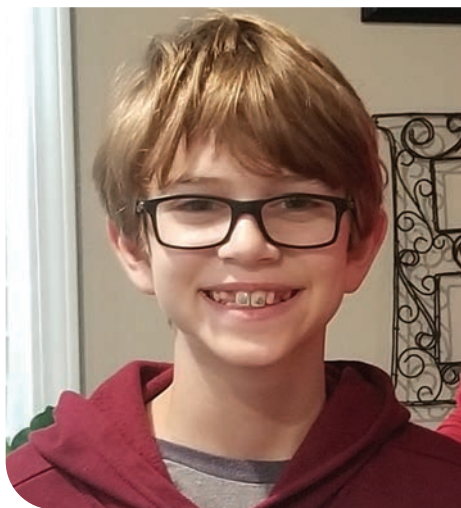
Email Scott Goode at [sgoode@templechai.org](mailto:sgoode@templechai.org) if you would like to submit a recipe to be featured in a future edition of the ChaiLites or pictures of the food you've made from any of these or past featured recipes.

# B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Congratulations to our January/February B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants!



**Nayan Katz-Adolph**, son of Beth and Bill, is a seventh grader at Cooper Middle School. He has an older sister, Evie, and a dog, Lucky. Nayan enjoys spending time with family and friends, feeding the hungry and a good vacation.



**Gavin Belbot** is in seventh grade at Twin Groves Middle School. He loves to learn and has a great sense of humor. He enjoys playing baseball, video games and loves watching horror movies.

SAVE THE DATE!

## VIRTUAL SIMCHA SHOWCASE

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

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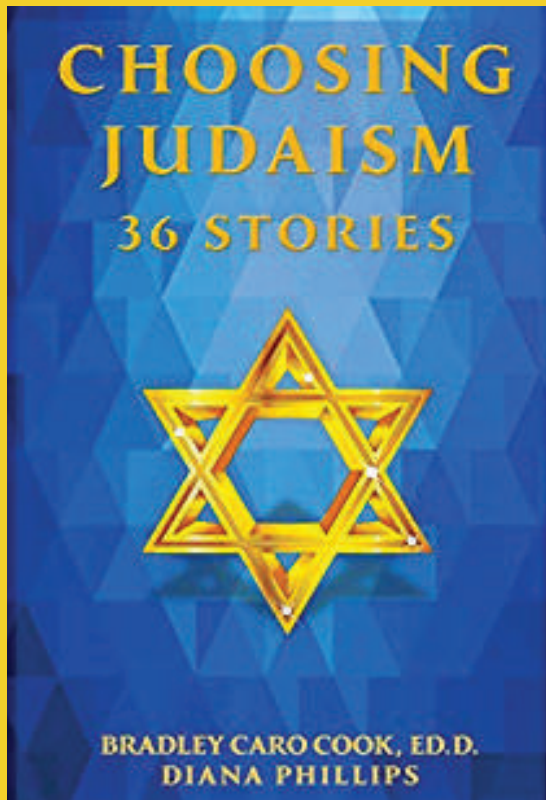


## Tot Shabbat Purim Style!

Friday, February 5th 5:30 PM!

YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A SILLY TOT SHABBAT WHEN RABBI BADEN, CANTOR SIMON, AND LAURA CELEBRATE PURIM DURING TOT SHABBAT! DRESS UP AND JOIN THEM ON FACEBOOK LIVE!

# Upcoming Programs for March



JOIN EDITOR  
BRADLEY CARO COOK  
AND STORY CONTRIBUTOR  
DEB MATTES  
TO DISCUSS THE NEW BOOK:  
**CHOOSING JUDAISM**

YOU CAN SUPPORT TEMPLE CHAI  
WHEN YOU PURCHASE THE BOOK  
THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**  
**7:00PM ON ZOOM**

Deb Mattes is a Temple Chai congregant & past Executive Director

## Temple Chai Proudly Presents **Echo Chamber**

Resonate with exquisite sound as we showcase the exciting melodies and lush harmonies found in the Music, Songs and Stories of Jewish Chamber Music.



Presented by Cantor Scott Simon  
Featuring Pianist Gregory Shifrin and Violist Liz Hagen

Join the Virtual Concert  
(more performance info to follow)



Sunday, March 14th at 7:00 PM



# Around the Temple

Temple Chai families celebrating Hanukkah from this year and years past.







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## **Auerbach, Joan**

– on behalf of Edward Merkin (GDF)

## **Axel, Jacob & Robin**

– in memory of Shelley Stern (CSDF)  
– in memory of Shelley Stern (RBDF)

## **Bates, Bonnie & J. Bradley**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (CC)

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## **Belbot, Michael & Arica**

– for the yahrzeit of Arthur Miller (RBDF)

## **Berger, Ann**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

## **Berman, Barbara**

– in memory of Rebecca Cohen (LSRF)

## **Bloom, Hilary**

– in memory of my grandmother,  
Mildred Zemel (CC)

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– in memory of Ed Merkin (LLJL)  
– in honor of The Marriage of Jane Shifrin and  
Scott Wicks (PNF)

## **Brostoff, Fred & Rochelle**

– for the yahrzeit of Yael Saffro  
(RBDF)

## **Bryan, Mitchell & Barbara**

– in memory of Sheldon Block, Father of  
Barbara Bryan (FtHF)  
– for the birth of Zoe Rose Feldgreber,  
Granddaughter of Rob and Bobbi Feldgreber  
(PNF)  
– in memory of Harry Bryan (PNF)

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– in memory of Edythe R. Dickman (RBDF)

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– in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

## **du Rivage, Vance**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

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– for the yahrzeit of Jane Firsel (FEF)  
– for the yahrzeit of Maurice Firsel and Hannah  
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– in memory of Ernest Simon (CC)  
– in memory of Louise Bobker (CC)  
– in memory of Evelyn Garb (CC)  
– in memory of Philip Garb (CC)

## **Glink, Martin & Gail**

– in memory of Cyrene Green, Mother of  
Gail Glink (RBDF)

## **Gluskin, Adam & Lisa**

– in honor of Lauren Gluskin's baby naming  
(RBDF)

## **Gluskin, Lawrence**

– in memory of Philip Gluskin (RBDF)

## **Golan, Scott & Deborah**

– in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Marion  
Schwartz's grandson, Pierce (FtHF)

## **Gordon, Bruce & Linda**

– in honor of The marriage of Jane Shifrin to  
Scott Wicks (GDF)  
– for the yahrzeit of Ralph Weiss, Florence  
Weiss, Barry Weiss (GDF)  
– in honor of Anna and Roman Frid for Sydney  
Shifrin becoming Bat Mitzvah. (LLJL)

## **Gordon, Jeffery & Barbara**

– in memory of Leona Foldi (CSDF)  
– in memory of Leona Foldi (RBDF)

## **Gross, Kevin & Friedman-Gross, Michelle**

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## **Grove, Candice**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

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– in memory of Tillie Bloomberg and Joan  
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– in memory of Seymour Kessler, father of Mark  
(Mindy) Kessler (FtHF)

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– in memory of Ed Merkin (GDF)

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– in memory of Edward Merkin (RBDF)  
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## **Kessler, Mark & Mindy**

– for the yahrzeit of Myron Newman (CSDF)

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## **Krawitz, Charles & Laiyew**

– for the yahrzeit of Arnie Krawitz (CSDF)  
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## **Kriss, Mitchel & Toby**

– for the yahrzeit of Marvin Ridzinski (RBDF)

## **Kromelow, Jason**

– in memory of Ed Merkin (GDF)

## **Kuenneth, Charles & Eileen**

– in honor of the marriage of Jane Shifrin and  
Scott Wicks (GDF)  
– in memory of Edward Merkin (RMHIAF)  
– for the yahrzeit of Robert Hirschberg, father  
of Eileen Kuenneth (TF)

## **Lasin, Gerald and Adrienne**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (TF)

## **Lee, Robert & Janet**

– for the yahrzeit of Virginia 'Teenee' Lee (CC)

## **Leventhal, Roy & Charlotte**

– in memory of Ed Merkin (RBDF)

## **Levin, Beth**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (LLJL)

## **Levine, Bruce & Dede**

– in memory of Gertrude Weiss Goodwin (CC)

## **Levinson, Richard**

– for the yahrzeit of Lillian Rubin (LSRF)  
– in memory of Linda Levinson (LSRF)

## **Levy, Jerry & Kimberley**

– in memory of Dr. A Yale Gerol (FtHF)

## **Marlowe, Craig & Debra**

– for the yahrzeit of Alan Moyer, beloved  
brother of Debbie (Craig) Marlowe, uncle  
of Alan Marlowe (FtHF)  
– in honor of the marriage of Mollie Kaplan  
to Michael Kaufman, daughter of Judy and  
Allan Kaplan (FEF)  
– in memory of John Olander, father of Jennifer  
(Ricardo) Bekin (SAF)  
– in honor of Sydney Shifrin becoming  
a Bat Mitzvah (SAF)  
– in memory of Marla Grabell, sister-in-law of  
Marc (Cheryl) Grabell (SAF)

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– in honor of our clergy and staff (GDF)  
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## **Nett, Marlene**

– in memory of Jeffrey Nett (RBDF)

## **Pivar, Cara & Gary**

– for the yahrzeit of Leonard M. Taussig (CC)

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– for the yahrzeit of George J. Pohn (FtHF)

## **Posner, Neal & Katy**

– for the yahrzeit of Fred Posner (CC)

## **Priola, Sarah, Caleb & Lucy**

– in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

## **Resnick, Louise**

– in memory of Ed Merkin (GDF)  
– in memory of Sam Berkowitz (GDF)

## **Rifkind, Bruce**

– in memory of Edward S Merkin (FtHF)

## **Robins, David & Debra**

– in memory of Ed Merkin (GDF)

**Rohr, Allan & Susan**

- in memory of Gary Kahn (LSRF)
- in memory of Sally Belsky (LSRF)
- in memory of Jay Epstein (LSRF)
- in memory of Ben Rohr (LSRF)
- in memory of Charles & Bee Goldberg (LSRF)

**Rosen, Clare**

- in memory of Edmund Epstein (FtHF)

**Rosen, Gary & Linda**

- in memory of Sam Rosen (WFMF)
- in memory of Lillian Rosen (WFMF)

**Rosman, Morris**

- for the yahrzeit of Dave and Gwen Rosman (RBDF)

**Ross, Mark & Elaine**

- for the yahrzeit of Barbie Ross (CC)

**Rzadzki-Kendall, Julie**

- in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

**Sachs, Robert & Frances**

- in honor of Scott Goode in appreciation for the technology of the High Holy Day Services (FtHF)
- for the yahrzeit of Bennett Levy (FtHF)
- for the yahrzeit of Corrine Z Sachs (FtHF)
- for the yahrzeit of Dorothy Simon (FtHF)

**Saffrin, David & Joni**

- in memory of Lee Levin (RHDF)

**Salasche, Laure**

- in honor of Jackson Salasche becoming a Bar Mitzvah (GDF)
- in honor of our grandson, Max Salasche, becoming a Bar Mitzvah (RBDF)

**Schwartz, William & Amy**

- for the yahrzeit of Bill Levin (CSDF)

**Shamberg, Michael & Susan**

- for the yahrzeit of Harold and Marion Shamberg (FtHF)

**Siegel, Ilene**

- in memory of Ann Siegel (RBDF)

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- in memory of Ed Merkin (HOSF)

**Sophian, Laurence & Ardis**

- in memory of Loretta Sophian (CSDF)
- in memory of Irving Sophian (GDF)
- in memory of Leonard Sophian (GDF)
- in memory of Laura Sophian (GDF)

**Soskin, Rollin**

- for the yahrzeit of Jacqueline Soskin (CSDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Jacqueline Soskin (RBDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Jacqueline Soskin (RHDF)

**Spungen, Glenn & Linda**

- in honor of Yom Kippur (FtHF)

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- in memory of John Olander, father of Jennifer (Ricardo) Bekin (GDF)
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**Thorne, Stacey**

- in memory of Edward Merkin (CC)

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- in memory of Anthony A. Drabanski (RBDF)
- in memory of Gloria Cominek (RHDF)

**Weissman, Esther**

- in memory of David Kaplan (RBDF)

**Zoll, Adam**

- in memory of Edward Merkin (GDF)

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<b>Caring Community (CC)</b>	Assist congregant families in times of need and celebration
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<b>Endowment Fund (EF)</b>	Ensure Temple Chai's future
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<b>Life Long Jewish Learning (LLJL)</b>	Meaningful programs to enhance Jewish education for adults of Temple Chai
<b>Memorial Plaque (MP)</b>	Remember your loved one with a plaque on our Memorial Wall (Yahrzeit board) in the Heinrich Memorial Foyer
<b>Pikuach Nefesh Fund (PNF)</b>	Support individuals and families to meet their Temple Chai financial obligation
<b>Prayer Book Fund (PBF)</b>	<i>Siddurim</i> (prayer books) and <i>Chumashim</i> (Torah commentary) for Temple Chai
<b>Rabbi &amp; Mendy Hart Israel Action Fund (RMHIAF)</b>	Promote greater involvement in, and connection to, the State of Israel
<b>Rabbi Baden's Discretionary Fund (RBDF)</b>	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
<b>Rabbi Hart Discretionary Fund (RHDF)</b>	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
<b>Waterman Family Music Fund (WFMF)</b>	Support Temple Chai Music and Fine Arts programming
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# Women of Temple Chai Uniongrams

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**To: Roz Agrest**

*Wishing you a Speedy Recovery*

**From: Phyllis and Steve Gold  
Fran and Bobby Sachs**

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**To: Jennifer and Rick Bekin**

*In memory of your father, John Olander*

**From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz  
Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Mindy and Mark Kessler**

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**To: Marlene Dolin**

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of your granddaughter*

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

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**To: Marlene Dolin**

*Mazel Tov on the marriages of your grandchildren*

**From: Debbie Marlowe**

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**To: Reesa Epstein**

*Wishing you a Speedy Recovery*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Stan Epstein and Family**

*In memory of Sheila*

**From: Irene and Mike Lerner**

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**To: Anna and Roman Frid**

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter, Jane Shifrin to Scott Wicks*

**From: Toby and Mitch Kriss  
Donna and Chuck Schwartz  
Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Grabell Family**

*In memory of Marla Grabell*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Mae and Al Schwab  
Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Barb Heinrich**

*Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Phyllis and Steve Gold  
Debbie and Craig Marlowe  
Fran and Bobby Sachs  
Beverly and Julian Schreiber  
Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Elaine Jacoby and Family**

*In memory of your mother*

**From: Sandy Greenberg**

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**To: Judy and Allan Kaplan**

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter, Mollie to Michael*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Toby and Mitch Kriss  
Terry and Jerry Moons**

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**To: Carol and Norm Letofsky**

*Mazel Tov on your grandson, Ethan Michaels becoming a Bar Mitzvah*

**From: Irene and Mile Lerner**

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**To: Phyllis Merkin**

*In memory of your husband, Ed Merkin*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Barb and Rich Heinrich  
Sandy and Bob Greenberg  
Shirley Kreisman  
Kitty Loewy and Terry Steczo  
Debbie and Craig Marlowe  
Terry and Jerry Moons  
Fran and Bobby Sachs  
Mae and Al Schwab  
Donna and Chuck Schwartz  
Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Leah and Ian Miska**

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of your son, Jason to Caryn Musiala*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsell  
Barb and Rich Heinrich  
Toby and Mitch Kriss  
Debbie and Craig Marlowe  
Debbie and Dave Robins  
Fran and Bobby Sachs  
Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Julian Schreiber**

*Happy Birthday!*

**From: Julie, Paul, Andrea, Phillip, Ben and Katie**

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**To: Jane Shifrin**

*Mazel Tov on your marriage to Scott Wicks*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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**To: Joyce Strill c/o Schreiber**

*In memory of her birthday*

**From: The Schreiber Family**

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**To: January B'nei Mitzvahs; Gavin Belbot, Nayan Katz-Adolph:**

*Mazel Tov on becoming B'nei Mitzvahs*

**From: Women of Temple Chai**

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# Calendar

## January 2021

1/1/2021		New Year's Day
1/1/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
1/2/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
1/4/2021	4:00 P.M.	Hebrew Small Groups
1/4/2021	7:00 P.M.	Adult Hebrew
1/5/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Program "Dealing with the Winter Blues" with Debbie Gross
1/6/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
1/7/2021	6:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
1/8/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
1/8/2021	8:00 P.M.	Zoom Oneg
1/9/2021	10:30 A.M.	Bar Mitzvah of Nayan Katz-Adolph
1/9/2021	2:00 P.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
1/9/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
1/10/2021	9:00 A.M.	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
1/10/2021	5:00 P.M.	Jr. Chai Isralink with Charla Silver
1/10/2021	7:00 P.M.	Israel Committee Program with Deon Thomas
1/11/2021	4:00 P.M.	Hebrew Small Groups
1/11/2021	7:00 P.M.	Adult Hebrew
1/12/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Board Meeting
1/13/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
1/13/2021	7:00 P.M.	Chai Guys Program with Howard Prager
1/13/2021	7:30 P.M.	Chai School
1/15/2021	10:00 A.M.	Zumbini with jBaby
1/15/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
1/16/2021	10:00 A.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
1/16/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
1/17/2021	9:00 A.M.	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
1/17/2021	5:00 P.M.	Jr. Chai Isralink with Charla Silver
1/18/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
1/19/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Kol Isha with Laura Perpinyal
1/20/2021	7:00 P.M.	Chai Guys Board Meeting
1/21/2021	1:30 P.M.	January Third Thursday with Barry Bradford
1/22/2021	10:00 A.M.	Zumbini with jBaby
1/22/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
1/22/2021	8:00 P.M.	Zoom Oneg
1/23/2021	10:30 A.M.	Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Belbot
1/23/2021	2:00 P.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
1/23/2021	7:00:00	Virtual Havdallah Service
1/24/2021	9:00:00	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
1/24/2021	2:00:00	Mitzvah Showcase
1/24/2021	5:00:00	Jr. Chai Isralink with Charla Silver
1/25/2021	4:00:00	Hebrew Small Groups
1/25/2021	7:00:00	Adult Hebrew
1/26/2021	7:00:00	WTC Lilith Salon
1/27/2021	12:00:00	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
1/28/2021	7:00:00	Board Meeting
1/29/2021	10:00 A.M.	Zumbini with jBaby
1/29/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Under the Stars
1/30/2021	10:00 A.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden

## January 2021

1/30/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
1/31/2021	9:00 A.M.	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
1/31/2021	1:00 P.M.	WTC Simcha Showcase
1/31/2021	5:00 P.M.	Jr. Chai Isralink with Charla Silver

## February 2021

2/1/2021	4:00 P.M.	Hebrew Small Groups
2/1/2021	7:00 P.M.	Adult Hebrew
2/2/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Program with Leah Polin
2/3/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
2/4/2021	6:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
2/5/2021	10:00 A.M.	Zumbini with jBaby
2/5/2021	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
2/5/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
2/6/2021	10:00 A.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
2/6/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
2/7/2021	9:00 A.M.	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
2/8/2021	4:00 P.M.	Hebrew Small Groups
2/8/2021	7:00 P.M.	Adult Hebrew
2/9/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Board Meeting
2/10/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
2/10/2021	7:00 P.M.	Chai Guys Night In
2/12/2021	10:00 A.M.	Zumbini with jBaby
2/12/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
2/12/2021	8:00 P.M.	Zoom Oneg
2/13/2021	10:00 A.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
2/13/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
2/14/2021	1:00 P.M.	Pizza Bingo with the Chai Guys and WTC
2/15/2021	4:00 P.M.	Hebrew Small Groups
2/16/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Program with SHALVA: the oldest, independent Jewish domestic violence agency in the United States
2/17/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
2/17/2021	7:00 P.M.	Chai Guys Board Meeting
2/18/2021	1:30 P.M.	Third Thursday Program with Dr. Scott Heinrich
2/19/2021	10:00 A.M.	Zumbini with jBaby
2/19/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship with Grade Participation and the Chai & Mighty Band
2/20/2021	10:00 A.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
2/20/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
2/21/2021	9:00 A.M.	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups
2/21/2021	9:00 A.M.	Virtual Purim Carnival
2/21/2021	5:00 P.M.	Jr. Chai Isralink with Charla Silver
2/22/2021	4:00 P.M.	Hebrew Small Groups
2/22/2021	7:00 P.M.	Adult Hebrew
2/23/2021	7:00 P.M.	WTC Book Club
2/24/2021	12:00 P.M.	Community Check In with Rabbi Baden
2/24/2021	7:00 P.M.	Board Meeting
2/24/2021	7:30 P.M.	Chai School
2/25/2021	6:00 P.M.	Purim Spiel
2/26/2021	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live
2/26/2021	8:00:00	Zoom Oneg
2/27/2021	10:00 A.M.	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
2/27/2021	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Havdallah Service
2/27/2021	8:00 P.M.	Purim Adult Game Night
2/28/2021	9:00 A.M.	Religious School & Hebrew Small Groups

# Life Cycle

## MAZEL TOV TO:

**Larry Gluskin** on the wedding engagement of his son Jonathan to Hayley Levitan

**Craig & Debbie Marlowe** on the wedding engagement of their son Alan to Jodie Ray

**Dave & Debbie Robins** on the wedding engagement of their daughter Michelle to Bryan Larsen

**Bobbi & Rob Feldgreber** on the birth of their granddaughter Zoey Rose Feldgreber

**Reesa & Richard Epstein** on the birth of their granddaughter Naomi Tovah Seeskin

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**Lisa Gluskin** on the death of your grandmother Harriet Rudenberg

**Jeff Gordon** on the death of your aunt Leona Foldi

**Marc Grabell** on the death of your sister-in-law Marla Grabell

**Mitchel Kriss** on the death of your uncle Norman Ferber

**Judi Levit** on the death of your cousin Gerry Ginsberg

**Craig and Debbie Marlowe** on the death of your friend Kim Walton

**Phyllis Merkin** on the death of your husband Edward Merkin

**Dave Weisberg** on the death of your brother-in-law- Sam Goldman

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

# Asher Yatzar

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BODIES

As we begin this new year focusing on *Tikkun*, it is important to give thanks for our health and wellbeing. *Asher Yatzar* is traditionally recited during *Shacharit* (morning service) as a way to be mindful of our bodies and soul in starting a new day (or a new year!)

### אֲשֶׁר יָצַר

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר יָצַר אֶת הָאָדָם  
בְּחָכְמָה וּבְרָא בּוֹ נְקִיבִים  
נְקִיבִים חֲלוּלִים חֲלוּלִים. גְּלוּי  
וַיְדוּעַ לְפָנֶי כֹסֵא כְבוֹדְךָ שָׂאֵם  
וַיִּפְתַּח אֶחָד מֵהֶם אוֹ וַיִּסְתֵּם  
אֶחָד מֵהֶם אִי אֶפְשָׁר  
לְהִתְקִיִּם וּלְעִמּוֹד לְפָנֶיךָ.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה רוֹפֵא כָּל  
בָּשָׂר וּמְפַלֵּיא לַעֲשׂוֹת.

### Transliteration

Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu  
melekh ha'olam, asher yatzar et  
ha'adam b'khochmah, u'vara vo  
nekavim nekavim, chalulim  
chalulim. Galuy ve'yadua lifnei  
khisei khevodekha she'im  
yipateiach echad meihem, 'o  
yisateim echad  
meihem, 'i efshar le'hitkaiyeim  
ve'la'amod lefaneykha.

Baruch atah Adonai, rofei khol  
basar u'mafli la'asot.

### Translation

Blessed are You, Adonai, our  
God, Sovereign of the universe,  
who formed man with wisdom  
and created within him many  
openings and many hollow  
spaces. It is obvious and known  
before Your Seat of Honor that  
if even one of them would be  
opened, or if even one of them  
would be sealed, it would be  
impossible to survive and to  
stand before You even for one  
hour. Blessed are You, Adonai,  
who heals all flesh and  
acts wondrously.



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THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 25  
6:00 PM

## *Purim Spiel*

Days of feasting and gladness are here!  
The Costumes! The Songs! The Glitz!  
They are all yours in a whacky and  
zany virtual Purim Spiel with your  
Temple Chai clergy and staff!  
More information to come soon!