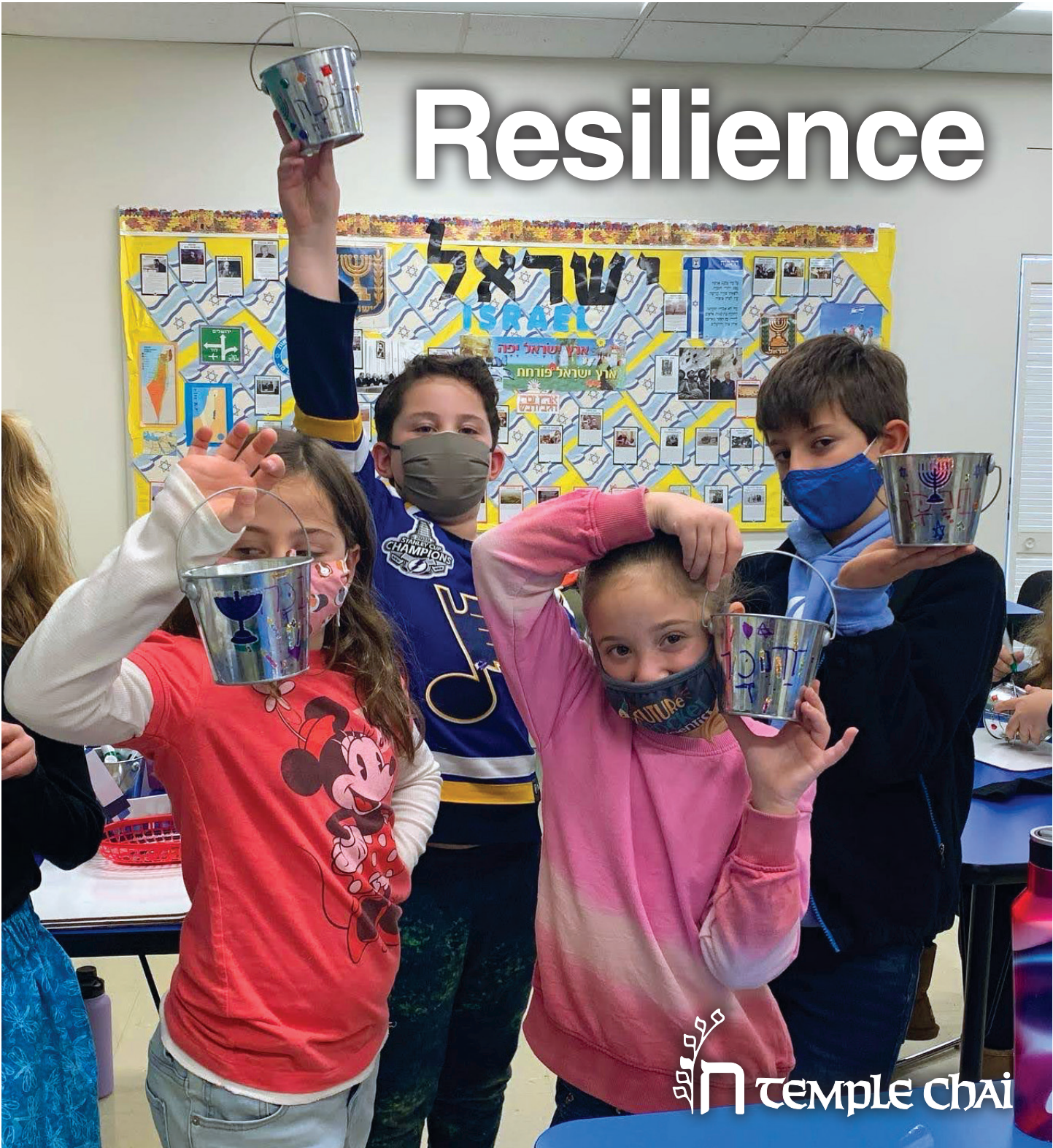


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Why Chai? By Melissa Greenberg and Brian Gray

When we began the process of choosing a congregation to join our priorities included finding a community that would enable us to raise our children with a Jewish identity and develop an affinity for the importance of Israel to the Jewish faith. We also wanted to find a community that would not just accept Brian as a non-Jewish parent but would be open arms and supportive of Brian to be actively involved in raising our children in the Jewish faith and find his place

in the community. Lastly, we wanted to find a community where we felt confident that we would be surrounded by people and families that we would build lifelong relationships with.



Spring Resilience



As we enter these springtime months, we prepare ourselves for the upcoming sacred days on the Jewish calendar—some ancient and some more modern.

We observe Purim (March 16-17)—the day that celebrates the Jewish community of Persia who, through the bravery of Queen Esther, were able to defy evil Haman’s plot to destroy them.

We observe Passover (beginning April 15)—the holiday that reminds us of our ancestors’ liberation from enslavement.

And we observe Yom HaShoah (April 27-28)—Holocaust Remembrance Day, which reminds us to never forget the horrors that befell our people, to mourn for those who perished, and to honor those who survived.

We know that being part of a Jewish community is a great source of joy, pride, and meaning. However, it is not always easy to be part of this peoplehood. These holidays remind us of the struggles we have faced. At the same time, these holidays inspire us, as they demonstrate how our

people have persevered and survived, despite these threats and hardships.

Upon reflecting on each of these holy days individually and collectively, it becomes clear that there is one consistent theme that runs through them: resilience. In her newly published book, *Renewal: From Crisis to Transformation in our Lives, Work, and Politics*, Anne-Marie Slaughter notes, “Resilience... is less about surviving or even bouncing back so much as bouncing forward, using pain, humiliation, loss, and fear as catalysts for transformative change.”

As we anticipate these sacred days this year, may we take these words to heart. In addition to celebrating the many triumphs and joy of our heritage, may we also acknowledge the tragedies and pain we have experienced—and in doing so, may we transform our agony into resolve as we strive to go forward in strength.

The graphic features a blue border. At the top, there are six stylized Israeli flags. Below them, the text reads: *Israel Consul General to the Midwest, Yinam Cohen will be speaking at Temple Chai*. A dotted line separates this from the event details: **MARCH 11 AT 7PM SHABBAT WORSHIP AT TEMPLE CHAI (MULTI-ACCESS)**. On the right side of the graphic is a photo of Yinam Cohen, a man with a shaved head, wearing a white shirt and a purple tie, standing with his arms crossed in front of an Israeli flag.

Kol Sason – A Voice of Joy!



Aretha Franklin expressed so poignantly, “Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It’s transporting, for sure. It can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It’s uplifting, it’s encouraging, it’s strengthening.” How true this is! For all but the rarest of us, music and song have been inextricably linked to treasured personal and communal memories and moments beyond number. How faithfully too this truth has supported us throughout the pandemic. For music has uplifted and encouraged us and been essential to our resilience over the last two years; encouraging us, consoling us, and easing our sense of vulnerability and isolation. The evening news video footage of apartment dwellers from Manhattan or Siena Italy singing from their windows and balconies lifted hearts around the globe! The sound of their inspired emotional voices singing in the face of our common adversary

warmed our hearts and roused our shared humanity beyond faith or dogma. Here at home the moving sounds of our traditions and Temple Chai community equally unite and uplift us as we pray and sing, adapt to new formats and resonate together. Even when words failed us and masks muted us, the inspired sound of our human song banished our fears and some of our loneliness as it roused our shared desire to thrive, love and connect. Thank God for the blessings of our musical culture, spirituality and unbreakable Jewish “hope.” May they continue to empower us and give voice to our resilience and joy.

Gratefully, I’m excited to announce two fantastic spring musical events that will unite our hearts and inspire us in the above-mentioned ways!

On Sunday morning, March 13 at 10 AM we will all ‘COME TOGETHER’ as our Temple Chai staff and volunteers take us on a ‘Megilla-cal Mystery Tour!’ Dress up like your favorite Beate or Purim character, grab a grogger and GET CHAI WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS at our Beatlemania Purim Spiel and Megillah Reading. You’ll wail like a ‘Mop Top’ as we sing Queen Esther’s “long and winding scroll” with parodies of the Fab Four’s greatest hits! (See our ad and upcoming March Chai Wires for info and virtual options).

Experience the razzle-dazzle, songs and emotions of a live night club performance! I am overjoyed and so grateful to invite my dear friends - three incredibly talented cantors, to transform our bimah into a Cantor’s Cabaret, April 23, 2022, at 7:30 PM! Cantors Sheera-Ben David, David Berger, and Susie Lewis Friedman are not only wonderfully passionate clergy but truly phenomenal musical artists; each at the height of their craft and each with celebrated performance backgrounds in live theater or cabaret! And don’t worry, our musical maestro Gregory Shifrin and surprise musical guests will be here to entertain us as well! After the hiatus of live singing we are truly elated to deliver a thrilling concert of heart stopping European, Israeli and American cabaret and Broadway songs by popular and some lesser known - Jewish composers and librettists; all who defined the genre with their groundbreaking talent! Kurt Weill, Stephen Sondheim, Kander and Ebb, Shalom Secunda, George Gershwin, and many others will be featured in this “gift boxed musical gem” to Temple Chai! Event and ticket info in ‘Chaiwire’ ads and on our website!

Shalom u’Vrachah and Chag Sameach! —
Peace and Blessings and happy holidays!

A promotional poster for 'A Cantors' Cabaret' set against a blue, vertically-pleated curtain background. The title 'A CANTORS' CABARET' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below it, the date and time 'Saturday Night, April 23, 7:30 p.m.' are also in yellow. The text 'Starring Cantor Simon and friends!' is in white. A row of five small portrait photos of the performers is shown: Sheera Ben-David, David Berger, Scott Simon, Susie Lewis Friedman, and Gregory Shifrin. Above the photos, the names of the composers/librettists 'Stephen Sondheim The Gershwins' and 'Kurt Weill Kander and Ebb' are written in white, slanted text. At the bottom, the text 'A Night of Fabulous Song to Fill your Heart!' and 'For Tickets and Info. go to our Website or watch for the Chaiwire!' are written in yellow.

The Value of Ometz Lev



The Mitzvah Day of May 2021 was such a wonderful highlight of our year of learning together! We have all endured this pandemic differently, each one of us has had moments of struggle and moments of resolve. But parents and teachers have been on the forefront of keeping our kids safe, helping to maintain a sense of normalcy (whatever that may be now) and maintaining a level of positivity I find utterly inspiring! No, they (we) are not ok... none of this is ok. But they (we) are resilient, steadfastly resilient.

At Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) we have guiding *Middot* or virtues that we both learn about and use in our everyday interactions. At camp we use the *middah Ometz Lev*.

The Hebrew phrase, *Ometz Lev* translates to “**strength (ometz) of the heart (lev)**” and often is translated as courage, resilience, or inner strength. This phrase is found in Psalm 27, reminding us to look to God for strength.

Rabbi Marc Margolius wrote, “Observing [when we are] we are afraid, without judging ourselves for that emotion, offers the possibility of acting in a way that is not determined by that fear. That is *ometz lev* — doing that which is right and just, even in the face of challenging emotions.”

And that’s what parents and teachers are doing daily. They are doing what feels right in the abyss of the unknown. Living through this pandemic has tested us all beyond anything we could have imagined. And yet, I have hope that we have each had moments when our *Ometz Lev* has kicked into high gear, and we are able to do face that uncertainty with strength! May we continue to lean on each other and on our Jewish community to be reminded just how strong we are, and we are in this together!



School Dates

March 6

4th Grade Mock Wedding

March 13

Purim Celebration

March 20–27

Spring break: March 20-27.
Classes resume on Wednesday,
March 30/Sunday April 3

April 8

School Shabbat

April 10

PreK-K Family Education

May 8

Last Day of religious school



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Kaveh el-Adonai hazak v'ya'ometz libecha v'kaveh el-Adonai

“Look to God. Be strong and strengthen your heart. Look to God!”

Resilience

We are so proud that The Women of Temple Chai has been able to be resilient these past two years. The definition of resilience is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and tough situations; and Covid definitely created this situation for our planning. When we were first asked to step up to the plate and provide programming to support our temple membership virtually, we were very unsure. How could we possibly do this? But we rose to the challenge. Each week WTC came up with ideas. As spring turned to summer we thought that life was getting back to normal. We started to have girl's night out dinners together and had hybrid in person/zoom events. WTC's normal programming for the year seemed so promising. And then the new variant pushed us back into virtual. We have learned some important lessons about Women of

Temple Chai. We are an organization that is up to any challenge. We can change programs at almost a moment's notice, from totally in person, to virtual, hybrid and then back to in person. We have an incredible board who has worked hard to give our membership the best experience possible no matter what the situation happens to be. We are a strong and resilient organization.




IF STATUES COULD TALK, WHAT STORIES WOULD THEY TELL?

On Zoom
Tuesday, March 1st
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join Beth Sair as she takes us on a one-of-a-kind virtual tour of "The Talking Statues of Chicago."



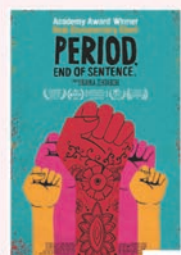
While enjoying the captivating presentation, you will hear some of the city's finest statues and sculptures tell their own stories, as voiced by Chicago actors and co-produced by Chicago theaters.



You will not only experience the statues in a whole new way, but also learn unique details about the city's history.




Social Action/Social Justice
and The Women of Temple Chai
Present
Movie showing and Discussion




Sunday, March 6th
1:30 PM
Multi Access

the pad project.



CHICAGO MURALS

TUESDAY
APRIL 19th,
7:00 p.m. on Zoom



Travel virtually throughout Chicagoland with Beth Sair, volunteer at the Chicago Architecture Center and a member of the Chicago Tour-Guide Professionals Association. She shares some of Chicago's newest murals with us. While enjoying this fascinating PowerPoint presentation, you will learn unique details about Chicago's history and uplifting elements about the artists and their mural projects that feature communities, celebrities, and whimsical characters. This is an uplifting feel good presentation of how artists are improving neighborhoods one mural at a time.

Watch for registering information in the eblast!

HAPPY PURIM!

Purim is March 17th!
Send Shalach Manot "Happy Purim" Greetings to your Temple Chai family! It's so much fun to give and receive this special message!

Watch your inbox for your personalized link and how to order! Click and follow the prompts to purchase your Shalach Manot Purim Greetings.

On March 17th, you will receive an email listing everyone who sent you Shalach Manot Purim Greetings along with a coupon redeemable for 2 Hamantaschen from Original Bagel and Bialy.

For more information contact:
shalachmanot.templechai@gmail.com

Women of Temple Chai March & April Dates for Your Calendar! Everyone is Invited!

DATE	EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
Tuesday, March 1st	Talking Statues	7:00 PM	Beth Sair
Tuesday, March 22nd	Movie Night	7:00 PM	
Tuesday, March 29th	Lilith Salon	7:00 PM	Mae Schwab
Thursday, April 7th	Passover Make and Take	7:00 PM	Michelle Rossman
Friday, April 19th	Chicago's Murals	4:00-7:00 PM	Beth Sair
Sunday, April 24th	Kol Isha Part 3	10:00-11:30 AM	Gail Simon
Tuesday, April 26th	Ladies Night Out—Lou Malnati's Fundraiser	6:30 PM	Janice Bradley
Thursday, April 28	Book Club: Caste by Isabel Wilkerson	7:00 PM	Ardis Sophian and Maryam Brotine

Chai Guys Resilience

Throughout this pandemic, the world has had to adjust. Temple Chai and the Chai Guys have shown resilience in adapting to the current environment. The Chai Guys have moved from meeting in restaurants to meeting on Zoom. Our programs including guest speakers and the Pizza/Bingo fundraiser have been virtual. We have learned the meaning of resilience from our member and friend Sam Harris. Sam told his story of surviving the Holocaust and of his perseverance in getting the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center built.

Recently, we had Greg Harris speak to us. Through his resilience, he achieved his dream of creating autographed artwork of Jews in baseball. It took several years for him to convince all of the Jewish baseball players (current and former) to join the project. He had to travel many thousands of miles to have them each autograph one thousand pieces of the original art. The process of bringing the artwork across the country without damage was extremely challenging. The story he told us in our meeting was quite impressive.



Resilience Sets Groundwork for the New Israeli Nation

Surviving in a land surrounded by enemies and 60% desert has created a great sense of resilience for Jews living in The Promised Land. In the months leading up to Israel's statehood in 1948, Jews living in Jerusalem were cut-off from supplies from the west coast. The Arab Legion controlled access through the land between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean Sea. After Jewish troops tried unsuccessfully to take control of the main road from the coast to Jerusalem, a plan was devised to build a new road that would be hidden from view of the Arab armies. The new road, called the Burma Road, was built over the worn paths that shepherds

made through the hills. In only three weeks, under cover of night, the new road was constructed, and trucks were able to deliver precious supplies to Jerusalem. The Israelis demonstrated further resilience by building the life-saving HaShiloach Water Pipeline parallel to the Burma Road within a 30-day period. The Burma Road and HaShiloach Pipeline are just some of the sites and learnings experienced by travelers on Temple Chai trips to Israel. To find out more about Temple Chai's upcoming trip to Israel, please contact Charla Silver at csilver@templechai.org.



Celebrating Laura



We are delighted to be honoring Director of Congregational Learning Laura Perpinyal, who has designed and guided the congregation's student and adult education programs for over ten years.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Laura and her decade of service at Temple Chai," shared Rabbi Ilana G. Baden. "Laura brings so much energy, heart, and integrity to our educational and programmatic offerings. She is a true blessing and a gift to our community."

Under Laura's guidance, Temple Chai's Religious and Hebrew Schools has grown and flourished. Laura has developed strong partnerships with our neighboring congregations and Jewish organizations in the Northwest suburbs and Chicago area, participated in many forward thinking grant opportunities such as CHIdush and B'nei Mitzvah Revolution, and worked tirelessly to earn accreditation by the Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE) in 2018.

In addition, Laura has served as the ChARJE (Chicago Area Reform Jewish Educators) President as well as the national ARJE board, spends part of her summers at OSRUI as faculty, and is involved in many of the local and national Jewish education organizations.

Most recently, Laura was honored by being selected as a member in the Mandel Institute's prestigious Educational Leadership Program. The program selects Jewish educational leaders in North America from a range of educational settings including synagogues, day schools, and Jewish non-profit organizations. The members of the cohort will learn together and generate new visions of Jewish education.

"As a participant in the Educational Leadership Program, I have the opportunity to study with Jewish educators from around the country. Through being part of this diverse group, I will continue to grow as an educator at Temple Chai," said Laura.

"I often share with my students that we are all lifelong learners," Perpinyal continued. "I believe in the power of shared experience and in the deep significance of Jewish community. I love working with our Temple Chai families and creating and implementing programs such as our Family Education Days. It is a joy to see families explore Jewish learning together."

"As an avid lifelong learner, I am also inspired to create Jewish learning opportunities for Temple Chai's members regardless of their ages," said Perpinyal. "I enjoy participating in the Temple Chai's ongoing and vibrant adult education programs."

Laura earned her Masters in Jewish education and Jewish non-profit management from Hebrew Union College in 2009. After spending two years in South Africa with her husband Avi, they moved back to Chicago in the fall of 2011 where Laura began working at Temple Chai. Since then, their family has grown and both their children, Sammy and Eliana, are now students in the religious school.

"Meeting the ever-changing challenges makes me proud to be part of our Temple Chai community," said Laura. "I am grateful that I have found a calling where I can nurture a love of Jewish learning in all those around me. Serving Temple Chai families for ten years has filled my heart with joy."

Mazel tov Laura on this incredible milestone! Thank you for all you have done at Temple Chai.



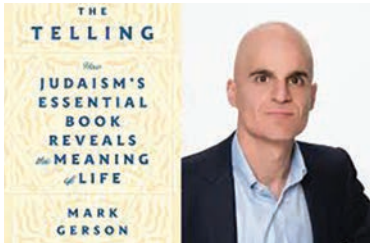
Ten Years With Laura!



Adult Education Programs

March

03/17/2022 • 1:30 PM



Mark Gerson
The Telling

April

04/21/2022 • 1:30 PM




Leslie Goddard
Remembering Marshall Field's

May

05/19/2022 • 1:30 PM (Zoom only)



Virtual Museum Tour
(More Information Coming Soon!)



Sundays@ 7
with **JIMENA**
Jews Indigenous to the Middle East
and North Africa
An evening exploring the history, culture and diversity of Mizrahi and Sephardi Jews

RESCHEDULED
Sunday, April 3
7 PM on Zoom



JEWISH HISTORY 201

with Alex Renko

Mondays at 7 PM on Zoom
Sessions 4 & 5 on March 7, 14

Join us for Jewish History into the modern world! Focusing on the challenges with modernity and Jewish Identity, Antisemitism, Zionism, and more. Alex will explore the major events, texts, and thinkers that continue to shape Jewish History and Culture.

Safety & Security Paramount at Temple Chai


On a Saturday in January, the risk the Jewish community faces became painfully meaningful as four Jewish worshippers were taken hostage during Shabbat services at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville Texas. Jewish communities across this country prayed for the safe release of the four captives, including Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker. As we now know, fortunately through the prior training and preparation of the Beth Israel congregation, all the hostages escaped uninjured physically, but will carry the emotional and psychological trauma from this horrific incident. The Colleyville incident was a reminder that Jews are consistently the most targeted religious community in the US. We are all sadly aware that antisemitic incidents are being reported at record levels.


Aryeh Tuchman, intelligence analyst for ADL, stated that the overall threat to our community did not dramatically increase due to the Colleyville incident. But he reminded everyone that the Jewish community is always at a higher risk profile than other faith organizations.

Safety and security at Temple Chai has been and will always be a top priority for clergy and Temple Leadership. Recognizing that the Jewish world must stay ever vigilant, we have worked diligently with law enforcement and other partners to secure our building and provide protection whenever and wherever we gather. Our security team continues to evaluate the needs of our community to ensure the safety of our Sacred home.

Additionally, Temple Chai has been fortunate to obtain two grants from the Non-Profit Security Grant program. These grants have enabled us to increase our security cameras, improve our alarm system, install better access control and secure the building. Future plans will enhance our communications, better strengthen our facility and provide additional training for our staff and congregation.


I found consolation in the words of Rabbi Joshua Franklin of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons made after the attack “The Jewish people have persevered through the ages, weathering countless threats, pogroms, and acts of violence,”. “May the virtues that have sustained us — those of resilience, fortitude, and hope — continue to guide us forward through whatever adversities we may face.”




**ILLINOIS
HOLOCAUST
MUSEUM
& EDUCATION
CENTER**

Mazel tov to Sam Harris on receiving the distinguished Survivor Legacy Award from the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center! Sam is the Museum's President Emeritus and a Holocaust Survivor. We are proud and honored to have you and your family as members of our Temple Chai community.

Yom HaShoah Program and Prayers



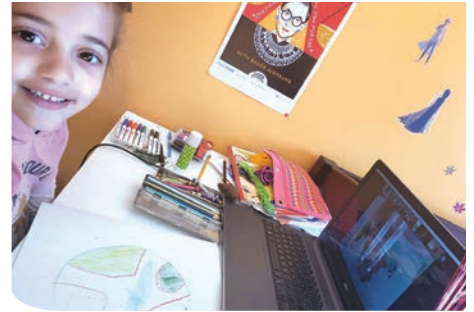
"The Maus Controversy and the Dangers of Minimizing the Holocaust" with IHMEC Docents Mark Gelfeld & Sandy Greenberg

Wednesday, April 27 at 7 PM
(Multi-Access)

Around the Temple



MLK Service



Mitzvah Day



Chanukah Shabbat



Chanukah Shabbat



Mitzvah Day



Chanukah Shabbat



Chanukah Shabbat



Mitzvah Day



Chanukah Shabbat



Chanukah Shabbat



Mitzvah Day



November Third Thursday with Roberta Kwall



WTC Painted Penguin



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Temple Chai in Arizona'

B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Congratulations to our March/April B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants!



Leo Barston is a 7th grader at Woodlawn Middle School, who lives with his parents, sister (Lucy, age 11) and two amazing dogs, Chewie and Annie in Long Grove. When he's not playing travel baseball or on the tennis court, you can find him hanging with his friends, throwing the frisbee for his golden retriever, cooking with his dad, or watching Marvel movies with his mom.



Jenna Alter is an 8th grader at Twin Groves Middle School and is excited to be able celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends after being postponed by a year. She enjoys figure skating, playing hockey, spending time with her friends and her dog. Jenna is loving, sensitive, big hearted and supportive to those around her.



Travis Passman is a student at Aptakisic Junior High. He enjoys swimming, watching sports, playing video games, and meteorology. He's active in the Boy Scouts and volunteers frequently at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.



Aaron Iskowitz is an eighth grader at Twin Groves. Aaron loves to play basketball and watch sports of all kinds, especially with his older brother Jeremy. He is looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah after waiting an extra year.



Mazel tov to Temple Chai's own Jacob Edley on being selected as one of Springboard Chicago's 2022 18 Under 18 Honorees.



Mazel tov to Daniel Brot who arrived in Israel on January 24 as part of the The Nachshon Project where he will be studying at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem for the spring semester.

Spice of Chai



PASSOVER CHEESE KUGEL

Submitted by Mae Schwab

4 matzos, each about 6x6 inches
2 c. (16 oz.) cottage cheese
3 eggs
½ tsp. salt
⅓ c. sugar
1 T. lemon juice
Grated rind of ½ lemon
½ c. raisins
½ c. broken or coarsely-chopped walnuts
6 T. melted butter
Sour cream (for serving)

Heat oven to 325°. Soak whole matzos in cold water to cover until slightly softened, but not mushy, about 1 ½ minutes. Drain thoroughly. Mix the cottage cheese, eggs, salt, sugar, lemon juice, lemon rind, raisins, and walnuts. Pour about 3 tablespoons melted butter into an 8-inch square baking dish or cake pan of about 2-quart volume. Set 1 whole matzo in the pan, filling in any spaces with pieces from another matzo. Spread half the cheese mixture in the pan. Cover with another layer of matzo. Spread the remaining cheese mixture in the pan. Top with a layer of matzos. Sprinkle the remaining melted butter on top. Bake for about 1 hour, or until set and the top is browned. Serve hot or lukewarm; cut in squares and serve accompanied by sour cream. Makes 6 servings.



PASSOVER LASAGNA

Submitted by Irma Cravath

2 (8 oz.) cans of tomato sauce
1 (1 lb.) ctn. Cottage cheese
½ lbs shredded muenster cheese
Garlic (opt.)
3 or 4 matzos
Salt & pepper
2 eggs

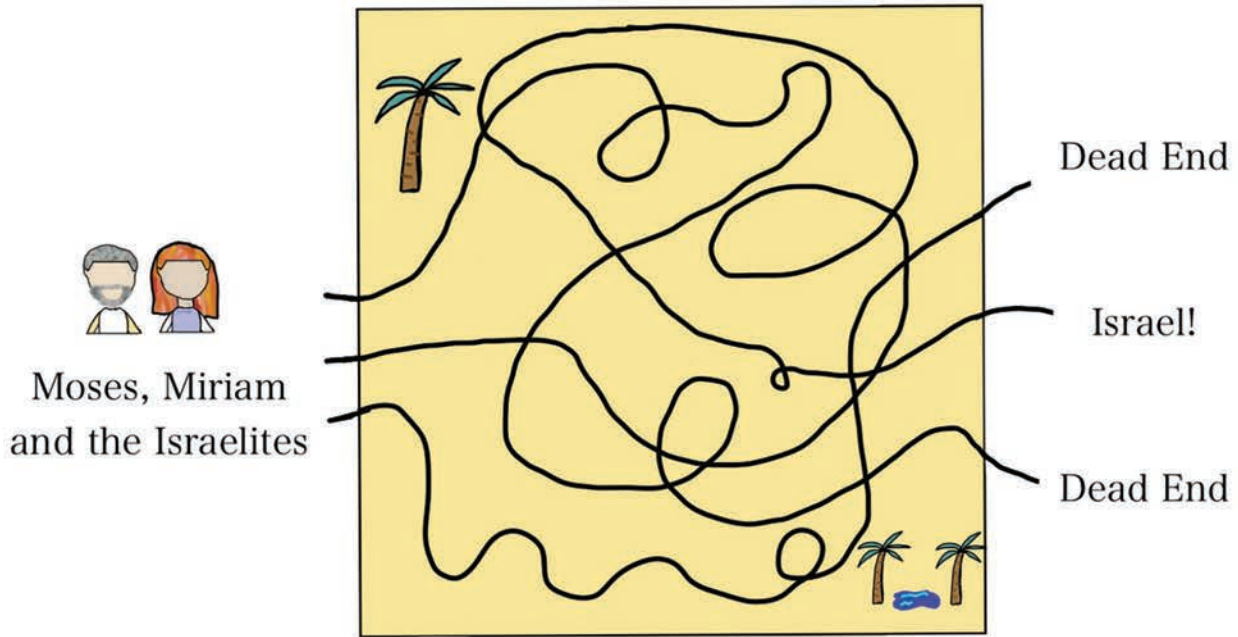
Beat eggs; mix with cottage cheese, salt, pepper, and garlic. We matzos to soften (not soggy). Pour a little sauce on bottom of 8x8-inch pan. Layer remaining ingredients (matzos, cottage cheese mixture, tomato sauce, Muenster cheese). End with Muenster cheese. Bake at 350° for 45 – 50 minutes. Let stand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

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

Yeladim Magazine

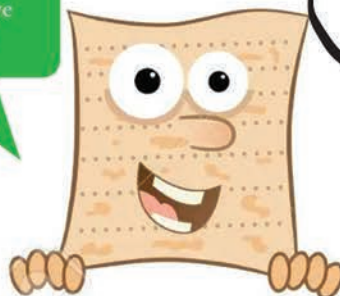
Did you know that after the Israelites fled from the Pharaoh in Egypt during the well-known Passover story, they wandered in the desert for 40 year before they arrived in Israel? That sure takes resilience! Resilience means being optimistic, flexible, and having the ability to problem-solve. When the Israelites were wandering in the desert they had to persevere and keep their goals in mind in order to survive. Prove your resilience by helping Moses, Miriam, and the rest of the Israelites choose the right path to get to Israel!

By Maya Heller



What's the difference between matzoh and cardboard??

Cardboard doesn't leave crumbs in the rug!



What kind of cheese do I eat on Pesach?

Matzo-rella



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Thank you to all of our donors between
November 1 – January 31, 2021.

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- in memory of Ralph Goldstein (RBDF)

Glink, Martin & Gail

- in memory of Marvin J. Glink (CC)

Gluskin, Lawrence

- in honor of Hayley and Jonathan’s Auf Ruf (CSDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Leonard Kaluzna (RBDF)
- in honor of Hayley and Jonathan’s marriage (RBDF)
- in honor of Hayley and Jonathan’s Auf Ruf (RBDF)

Golan, Scott & Deborah

- for the yahrzeit of Esther Silvar (FtHF)
- for the yahrzeit of Howard Golan (FtHF)
- for the yahrzeit of Harvey Silvar (LLJL)
- in honor of Bruce Levine’s 60th birthday (RBDF)
- in honor of Mitch Kriss’ 70th birthday (RBDF)

Gold, Stephen & Phyllis

- in memory of Etta Gold (RBDF)
- in memory of Norman Goldin (RBDF)

Gomberg, Ellen

- in memory of Lucille Brand (GDF)

Gordon, Bruce & Linda

- for the yahrzeit of Ralph Weiss, Florence Weiss, and Barry Weiss (GDF)

Gordon, Jeffery & Barbara

- for the yahrzeit of Al Jacobs (CSDF)
- in honor of Jeff’s 75th Birthday (RBDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Morris Kagan (RBDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Max Gordon (RBDF)
- in memory of Sylvia Levy (CSDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Rebecca Levy (RBDF)
- in memory of Sylvia Levy

Green, Kevin & Robin

- in memory of Jeanne Shifrin (GDF)

Greenberg, Robert & Sandra

- in memory of Helen Greenberg (CC)

Gross, Arnold & Deborah

- in memory of Lucille Brand (CC)

Grossman, Bruce & Cheryl

- in memory of Sanford Grossman (LSRF)

Hochman, Joel & Janet

- in memory of Linda Sukenik (CSDF)
- in memory of Lester Core (HOSF)
- in memory of Tillie Moraniss Hochman (HOSF)

Hodes, Chuck & Sherri

- in memory of Lola Bookman (RHDF)

Imyak, Sandra

- for the yahrzeit of Jack Imyak Katz (RBDF)

Jacobson, Robert & Mary

- in memory of Esther Jacobson and Emanuel Jacobson (RHDF)

Kaplan, Nolan & Norma

- in memory of Robert Simkins (CC)
- in memory of Sara Simkins (LLJL)
- in memory of Mickey Kaplan (TF)

Katz, Ira & Jill

- for the yahrzeit of Shirley Katz (RBDF)

Katz, Sondra

- in memory of Paul Bruce Katz (GDF)

Katzen, Leon & Beverly

- in memory of Joseph Bernsen (CSDF)
- in memory of Linda Sukenik (RBDF)
- in memory of Sally Prager (RBDF)

Krawitz, Charles & Laiyew

- in memory of Teik Cham Foong (CSDF)
- in memory of Martha Kohlberg (CSDF)

Kuenneth, Eileen & Charles

- in memory of Lucille Brand (GDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Stacy Foltz (CC)
- for the yahrzeit of Harriet Hirschberg (RMHIAF)
- in honor of Hilary Bloom’s engagement to Andy (RHDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Beloved Auntie, Sylvia Kovitz

Lee, Robert & Janet

- in memory of Ida F. Nathan (GDF)

Leonard, Larry & Lynne

- for the yahrzeit of Honi Mae Zelkin and Louis Zelkin

Levie, James & Barbara

- in memory of Muriel Levie (RBDF)

Levine, Bruce & Dede

- for the yahrzeit of Harlene Garfield (CC)
- for the yahrzeit of Marlene Plotkin (CC)

Levinson, Richard

- in memory of Sidney Levinson (LSRF)
- in memory of Linda Levinson (LSRF)

Levit, Mark & Judi

- for the yahrzeit of Ruth Ferrell (RBDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Anna Ginsburg (RBDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Marilyn Levit (RBDF)

Levy, Jerry & Kimberley

- in memory of Sandy Levy (RBDF)

Lieberman, Susan

- in memory of Willard “Bill” Cherry (LLJL)

Loewy, Kitty (Kathryn) & Steczo, Terry

- in memory of Larry Steczo and Charles Loewy (FtHF)

London, Douglas & Matthew

- in honor of Calvin & Mabel’s Baby Naming (RBDF)

Marlowe, Craig & Debra

- in honor of Chuck Kuenneth - wishing him a speedy recovery (CC)
- in memory of Esther Garber (SAF)
- in memory of Robert Moyer (FtHF)
- in memory of Robert Garber (PNF)
- in honor of Laura Perpinyal’s 10 years of dedication and leadership to Temple Chai (PNF)

Marshall, Naomi

- in memory of Lillian Hyman (RHDF)

Mattes, Patrick & Deborah

- in memory of Sandra Falk (CSDF)
- in memory of Martin Irwin Sherr (CSDF)

Merkin, Phyllis

- in memory of Edward Merkin (RBDF)

Meyers, Dori & David

- For the Birth of Rudy Dylan Feldman (TCBF)

Michaels, Biv

- in memory of Calvin Kanter (RBDF)

Miller, Lawrence

- in memory of Syndee Miller (CSDF)

Millstone, Douglas & Susan

- in appreciation of The recent Third Thursday program - How Einstein Saved My Family (3rd THR)
- for the yahrzeit of Al Millstone (CC)

Mosetick, Sandra

- in memory of Linda Sukenik (RMHIAF)

Musick, Anita

- in memory of Marshall Musick (GDF)

Nahrstadt, Bradley & Debra

- in honor of our clergy and staff, and their leadership (GDF)
- in honor of Michigan's Big Ten Conference win! (RBDF)

Narbutis, Jennifer

- in memory of Abigail Rose Shack (GDF)

Pearlman, Noel & Alison

- in honor of Seth Pearlman's Bar Mitzvah (GDF)
- in honor of Seth Pearlman's Bar Mitzvah (RBDF)

Permut Real Estate Inc.

- in honor of Temple Chai (GDF)

Pivar, Cara & Gary

- in memory of Shirley Taussig (CC)
- in honor of the Marriage of Cori Pivar to Kyle Hager (CC)
- for the birth of our granddaughter Lake Shay Jacobson (CC)

Posner, Neal & Katy

- for the yahrzeit of Fred Posner (CC)

Prager, Howard and Laurie

- in memory of Sally Prager (CSDF)

Ratskoff, Bruce & Rita

- in memory of Linda Sukenik (RBDF)
- in memory of Diana Ratskoff (RBDF)
- in memory of Marvin Maron (RBDF)
- in memory of Ben A. Stein (RBDF)

Resnick, Louise

- for the yahrzeit of Charlotte Ruth Berkowitz (GDF)

Robin, Allen & Patricia

- in memory of Patrick Cafferkey (DKEF)
- in memory of Lowell Robin (RBDF)

Rohr, Allan & Susan

- in memory of Marian Paul (3rd THR)

Rosauer, William & Jeri

- in memory of Donald David Friedman (DKEF)

Rosen, Gary & Linda

- in memory of Carolyn June Goldin

Rosman, Morris

- in memory of Frieda Rosman (RBDF)
- in memory of Abe Rosman (RBDF)

Ross, Mark & Elaine

- for the yahrzeit of Alvin Ross (CC)

Roth, Jonathan & Rachel

- in honor of Jim Elliot for your assistance for my d'var torah (TCBF)

Sachs, Robert & Frances

- in honor of Brody Delevitt's Bar Mitzvah (CSDF)
- in honor of Charla Silver, in Preparing Brody Delevitt for his Bar Mitzvah (DKEF)
- in honor of Brody Delevitt's Bar Mitzvah (RBDF)

Saffrin, David & Joni

- in memory of Ruth I. Davis (CSDF)

Saunders, Mitchell

- in memory of Edna Saunders (RHDF)

Schwartz, Charles & Donna

- in memory of Sylvia Farber (CSDF)
- in memory of Cele Schwartz (RBDF)
- in memory of Joseph Schwartz (RBDF)

Schwartz, Eric & Beth

- in honor of Chuck & Donna Schwartz' 60th Wedding Anniversary (CSDF)

Schwartz, Marion

- for the yahrzeit of Joan and Melvin Hornstein (CC)

Segal, Barry

- in memory of Harold J. Segal (LSRF)

Silver, Charla & Arnold

- in memory of William Moskowitz, Mickie Moskowitz, Harris Silver, Marian Silver, Jack Moskowitz, Rosetta Moskowitz, Nathan Josephson (RMHIAF)

Simon, Linda

- in memory of Evelyn Nathan Friedman (GDF)
- in memory of Steve Simon (GDF)
- in memory of Stephen Howard Simon (CSDF)

Sophian, Laurence & Ardis

- in memory of Theodore E. Bakal (GDF)
- in memory of Laura Sophian (GDF)
- in memory of Leonard Sophian (GDF)

Soskin, Rollin

- in memory of Jacqueline Soskin (CSDF)
- for the yahrzeit of Sam Soskin (PNF)

Stern, Larry & Valerie

- for the yahrzeit of Rica Mamane Fitzhugh (CSDF)

Stewart, Ronald & Sherry

- in memory of Jerry Siegal (RBDF)
- in memory of Barbara Moretti (RBDF)
- in memory of Edward Stewart (RBDF)
- in memory of Sabina Kreisberg (RBDF)

TEMPLE CHAI, BROTHERHOOD

- in memory of Mark Jacobson (GDF)
- in memory of Richard Marks and Sara Marks (GDF)

Thomashow, Andrew & Blythe

- in memory of Burton Paul Kasen (GDF)

Waitz, Steven & Davidson Waitz, Andrea

- in memory of Leon Richard Davidson (LLJL)
- in memory of Joseph Cesario (RBDF)

Weidenfeld, David & Susan

- in memory of Gloria Kraft (LLJL)
- in memory of Linda Sukenik (RMHIAF)

Funds That Received Donations

Cantor Simon's Discretionary Fund (CSDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
Caring Community (CC)	Assist congregant families in times of need and celebration
Feed the Hungry Fund (FIHF)	Donations support area food pantries, shelters and individuals in need
Firsel Education Foundation (FEF)	Assist parents of Temple Chai students with tuition for school and camp
General Donation Fund (GDF)	Support ongoing Temple programs and services
Hart OSRUI Scholarship Fund (HOSF)	Assist parents of Temple Chai students with tuition for OSRUI
Levinson Scholar-in-Residence Fund (LSRF)	Support opportunities to study and learn with prominent Jewish scholars
Life Long Jewish Learning (LLJL)	Meaningful programs to enhance Jewish education for adults of Temple Chai
Memorial Plaque (MP)	Remember your loved one with a plaque on our Memorial Wall (Yahrzeit board) in the Heinrich Memorial Foyer
Pikuach Nefesh Fund (PNF)	Support individuals and families to meet their Temple Chai financial obligation
Prayer Book Fund (PBF)	<i>Siddurim</i> (prayer books) and <i>Chumashim</i> (Torah commentary) for Temple Chai
Rabbi & Mendy Hart Israel Action Fund (RMHIAF)	Promote greater involvement in, and connection to, the State of Israel
Rabbi Baden's Discretionary Fund (RBDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
Rabbi Hart Discretionary Fund (RHDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
Waterman Family Music Fund (WFMF)	Support Temple Chai Music and Fine Arts programming

Women of Temple Chai Uniongrams

To: Mindy and Adam Beecher

In memory of your father, Brad

From: Terry and Jerry Moons

To: Marion Sherman Behzad

In memory of your husband, Oscar

From: Barb and Rich Heinrich

To: Cheryl and Robert Giddens

In memory of your uncle, Mark Jacobson

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

To: Barbara and Jim Levie

In memory of your mother, Muriel Levie

From: Elaine and Mark Ross

To: Cindy and Bruce Lubin

In memory of your mother, Ruth Tanner

**From: Terry and Jerry Moons
Fran and Bobby Sachs**

To: Howard Prager and Laurie Azriel-Prager

In memory of your mother, Sally Prager

From: Mindy and Mark Kessler

To: Sharon Rosen

In memory of your husband

From: Sandy and Bob Greenberg

To: Fran and Bobby Sachs

*Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson,
Brody Delevitt*

From: Marcia Rosenblum

To: Donna and Chuck Schwartz

Mazel Tov on your 60th Wedding Anniversary

**From: Terry and Jerry Moons
Fran and Bobby Sachs**

To: Illissa and Scott Shefferman

*Mazel Tov on your daughter, Mirabel becoming a
Bat Mitzvah*

From: Phyllis and Steve Gold

To: Maxine and Steve Sukenik

In memory of your sister, Linda Sukenik

**From: Irma Cravath
Sandy and Bob Greenberg
Shirley Kreisman**

To: Karen Taitel

In memory of your sister

From: Mae and Al Schwab

To: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wolfson

In memory of your sister

From: Biv Michaels

To: ESusan and Ivan Zoot

Mazel Tov on the engagement of Logan

From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz

To: Leo Barston

Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Women of Temple Chai

**To: April B'nei Mitzvahs; Jenna Alter,
Aaron Iskowitz, Travis Passman**

Mazel Tov on becoming B'nei Mitzvahs

From: Women of Temple Chai

**A Taste of
Jewish Text**



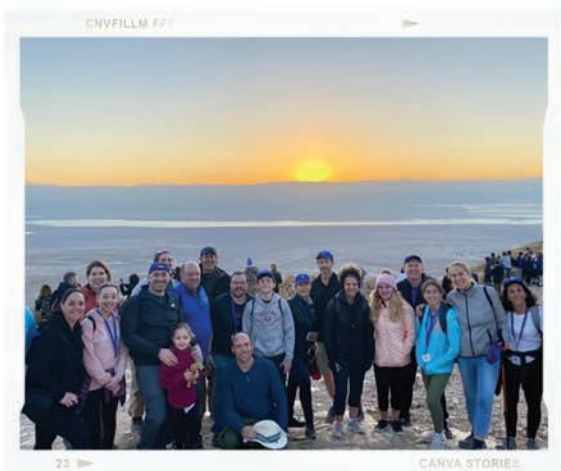
**Each week will
explore a different
area of Jewish Text:
Torah, Talmud,
Midrash and more!**

**Join Rabbi Baden on Zoom
Mondays; 7 - 8 PM
April 18 - May 9**

How can I obtain the YES Fund products?

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

Upcoming Congregational Experiences



2023 Temple Chai Israel Trip Informational Meeting April 10 at 4 PM

One of the best things Temple Chai offers;
a congregational trip to Israel!

Come learn about the trip and how you and your family can join too!

SAVE THE DATE

Temple Chai
Family Retreat
at OSRUI
November 4 - 6, 2022



Calendar

March 2022		
3/1/2022	7:00 PM	WTC: If Statues Could Talk, What Stories Would They Tell with Beth Sair
3/2/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
3/4/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship
3/5/2022	10:30 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Leo Barston
3/5/2022	1:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
3/6/2022	9:00 AM	Religious School and Hebrew Small Groups
3/6/2022	10:00 AM	Fourth Grade Mock Wedding
3/6/2022	11:15 AM	Chai School/Confirmation
3/6/2022	1:30 PM	The Pad Project Movie & Discussion
3/7/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
3/7/2022	7:00 PM	Jewish History 201 with Alex Renko
3/8/2022	6:30 PM	WTC Board Meeting
3/9/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
3/9/2022	6:00 PM	Chai Guys Night Out
3/11/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship; Guest Speaker - Israeli Consul General, Yinan Cohen; and Simcha Blessings
3/12/2022	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
3/13/2022	9:00 AM	Religious School and Hebrew Small Groups
3/13/2022	10:00 AM	Purim Celebration
3/14/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
3/14/2022	7:00 PM	Jewish History 201 with Alex Renko
3/16/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
3/17/2022	1:30 PM	Third Thursday Program - Zoom Only
3/18/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship
3/19/2022		No Torah Study; Spring Break
3/20/2022		No School - Spring Break
3/21/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
3/22/2022	7:00 PM	WTC Movie Talk; Stranger Than Fiction with Bonnie Dobkin
3/23/2022	7:00 PM	Chai Guys Brotherhood Board Meeting
3/25/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship
3/27/2022		No School - Spring Break
3/28/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
3/29/2022	7:00 PM	WTC Lilith Salon

April 2022		
4/1/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship
4/2/2022	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
4/3/2022	9:00 AM	Religious School and Hebrew Small Groups
4/4/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
4/5/2022	7:00 PM	Women of Temple Chai Board Meeting
4/6/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
4/7/2022	7:00 PM	WTC Passover Make and Take with Michelle Rossman
4/8/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship
4/9/2022	10:30 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Jenna Alter
4/9/2022	1:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
4/10/2022	9:00 AM	Religious School and Hebrew Small Groups
4/10/2022	4:00 PM	Israel Trip 2023 Informational Meeting
4/11/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
4/11/2022	7:00 PM	Chai Guys Brotherhood Seder
4/12/2022	7:00 PM	WTC Board Meeting
4/13/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
4/13/2022	6:00 PM	Chai Guys Brotherhood Night Out
4/15/2022		No Shabbat Service - First Night of Passover
4/16/2022	10:30 AM	Special Passover Shabbat Morning Service
4/17/2022	9:00 AM	Religious School and Hebrew Small Groups
4/18/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
4/19/2022	7:00 PM	WTC: Chicago's Newest Murals: Communities, Celebrities, and Whimsical Characters with Beth Sair
4/20/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
4/20/2022	7:00 PM	Chai Guys Brotherhood Board Meeting
4/21/2022	1:30 PM	Third Thursday Program - Zoom Only
4/22/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship with Memorial Plaque Dedication
4/23/2022	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
4/23/2022	7:30 PM	A Cantors' Cabaret Concert
4/24/2022	9:00 AM	Religious School and Hebrew Small Groups
4/24/2022	10:00 AM	WTC Kol Isha
4/25/2022	10:00 AM	Canasta
4/26/2022	6:00 PM	WTC Ladies Night Out
4/27/2022	4:30 PM	Hebrew Small Groups
4/27/2022	7:00 PM	Yom HaShoah Program
4/28/2022	7:00 PM	WTC Book Club
4/29/2022	7:00 PM	Multi-Access Shabbat Worship with Simcha Blessings
4/30/2022	10:30 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Travis Passman
4/30/2022	1:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Baden
4/30/2022	4:00 PM	Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Iskowitz

The first night of Passover is Friday, April 15. Temple Chai will not have regular Friday evening Shabbat services that evening. Instead, we will be holding a special Shabbat & Passover morning service on Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 AM.

Life Cycle

MAZEL TOV TO:

Melissa & Ricky Bellows on the birth of their daughter, Henrietta (Henrie) Berry Bellows

Larry (and the late Debbie) Gluskin, Adam (Lisa) and Jason (Melissa) Gluskin on the marriage of their son and brother, Jonathan, to Haley Levitan

Rita & Bruce Ratskoff on the birth of their grandson, Rudy Dylan Feldman

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Martin (Cookie) Brand on the death of his mother, Lucille Rose Brand

Norman (Carol) Letofsky on the death of his sister, Sharon Catcher

Jim (Barbara) Levie on the death of his mother, Muriel Levie

Cindy (Bruce) Lubin on the death of her mother, Ruth Tanner

Steven (Jane) Marks on the death of his brother, Richard Marks
AND the death of his mother Sarah Marks

Donna (James) McCabe on the death of her mother, Helene Britt

Elaine Miller and Cheryl (Robert) Giddens on the death of their brother and uncle, Mark Jacobson

Allen (Patty) Robin on the deaths of his mother and father, Evelyn and Lowell Robin

Morris Rosman on the death of his niece, Nancy Rosman

Marion Schwartz on the death of her uncle, Robert Sterling

Bev (Alan) Sherman on the death of her mother, Gloria Kraft

David (Nina) Tenny on the death of his brother, Kenneth Tenny

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



SAVE THE DATE

2022 Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 PM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING EDITION IS MARCH 15.

GET BACK and COME TOGETHER at our BEATLE-MANIA PURIM SPIEL! Sunday, March 13th at 10 AM



Bring your groggers! "Costumes optional"

Sponsored by the Chai Guys Brotherhood
and Women of Temple Chai



SGT. PURIM'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND

