

ChaiLites

WINTER EDITION

Manhigut (Leadership)

Caring for our community with sensitivity and dedication



January & February 2023

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Why Chai? By Jim Elliot, Temple President

Leadership is defined as a quality by which a person influences others to accomplish an objective. Leaders are not born but are the product of their experiences, struggles, skills and capabilities. Leadership is also a responsibility. It is a responsibility because true leaders understand the impact that they have on the lives of others. Leadership is an art, a potential, the strong will and determination to brace the challenges ahead.

The most significant qualities of a good leader are honesty, integrity, confidence, commitment, passion, creativity, good communication skills and decision-making capabilities. Leaders can see into the future and have a clear exciting idea where they are going and what they are trying to accomplish through their strategic planning. A great leader has a futuristic vision and knows how to turn his idea into reality. For me,

declaring a decision and going ahead according to decision with unwavering determination, is very important for a leader.

The members of our Board of Trustees are leaders as they have taken up the challenge of Temple governance and work diligently to make the tough decisions and choices that provides policy guidance for Temple Chai. I feel honored to work with this dedicated group that truly loves our spiritual home and thank them for their time and commitment in service to our congregation.



Emulating Moses' Leadership



As we reflect on the topic of leadership for this *ChaiLites* edition, I cannot help but think about a beautiful midrash (rabbinic story) that sheds light on why God chose him to lead our ancestors out of enslavement.

The sages relate: Once, while Moses was tending his father-in-law's sheep, one of the sheep ran away. Moses ran after it until it reached a small, shaded place. There, the lamb came across a pool and began to drink. As Moses approached the lamb, he said, "I did not know you ran away because you were thirsty. You are so exhausted!" He then put the lamb on his shoulders and carried him back. God said, "Since you tend the sheep of human beings with such overwhelming love—by your life, I swear you shall be the shepherd of My sheep: Israel."

This story demonstrates to us an important aspect of leadership: to be an effective leader, one must not only set the path for the community, but must also be aware of and responsive to the needs of the group. Whereas other shepherds might have become exasperated with the lamb who ran away, Moses

sought to understand the underlying cause of this animal's straying off. Moreover, once Moses determined the reason that the lamb left the path, he went above and beyond in caring for him.

Being a leader is not about forcing others to comply to our vision and task. Rather, it is about understanding the priorities, needs, means, and desires of the group and facilitating an effort to move forward together. I am thankful for the leadership of our congregation—my fellow clergy, staff, and lay leaders—who emulate Moses in caring for our community with sensitivity and dedication.

MLK SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICE

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT 6 PM

SERVICES AT 6:30 PM

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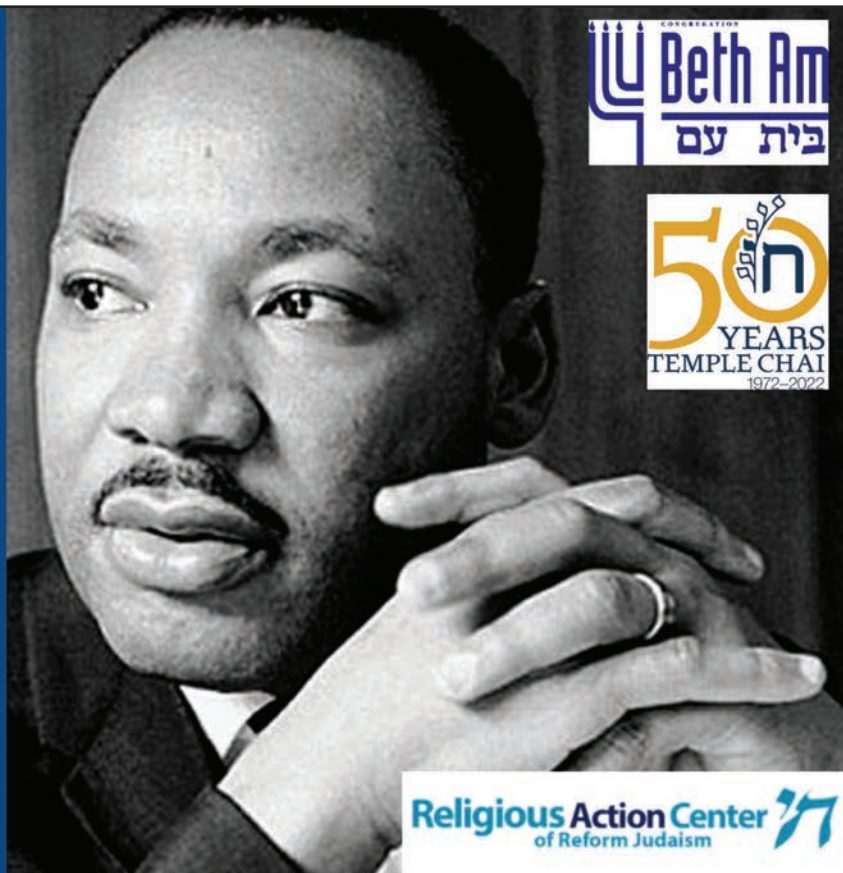
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Kol Sason – A Voice of Joy!



Shalom,

Let me begin with gratitude to God who has seen fit to see me through another secular year in good health and great happiness. This past year the Simon and Temple Chai families have both successfully and joyously

experienced learning and growth; surpassing challenges, gaining insights, welcoming new members, celebrating Jewish life and finding meaning in our devotions as we envision our futures. I am so grateful to be a part of both families.

As a clergy leader of this wonderful community, I must also take a moment to express my deep gratitude for my dedicated fellow clergy and our staff, lay staff, lay leadership and donors as well as our impressive auxiliaries, teaching staff, choir members, youth song-leaders, the Chai and Mighty Band and our incomparable accompanist, Gregory Shifrin. This passionate and incredibly cohesive team is dedicated to sharing the highest caliber of Jewish life with all of us. With insight, courage and creativity they consistently act on behalf of our entire community, from our youngest child to our oldest seniors, and guide us to joyfully living Jewish values and fixing the world. I'm honored to build and celebrate my Jewish life alongside you with them as my guides.

But as I and all of us thank them we must accept that doing the work of Tikkun Olam fixing the world and living a unique, contemporary Jewish life, is a wonderful challenge that takes a strong personal commitment. Our leaders can give their all but they can't do it all for us, nor would we want them to. If we are to be a community of leaders, and that is Temple Chai's legacy and I believe, its destiny, then we must look to our lay and staff leadership as dedicated fellow teachers and fellow learners and strive with them to achieve the most knowledgeable, dignified, vibrant and sustainable Jewish community that we can. And so, my friends I humbly request that in the coming days while we contemplate and commit to our New Year's resolutions, we give serious thought to becoming more engaged in Jewish learning and life at Temple Chai and in sharing in the evolving vision of its future and its continued legacy. The benefits and blessings to ourselves, our children, our community and the world will be numerous and impactful.

Shalom u'Vrachah - Peace and Blessings!

A Musical Shabbat Service!

Shabbat Shira

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 BEGINNING AT 5:45 PM WITH MUSIC SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

Join us for one of the most anticipated services of the year! Bring a picnic dinner and come listen to Cantor Simon and the Chai & Mighty Players as they put on a Kabbalat-Shabbat show, followed by a musical Shabbat service.

The image is a promotional graphic for a musical Shabbat service. It features a photograph of a band performing on a stage. In the center, a man in a blue jacket and white scarf plays an acoustic guitar. To his right, a man in a dark suit and hat plays a saxophone. Other band members are visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in white and black. The title 'Shabbat Shira' is in a large, bold, white font. Below it, the date and time are listed in a smaller white font. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text in white font.

What Makes A Leader



As you may know, last year in February 2022 I was accepted to the Mandel Institute for Non-profit Leadership's

inaugural Educational Leadership cohort!

It is an 18-month program with three trips to Boston and one trip to Israel in person learning, with Zoom calls, small group learning and mentoring between trips.

We are a cross section of Jewish Educational Leaders with synagogue professionals like me, day school leaders, entrepreneurs, and national organizational leaders. We come from Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, Modern Orthodox and even Haredi backgrounds. It often feels like the Jewish community is so small, and then I have the unique opportunity to be a part of a group like this and the Jewish world begins to feel so wide and diverse!!

On our trip to Israel this past December, we toured and observed 4 sectors of the Israeli Education system... And the Jewish world become even more differentiated! It was a fascinating experience to join in a Religious Zionist boys Yeshiva, to meet with students about their learning and then speak with the Rosh Yeshiva, the head of the "boarding school" to learn about his educational vision. We toured a secular Israeli school with the only Arab principle in the Israeli school system (there is a separate Arab school system) who runs a school that caters exclusively to refugee

and non-Jewish Israeli students. Think: the children of domestic helpers, children escaping violent situations in their home countries, etc. These children prefer to speak to each other in Hebrew, (though, they have perfect English), they want to make their lives in Israel but face significant and often untenable legal challenges but also have nowhere else to go. And yet, they are thriving!

We toured well over 10 educational settings and met with students, principals, educational experts, and entrepreneurs working for social change. Each setting had their own goals and mission. The commonality, and the glue that binds our American group along with the settings in Israel is vision.

Not a shared vision by any means, but a striving for and passion towards a vision for a better world.

What makes a leader? It's not age, experience, studying or degrees; rather it's the ability to put one's vision into action. A drive to make the world different than you found it and the passion to make that change! I came away from the December Israel trip with a renewed passion for our American Jewish community, despite the challenges that we are facing both at home and in Israel. I came away with a renewed belief in our Reform Jewish values and Reform Jewish Education. I came away with a renewed connection and love of Israel, even more so, when its complicated and messy!

I can't wait to share more learning with our Temple Chai community as we further a vision for a better tomorrow together!

School Dates

January 14

Tot Havdallah

January 28

K - 5 Undernighter

February 3

Tot Shabbat

February 17

Family Shabbat

Feb 19

No school



Back by popular demand!

UNDER NIGHTER

\$10/ PERSON

Saturday, Jan 28
6:00-8:30 pm

Come in PJs for Havdallah, Pizza, games and a movie!

Separate movies for K-3 and 4-6 grades

Parents, drop off your kids and go out to dinner with temple friends!

<https://templechai.shulecloud.com/form/undernighter>
RSVP by Jan 20

50 YEARS

Embracing Leadership

Being part of The Women of Temple Chai has allowed me to embrace leadership in an entirely new way. There is an opportunity right around the corner for anyone wanting to get involved. The women are dedicated and enthusiastic about honoring both Temple Chai and the sacred bond of sisterhood. It is such a privilege and honor to work with so many inspiring leaders within our organization.

Likewise, being the President of The Women of Temple Chai has allowed me to see leadership at its finest, as I sit on the Temple Chai Board. I can attest with unwavering certainty that the leadership of our congregation, whether clergy, staff or Board members, have their hearts, minds, and spirits strongly invested in making Temple Chai a welcoming and meaningful place for our congregants and the greater community.

Leadership means many things and can look very different in various situations. It can mean being the head of an organization, a valued member of a group, a role model, a person with strong convictions, or a person who offers their hand in a time of need. No matter where you land on the spectrum, I hope you embrace your own leadership by being there for a friend, offering to help plan an event, giving your honest opinion, or by being a positive influence in someone's life. Leadership opportunities are everywhere, so let's all open our minds and hearts to see how we can be a leader with our families, friends, and communities. Together, we can do amazing things and make the world a better place.

James Taylor & Carly Simon
In the early 1970's, the singer-songwriters ruled the radio!

ZOOM PRESENTATION BY GARY WENSTRUP

**Sunday, January 22nd
6:30 p.m.**

Using performance and interview clips we'll trace the arc of their careers from "Fire and Rain" and "You're So Vain" to "Shower The People" and "Anticipation." The marriage didn't last, but the hits sure have!

Please consider a minimum donation of \$10 to help defray the cost of this program. For a credit card go to bit.ly/taylorssimonwtc. Send checks payable to Women of Temple Chai to Marcy Weinstein at 916 Hilldale Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Thank You so very much!

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!

Succulents and Sangria
to celebrate Tu B'Shvat!

**Thursday, February 2nd
7:00 p.m.
at Temple Chai**

\$32.00 per project

Ashley Hollander from Arrangements by Ashley will lead the workshop. Build an arrangement of 3-4 succulents. All materials will be included.

Pay by credit card by going to bit.ly/succulentswtc. Or send a check payable to Women of Temple Chai to Marcy Weinstein, 916 Hilldale Lane, BG. 60089. For questions email Marcy at mweinstein68wtc@gmail.com.

**Kol Isha -
A Woman's Voice
Joining Torah Study with
Rabbi Baden**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
10:30 AM**

Rabbi Baden will explore Shemot - the portion that introduces us to Moses and features five strong women: Yocheved, Shifra, Puah, Miriam, and Batya. Rabbi Baden will guide us through the Torah text and commentaries to that we can learn more about these fascinating individuals.

In Person or on Zoom

WTC Continued

WTC Great Programs coming... Save the Dates! Always open to All!		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
January 14	Kol Isha with Rabbi Baden. Join Torah Study and explore Shemot where we meet Moses and five strong women.	10:30 AM at Temple Chai on Zoom.
January 17	Lilith Salon with Mae Schwab	7:00 PM on Zoom
January 22	James Taylor and Carly Simon presented by Gary Wenstrup on Zoom.	6:30 PM on Zoom
January 24	Dinner TBD	6:00 PM—Girl's Night Out
February 2	Succulents and Sangria for Tu BiShvat with Ashley Hollander from Arrangements by Ashley. Build an arrangement of 3–4 succulents. All materials included. \$32	7:00 PM—In Person Only
February 5	Bingo ONLINE ONLY. Gift Card Prizes for Winners. \$10 for 1 Bingo Card. \$5 for each additional Card. Go to bit.ly/Bingotc to Register. Nino's Pizzeria for 15% back.	4:00–5:30 PM
February 9	Book Club. <i>Run</i> by Ann Patchett	7:00 PM—Zoom Only
February 28	TBD	Dinner and a Movie Ladies Night Out

| by Dan Hirschberg, President of the Chai Guys |

Leadership

I believe that excellent leadership begins at the top. Here at Temple Chai, we have wonderful leadership beginning with Rabbi Baden and Cantor Simon. Our outstanding staff is led by Alison Lewin, Laura Perpinyal and Scott Goode. The talented Temple Chai board of trustees is headed by Jim Elliot (a former Chai Guys board member).

Two past Chai Guys presidents, Arnie Brown and Marty Glink, have been instrumental in teaching me what the office of the president is all about. They both have made significant contributions in helping the Chai Guys to thrive. I am fortunate to have a first-rate board to help make sure that we continue on the correct path.

The Chai Guys are looking forward to continue doing our part to help Temple Chai have a successful Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.



Join Us For Bingo Fun!

Sunday, February 5th, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Online Only

Gift Card Prizes for Winners!

Join the Chai Guys and Women of Temple Chai for the annual Bingo Fundraising Event. All proceeds raised will go to the Fisel Education Fund and the Pikuach Nefesh Fund to support our students.

\$10 for 1 Bingo Card

\$5 for each additional Card

Use this Link to Register:

<https://bit.ly/Bingotc>

Nino's Pizzeria will donate 15% back for all purchases during the day from 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Call 847-947-4111 to place an order. Make sure to tell them it is for the Bingo Fundraiser at Temple Chai!

Adult Education Programs

January

01/19/2023 • 3:00 PM (multi-access)



A presentation of the life and time of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

With the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

February

02/16/2023 • 1:30 PM (multi-access)



Dr. Scott Heinrich: Reflections on the Pandemic; Year 3

March

03/16/2023 • 1:30 PM (multi-access)



Purim & Passover Learning with Rabbi Baden

| by Susan Hirschberg, Israel Committee Chair |

The Change in Israeli Leadership

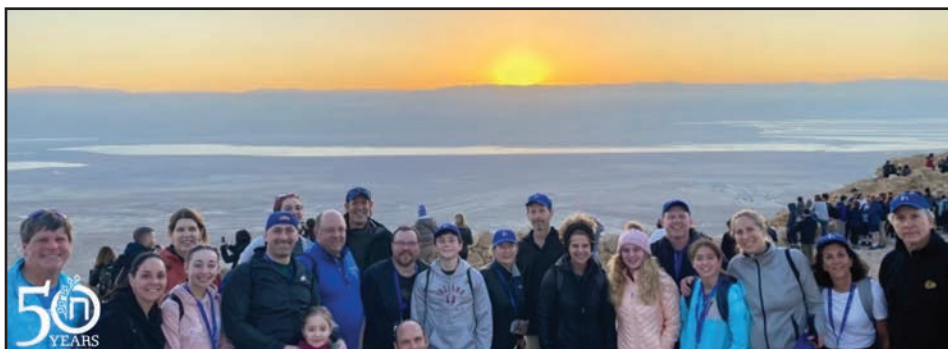
On November 1st, Israel held another national election...it's the fifth election in three years! The country's position of prime minister was again grabbed by Benjamin Netanyahu due to the number of Knesset seats he was able to obtain through a coalition of parties that voted for him similar to an electoral college. This is the third time that Netanyahu is in this position of power. Meanwhile, Netanyahu is appointing ministers for the new government. It's a tricky business because he doesn't want to alienate certain parties in his coalition. Will the new government survive? Or will some parties pull out of the coalition as in prior years, prompting another election? In February, we will take a closer look as Netanyahu navigates his way in structuring the new government.



Virtual Visit to ANU Museum of the Jewish People January 8



Israel Speaker Dan Feferman January 29



TEMPLE CHAI ISRAEL TRIP JUNE 3 - 14, 2023

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!
EXPERIENCE ISRAEL WITH YOUR TEMPLE CHAI FAMILY!
CONTACT CHARLA SILVER FOR MORE INFORMATION AT
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B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants

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



Brendan Niernberg is an 8th grader at Fremont Middle School. He enjoys participating in his school choir, musical theater and horseback riding.



Elliott Heiber is a student at South Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer and video games, reading and hanging out with his friends and family. Elliott is younger brother to Aiden and Noah.




Elliana Rizman is a proud sister to her brother, Sam Rizman. She is in 7th grade at Woodlawn Middle School. Elliana enjoys playing softball, basketball, and spending time with her dogs and family. She enjoys tacos (even for breakfast)!

Family **SHABBAT**

Join us to celebrate Shabbat!
Families can sign up to join us for Challah braiding and decorating - Challahs will bake during services!

Please RSVP by February 10.
<https://templechai.shulcloud.com/form/familyshabbat>

 **FEBRUARY 17**
6:00pm Challah
6:30pm Worship

 **Tot Shabbat at Temple Chai** 

HAVDALLAH 5:00pm Saturday, January 14	SHABBAT 5:30pm Friday, February 3
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Tot programs are great for kids 6 and under, siblings of any age are always welcome!

Programs last about 45 minutes and always include: singing, blessings, crafts, challah, grape juice and snacks!

Questions? Ask Laura: Lperpinyal@templechai.org

To register:
<https://templechai.shulcloud.com/form/tot22.html>

Around the Temple



Congregational Retreat



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Simchat Torah



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Around School



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WTC Membership Lunch



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Around the Temple



Cantor's Coffee House



Tot Havdallah



Undernighter



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Undernighter



WTC Bowling

Yeladim Magazine

Tu B'shvat is just around the corner, so let's take a look at the origin of the holiday and how we celebrate now. Tu B'shvat is known as an ecological awareness day, but this wasn't always the reason for observance. It used to be a day to tell farmers when the fruit from their trees could be eaten, since they couldn't eat any fruit the first three years they grew, and the 4th year's harvest was for G-d only. By the 4th year, the fruit could be enjoyed by all. Today, people celebrate by planting trees, or paying for trees to be planted in Israel. Read on for some tips on how to be an environmental leader in your community!

Created by Maya Heller



At home:

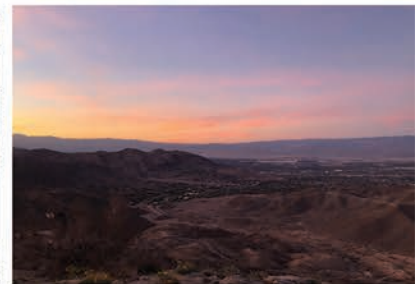
- Do some research on an environmental topic of interest, and share what you learn with your family
- Talk with your family and see if you can come up with an environmental goal that you will all participate in, (ie. turning off most of the lights every Friday to conserve energy, trying some vegan or vegetarian meals, starting a composting system, etc.)
- Make it a priority to turn off lights when you leave a room, not waste water while doing things like brushing your teeth, taking a shower instead of a bath, and trying to waste as little food as possible.

At school:

- If you are in high school, find out if your club has an environmental student group or club that you could join. If not, look into starting one, or planning an environmentally themed event for your school to participate in.
- If you are in middle school, talk to adults who work at school if they know of anything your school does to make it more environmentally sustainable. If there isn't any attention to the environment, brainstorm some reasonable ideas that you would like to implement at school, and ask a principal or administrator for help carrying out the idea.
- If you are in elementary school, read up on an environmental topic that interests you, then ask if you can share your findings with your class. They may become inspired just like you! Your teacher may be able to help you find information or put together a presentation to share.

In your community:

- If you have an idea to help protect the environment outside of school and home, make sure to do some research and then talk to an adult. For example, you could talk to your dance teacher about getting recycling bins at your dance studio, or ask your favorite restaurant to convert to using reusable glasses.



2022–2023 Temple Chai Board of Governors



Noam Alon

EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT

"Being part of Temple Chai means being part of a community that lets me understand the whole of who I am and brings the best out of me. I'm honored to make a small contribution to making our community strong and vibrant."



Bruce Levine

VICE PRESIDENT
OF OPERATIONS

"Temple Chai serves as my Spiritual Home. In a world of rising antisemitism, it is critically important that we have a place for our people to gather to support each other and have a "safe place" where we can face this fast-changing world. History tells us that if we do not face this adversity with a united front we are bound to see a repeat of the atrocities that we have faced as a Jewish People throughout the ages."



Debby Nahrstadt

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PRESIDENT





Maryam Brotine

EDUCATION LIAISON

"We came to Temple Chai to find a Jewish spiritual and educational community for our children, and were delighted to discover just such a community for all of our family members. Being a part of Temple Chai means we have a place to grow, contribute, and be ourselves - whatever shapes they may take throughout our lives."



Linda Brubaker

SOCIAL JUSTICE LIAISON

"Temple Chai is more than our spiritual home. It is where we find friendship, community and support to grow, learn and put our values into practice both within the congregation and the community."



Loren Elliot

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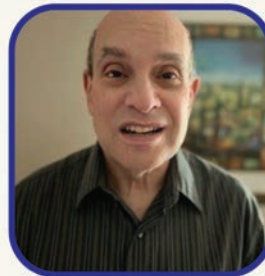
MEMBER AT LARGE

"To me being on the board is a chance to help the temple change and grow!"



Jane Shifrin-Wicks

MEMBER AT LARGE



Dan Hirschberg

BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT

"Being a part of Temple Chai means being part of a wonderful community. The clergy, staff, board of trustees and the congregants are family to me. I cherish the more than thirty-two years that we have been members."



Stefani Wiemann

WOMEN OF TEMPLE CHAI PRESIDENT

"Temple Chai means so much to me, including community, friendship, and education. I am proud to call Temple Chai my spiritual home."



**Thank you
for your leadership
and dedication to
Temple Chai.**

Donations

Thank you to all of our donors between
August 1 – September 30, 2022.

Alon, Noam & Allison

- in honor of Nathan's Bar Mitzvah (RBDF)
- in honor of Nathan's Bar Mitzvah (CSDF)

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- in memory of Anita Stern (CSDF)

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- for the yearzeit of Gladly & Gilbert Iser (RHDF)

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

Kaplan, Nolan & Norma

- in memory of Etta Kaplan (LSRF)

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- in memory of Walter & Dolly Sorensen (CC)

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- in memory of Rose Bernsen (LLJLF)
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Levit, Mark & Judi

- in memory of Ruth Ferrell (RBDF)

Levy, Jerrold & Kimberley

- in memory of Roberta Gerol (RBDF)
- in memory of Yale Gerol (RBDF)

Loewy, Kitty (Kathryn) & Steczo, Terry

- in memory of Barbara Goldberg (FtHF)

Marlowe, Craig & Debra

- in memory of Alan Moyer (FtHF)
- in honor of our great nieces Rosabelle and Cassidy receiving baby blessings (CC)

Mell, Michael & Sharon

- for the yearzeit of Shawn Weiner (RBDF)

Merkin, Phyllis

- for the yearzeit of Edward Merkin, Lillian and Max Fendelman, and Albert Merkin (GDF)

Millstone, Douglas & Susan

- for the yearzeit of Jack Rapper (CC)
- for the yearzeit of Marilyn Berman (CC)

Moons, Gerard & Terry

- in memory of David Frishberg (LSRF)
- in memory of Sarah Frishberg (LSRF)

Nett, Marlene

- in memory of Jeffrey Nett (RBDF)
- in memory of Andrea Ellen Carlton (FtHF)

Pearlman, Noel & Alison

- in honor of Sloane's Bat Mitzvah (CSDF)
- in honor of Sloane's Bat Mitzvah (GDF)

Pohn, Robert & Marilyn

- for the yearzeit of George Pohn (CGSAF)

Posner, Neal & Katy

- for the yearzeit of Fred Posner (CC)

Resnick, Louise

- for the yearzeit of Sam Berkowitz (LLJLF)

Rizman, Amy

- in memory of Samuel "Sami" Perpinyal (LLJLF)

Robin, Allen & Patricia

- for the yearzeit of Lowell Robin (DKEF)
- in memory of Lowell Robin & Evelyn Robin (RBDF)

Rohr, Allan & Susan

- in memory of Gary Kahn (3rdTH)
- in memory of Jay Epstein (3rdTH)
- in memory of Sally Belsky (3rdTH)

Rosen, Gary & Linda

- in memory of Sam Rosen (WFMF)

Rosman, Morris

- in memory of Gwen Rosman (RBDF)
- in memory of David Rosman (RBDF)

Ross, Mark & Elaine

- for the yearzeit of Barbie Ross (CC)

Sabath, Erin & Seitz, Stephen

- for the yearzeit of Morton Sabath (WFMF)

Sachs, Robert & Frances

- for the yearzeit of Dorothy Simon (RBDF)
- in honor of Kevin & Robin Green's grandson (RBDF)
- for the yearzeit of Corinne Z. Sachs (TCBF)
- for the yearzeit of Bennett D. Levy (FtHF)

Saffro, Ruth & Family

- in memory of Yale Saffro (CSDF)

Schwartz, Marion

- in memory of Bill Schwartz (RHDF)

Schwartz, William & Amy

- in memory of Bill Levin (CSDF)

Sherman, Alan & Beverly

- in memory of Donald Kraft (RBDF)
- in memory of Gerald Sherman (CSDF)

Sophian, Laurence

- for the yearzeit of Leonard Sophian (GDF)
- in memory of Irving Sophian (GDF)
- in memory of Loretta Sophian (CSDF)

Soskin, Rollin

- in memory of Jacqueline Soskin (CC)
- in honor of Cantor Simon (CSDF)

Stewart, Ronald & Sherry

- in memory of Sabina Kreisberg (RBDF)
- in memory of Sylvia Ablin Adelman (RBDF)
- in memory of Myron Stewart (RBDF)

Teplinsky, Steven & Susan

- for the yahrzeit of David Ralsky (RBDF)

Wolfe, David & Jody

- for the yahrzeit of Ethan Wolfe (RBDF)

Wolff, Jerold & Lori

- in honor of the birth of our grandson, Brady Rio Menn (RBDF)

Zigmond, Janice & Mark

- in honor of Temple Chai (GDF)

Zimmer, Seth & Ellen

- for the yahrzeit of Elaine Gralnick (RBDF)



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

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Funds That Received Donations

Cantor Simon's Discretionary Fund (CSDF)	In support of various projects and people in our congregation and community
Caring Community (CC)	Assist congregant families in times of need and celebration
Carlyne Gilbert Social Action Fund (CGSAF)	Support <i>Tikkun Olam</i> (Repair of the World) activities and programs
Dr. Kondritzer Education Fund (DKEF)	Donations provide special equipment and programs for our school
Endowment Fund (EF)	Ensure Temple Chai's future
Feed the Hungry Fund (FHF)	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
Tree of Life Leaf (ToLL)	Commemorate special events with a Leaf (\$180), a Raised Leaf (\$360), or a Rock (\$1800) on our Tree of Life in the Heinrich Memorial Foyer

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In Memory/Yahrzeit/Honor/Appreciation of: _____

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Women of Temple Chai Uniongrams

To: Bonnie Block

Wishing you a Speedy Recovery

From: WTC Monday Canasta Group

To: Linda and Don Brubaker

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-grandchildren,
Eva and Evaristo*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsel
Barb and Rich Heinrich
Debbie and Craig Marlowe
Women of Temple Chai**

To: Mindy and David Levinson

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter,
Haley to David*

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

To: Leah and Ian Miska

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson,
Bowie Miska*

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsel
Barb and Rich Heinrich
Elaine and Mark Ross
Fran and Bobby Sachs
Women of Temple Chai**

To: Phyllis Reibman

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-granddaughter,
Carolyn Jill Rellinger*

From: WTC Monday Canasta Group

To: Rachel and Jonathan Roth

In memory of your aunt, Judy Agron

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

To: Cantor Scott and Gail Simon

*Mazel Tov on the engagement of your daughter,
Lily to Ethan*

From: Donna and Chuck Schwartz

To: Amy Salzstein and Family

In memory of your mother, Barbara Goldberg

**From: Sandi and Mike Firsel
Fran and Bobby Sachs
Beverly and Julian Schreiber
Mae and Al Schwab
WTC Monday Canasta Group**

To: Lori Slavin

*Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter,
Carolyn Jill Rellinger*

From: WTC Monday Canasta Group

To: Donna and Bill Stewart

*Mazel Tov on your granddaughter, Noa becoming
a Bat Mitzvah*

**From: Barbara Berman and Rick Elliott
Sandy and Bob Greenberg
Terry and Jerry Moons**

To: Mrs. Alyce Stone

In memory of your father

From: Shirley Kreisman

To: Lynne Turry

In memory of your sister, Judy Agron

**From: Barbara Berman and Rick Elliott
Bobbi Ezell
Sandi and Mike Firsel
Phyllis Gold
Barb and Ricj Heinrich
Marcia Rosenblum
Fran and Bobby Sachs
Beverly and Julian Schreiber
Women of Temple Chai**

To: January Bar Mitzvah, Elliott Herber

Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Women of Temple Chai

To: February Bat Mitzvah, Eliana Rizman

Mazel Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

From: Women of Temple Chai

What is a Uniongram and the YES Fund?

Uniongrams are donations to the Women of Reform Judaism YES Fund in honor of a celebration, simcha, death, or life cycle events. The YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) represents the collective financial efforts of individual donors and WRJ-affiliated sisterhoods to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure the future of Reform Judaism. Email Fran Sachs at fransto@hotmail.com to send a Uniongram. Contact Sandi Firsel at atsfirsel@comcast.net with any questions.

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 fransto@hotmail.com and she will send one out to the receiver of the Uniongram and inform them of your contribution. It will cost \$5.00 and Fran will bill you for your contribution. Also, you can purchase packets of Uniongrams, special cards, or make your own contribution to Women of Reform Judaism to the YES Fund. We can help you with your generous gift and help you make a difference. Any questions contact Sandi Firsel at sfirsel@comcast.net.

How does the purchase of Uniongrams help the YES Fund?

The funds collected by purchasing the Uniongrams (note cards) goes directly to the WRJ YES Fund.

Calendar

January 2023

1/1/2023		No School Winter Break
1/2/2023		Office & Building Closed (New Years)
1/6/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
1/6/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Services
1/6/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
1/7/2023	10:30 AM	Torah Study
1/8/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups
1/8/2023	10:00 AM	Virtual visit to Israeli Museum, Anu, with the Israel committee
1/9/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta
1/10/2023	6:30 PM	WTC Board Meeting
1/11/2023	7:00 PM	CG Night In
1/13/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
1/13/2023	6:30 PM	Special MLK Shabbat Service with Beth Am; Speaker Aaron Sofian with RAC-IL
1/13/2023	7:30 PM	Community Conversation
1/14/2023	10:30 AM	Torah Study
1/14/2023	5:00 PM	Tot Havdallah
1/15/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups
1/16/2023		Office & Building Closed (MLK Day)
1/17/2023	7:00 PM	WTC Lilith Salon (Zoom only)
1/18/2023	7:00 PM	CG Board Meeting
1/19/2023	1:30 PM	Third Thursday
1/20/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
1/20/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Services
1/20/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
1/21/2023	9:00 AM	Torah Study
1/21/2023	10:30 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Brendan Niernberg
1/22/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups
1/22/2023	6:30 PM	WTC Event with Gary Wenstrup
1/23/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta
1/24/2023	6:00 PM	WTC Girls Night Out
1/27/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
1/27/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Worship Service with Torah Reading and Simcha Blessings
1/27/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
1/28/2023	9:00 AM	Torah Study
1/28/2023	10:30 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Elliott Heiber
1/28/2023	6:00 PM	K-5th Under Nighter
1/29/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups; 4th Grade Family Education
1/30/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta

February 2023

2/2/2023	7:00 PM	WTC Succulents & Sangria for Tu B'shvat
2/3/2023	5:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
2/3/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
2/3/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Services
2/3/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
2/4/2023	10:30 AM	Torah Study
2/4/2023	5:00 PM	Bar Mitzvah of Elliana Rizman
2/5/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups; 2nd Grade Family Education
2/5/2023	4:00 PM	Chai Guys/WTC Bingo Fundraiser
2/6/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta
2/8/2023	7:00 PM	CG Night In
2/9/2023	7:00 PM	WTC Book Club
2/10/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
2/10/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Services with IsraelNow Trip Blessing
2/10/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
2/11/2023	10:30 AM	Torah Study
2/12/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups
2/12/2023	10:00 AM	Kol Isha (multi-access)
2/13/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta
2/14/2023	6:30 PM	WTC Board Meeting
2/15/2023	7:00 PM	CG Board Meeting
2/16/2023	1:30 PM	Third Thursday
2/17/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
2/17/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Shirah and Family Shabbat Services
2/17/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
2/18/2023	10:30 AM	Torah Study
2/19/2023	12:00 AM	No School - President's Day
2/19/2023	11:00 AM	Children of Abraham Peace Camp
2/20/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta
2/24/2023	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Panim
2/24/2023	6:30 PM	Shabbat Worship Service with Chai Guys Participation and Torah Reading and Simcha Blessings
2/24/2023	7:30 PM	Shabbat Schmooze
2/25/2023	10:30 AM	Torah Study
2/26/2023	9:00 AM	Religious School/Hebrew Small Groups
2/26/2023	5:00 PM	Youth Wolves Game (5th - 12th Grade)
2/27/2023	10:00 AM	Canasta
2/28/2023	7:00 PM	WTC Event

Life Cycle

MAZEL TOV TO:

Janice and Steve Bradley, and Susan and Dan Hirschberg on the birth of their granddaughter Eliana Rebecca Bradley. And also to Eileen and Chuck Kuenneth, as the great uncle and great aunt

Donal & Linda Brubaker on the birth of their great-grandchildren, Eva Reese and Evaristo Jimenez-Brubaker

Larry Gluskin, Adam & Lisa Gluskin, Jason & Melissa Gluskin, and Jonathan & Haley Gluskin on the birth of their, grandson, nephew and son, Dylan Eli Gluskin

Scott & Susan Jacobson on the birth of their grandson, Miles Connor Jacobson

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The Goldberg Family, on the death of our congregant, Barbara Goldberg

Adam (Gaby) Gurtz, on the death of his uncle Melvin Weitzman

Rachel (Jonathan) Roth, on the death of her aunt, Judy Agron

The Sophian Family on the death of our congregant, Ardis Sophian

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

April 14-16:

**Artist in Residence:
Paper Midrash**

Why are comic books a quintessential Jewish art form?

What do knives have to do with Torah study?

How do we use pop culture to understand and express our Judaism?

Mark your calendar for April 14-16, 2023 and join us to explore these questions and more as we welcome Rabbi Shawna and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik, the dynamic duo behind Paper Midrash, right here at Temple Chai!

SAVE THE DATE

Part of the 50th anniversary celebrations



April 22:
Nefesh Mountain
Concert at
Temple Chai

Nefesh Mountain has been hailed as one of today's formative boundary pushing Bluegrass/Americana bands blending their unique music with Jewish themes and liturgy.



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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