



Passover

Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being.

~ *Morris Joseph*

We must view ourselves as if we had come out of Egypt.

~ *The Pesach Hagaddah*

Freedom is not a gift from heaven, we must fight for it every day.

~ *Simon Wiesenthal*

Services

1st Day, Passover Service - April 18
10:00 am, followed by light Kiddush

8th Day, Yizkor Service - April 26
10:00 am, followed by light Kiddush

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Rabbi Mari Chernow

Questions

Questions are a great cultural paradox. They both destabilize and secure social norms.

- Rabbi Steven Greenberg

One of the defining moments of any Passover Seder is the recitation of *Mah Nishtana*, known as the four questions. Many of us remember (with either excitement or a bit of anxiety) when all of the faces at the Seder table turned to us for our moment in the spotlight. Others have beamed with pride as the next generation (or the next generation after that...or after that...) of children demonstrates their newly-learned Hebrew skills and mastery of the tune.

If you look back into the sources,¹ you find that in different regions of the world and during different times in history, there have been quite a few traditions as to how the *Mah Nishtana* was recited. During some periods, what we know as the four questions were only three. In earlier renditions, there was a question about how meat is eaten (roasted, like the original Pesach sacrifice) and absent are questions about, why we lean and the bitter herbs. The Talmud tells us that if no children are able to ask the questions, then two scholars should ask each other, even though, of course, they already know the answers.

We can draw an important conclusion from all of this variety - that an absolutely essential part of the Seder is asking questions. The details of the questions, such as who asks and how many there are, are less important. Consider this discussion in the Talmud (Pesachin 115b):

And why do we uproot the table? Rabbi Yannai said: So that the children should see and ask. Abaye was sitting before Rabba. He saw that they removed the tray. He said: Have we eaten already that you are removing the tray? Rabba said: You have exempted us from saying *Mah Nishtana*.

To unpack this passage, it seems that there must have been a custom of "uprooting the table" back in Talmudic times. There was some practice that involved literally shaking things up, including the seder table itself! The purpose of that custom, we learn, was to create an experience so dramatic that the children would naturally begin asking questions.

What follows is a story. At the Seder of two Talmudic sages, Rabba and Abaye, someone must have begun clearing the table before the guests had eaten. When Abaye (the younger of the two sages) asks in essence, "What's going on?" Rabba concludes that this spontaneous question is provocative enough that it can stand in place of the *Mah Nishtana*. A source no less authoritative than the Talmud teaches us that as long as good questions are asked, any good questions, we have fulfilled our obligation for this part of the Seder.

Mishael and Noam Zion tell this story:²

At the beginning of Seder night, Jerusalem's Professor Reuven Feuerstein...always warns the children around the table: "Tonight is Seder night. This is an important occasion and we have much to read, so we cannot be bothered with all sorts of questions. If you ask any questions, I will be forced to punish you. I will throw lots and lots of candies at you. Understand?"

Sources both ancient and modern remind us that the Seder should be a night of learning, for children and for adults. They teach that the best educational experiences both respond to and invite good, thoughtful and meaningful questions. I invite you to ask new questions at this year's seder table. I encourage you to probe into the customs, traditions and stories that make this night different from all other nights.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous Festival of Freedom. *Chag Sameach*.

Mari Chernow

¹See Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman and David Arnow's *My People's Haggadah: Traditional Texts, Modern Commentaries, Volumes 1 and 2*.

²In *A Night to Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices*.

Services

Friday, April 1 (26 Adar II)

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Candle Lighting Time - 6:30 pm

Shabbat HaChodesh

Saturday, April 2 (27 Adar II)

8:45 am Shacharit Service

8:45 am Bar Mitzvah

Brenden Barness

10:30 am B'not Mitzvah

Allison Stachel

Jenna Weinberg

Tazriah

Friday, April 8 (4 Nissan)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Candle Lighting Time - 6:35 pm

Saturday, April 9 (5 Nissan)

8:45 am Shacharit Service

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah

Noah Plotkin

Metzora

Friday, April 15 (11 Nissan)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Candle Lighting Time - 6:41 pm

Shabbat HaGadol

Saturday, April 16 (12 Nissan)

8:45 am Shacharit Service

11:00 am Meditation Service

8:45 am Bar Mitzvah

Ethan Weiss

10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah

Samuel Bloomstone

Sally Tyre

Acharei

4th day Pesach

Friday, April 22 (18 Nissan)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Candle Lighting Time - 6:46 pm

5th day Pesach

Saturday, April 23 (19 Nissan)

8:45 am Shacharit Service

Friday, April 29 (25 Nissan)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Candle Lighting Time - 6:51 pm

Saturday, April 30 (26 Nissan)

8:45 am Shacharit Service

Kedoshim



Ginny Keller

From the President

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I wanted to say a brief word on last month's fundraiser to honor the Shalom Center – WOW! We had a wonderful evening, ate great food, watched fun dancing (and danced a bit ourselves!), bought lovely and exciting auction items, and most of all, raised money for Temple Chai. Our fundraising efforts netted us about forty-five thousand dollars, which meets our budgeted expectations for this year's fundraiser. Although we remain very "close to the edge" financially, this represents the kind of fun/fundraising that will help us move away from that edge.

A big "thank you" to all the committee members, donors, support and senior staff who worked tirelessly to put the evening together. But my thanks go out to everyone who attended this lovely event as well. By showing our support for the Shalom Center, we demonstrated a central value of Temple Chai – community. The outpouring of community spirit was incredibly gratifying to me, as I hope it was to all of you who attended. Please mark your calendars for next year's event, Saturday, March 10th, 2012, when Temple Chai will be marking its 36th Birthday – Double Chai! – with an entire weekend of birthday fun and celebration.

Continuing with the value of our inclusive community, we will be celebrating Cantor Sharona Feller being named to Cantor Emerita of Temple Chai this month. Please come out to honor Cantor Feller on the weekends of April 1 and 8, when we will shower her with the gifts she has always brought to us: Prayer, Music, and Torah. Cantor Feller is scheduled to sing on the bima on both of those Friday nights. We will also have a special Scholar Shacharit service on Saturday morning April 8 with Rabbi Chernow and Rabbi Darren Kleinberg. There's a rumor that our own Rabbi Emeritus Bill Berk may join us for those weekends as well! Please check for details on the E-Chai announcements.

Lastly, I appreciate all of the support that so many of you have extended to me, to Rabbi Chernow, Rabbi Yakar, Rabbi Koppell and Cantor Halpern over the last month. Change is always hard in a community, and we are so fortunate to have the gifts of all our clergy for the time they spend with us. We value and remember those gifts; they become part of our legacy and heritage. We can also welcome new faces and voices to our home at Temple Chai. They, too, will enrich our lives and our spirit.

I say this phrase many times, and it's meaning is true and enduring for me: I am honored to be a congregant in this great community.

Chag Pesach Sameach – Wishing you a Happy Pesach,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginny". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text.



Bat Chai

Cleaning the Chametz to Next Year in Jerusalem: Preparing Ourselves for Pesach

Sunday, April 3
6:00 pm, Temple Chai

Women's Seder
Thursday, April 21
7:00 pm, Temple Chai
\$10 members - \$12 guests
RSVP by Friday, April 15

For information about Bat Chai programming, contact
Joan Neer at 602-971-1234 or jneer@templechai.com



Chai Men's Club

Guns & Burgers
Sunday, April 17
9:30 am, meet at Temple Chai

Save the Date!

Chai Steaks Poker
Thursday, May 12
6:30 pm, Temple Chai

For more information or to join, contact Cantor Peter at
(602) 971-1234 or cantorp@templechai.com or
Sheana Abrams at 602-971-1234 or
sabrabs@templechai.com



20s & 30s Community

The Merge

*Join us on Facebook
Search "The Merge"*

Let's Break Passover

Tuesday, April 26
Watch for details!

For more information on upcoming events:
emailinfo@themergeaz.com



Chai Boomers

Fun, Food and Camaraderie
for the Boomer Generation

"Judaism on the Verge" Guest Speaker - Rabbi Darren Kleinberg

Thursday, April 7
6:30 pm, Temple Chai

Save the Date!

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 13
7:30 pm, Chompies

For information about Chai Boomers, contact
Mark and Cindy Brauner at mdce42@hotmail.com
or Sheana Abrams at 602-971-1234
or sabrabs@templechai.com

Dor L'Dor

*"Generation to
Generation"*



Jewish Gangsters!

Sally Torman, a criminologist at Scottsdale
Community College, will be our guest speaker.
The facts about Jewish criminals will amaze you!
Do not miss this program. The stories are incredible.

Bring some friends and enjoy!

Thursday, April 14
12:00 pm - Luncheon
\$10.00 for Temple members - \$12.00 for guests

Save the Date!

Thursday, May 12

The May program for Dor L' Dor will be our final event
for the year. A program of Flamenco dancers will
present an entertaining finale to our 10th year. You
will enjoy this program of colorful dancing.

If you have any questions regarding the programming for
Dor L'Dor, please contact Sheana Abrams at
602-971-1234 or sabrabs@templechai.com



Adult Learning

Weekly Classes at Temple Chai

Parashat HaShavua - The Jewish experience is framed through the lens of the weekly Torah portion. We begin in the fall with the story of Creation, read of Noah, the patriarchs and matriarchs, journey to Egypt and stand at Sinai. As we travel through the wilderness, the *Mishkan* is constructed and the foundation of a just and caring society is established. We conclude the year poised to enter the Promised Land. Join us on Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. There is no charge and you are invited to “drop in” anytime and bring your own lunch.

Torah Study - Sundays when Religious School is in session, 9:30 - 10:30 am. This is an on-going class - drop-ins are always welcome.

Valley Beit Midrash Programs

April 13

Final Class in the Mini Series - Insight into the Haggadah

For more information, please contact Joan Neer at
602-971-1234 or jneer@templechai.com



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Mari



Pirke Avot Class with Rabbi Koppell

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Spring Series

Sundays, April 3 & May 1 - 9:30 am-3:45 pm
Wednesday, May 4 - 6:30-8:30 pm
Extra Session for Inter-Faith Couples
Wednesday, April 6 - 6:30- 8:30 pm

For further information, call Linda Feldman
480-634-8050 at the BJE



Joe Miller

From the Executive Director



Temple Chai's Annual **Festival of Used Books**

Sunday, April 17
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Help the Temple, Help the Planet -
Recycle your Books**

Do you want to clear up some space for books, DVD's, or CD's? Donate gently used books, music and movies that you don't want anymore and then come to our event on April 17 for items starting at only \$1.00!

(You can drop off books, CDs and DVDs at the Temple Chai office.)

ecoChai.org



Sharona Silverman

Shalom Center Happenings



Life and death
Are brothers/sisters who dwell together.
They cling to each other
And cannot be separated.

- Bahya Ibn Pakuda, *Duties of the Heart*

The journey of life is one of gifts and delights, as well as challenges and grief. The process of going through different transitions as we age can feel very isolating. Decisions that need to take place can often be a great source of stress and fear. We hope we can help you through this process by providing opportunities for meaningful discussions as we age and prepare for end of life.

Please join us as we explore these topics with sensitivity and creativity at our upcoming conference to be held at Temple Chai. Mark your calendar now for:

A Jewish Approach to Conscious Living and Conscious Dying Sunday, May 22, 2011 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Richard Address, Director, Union of Reform Judaism Department of Jewish Family Concerns, "With Eyes Undimmed: The Revolution in Longevity and its Impact on Our Community"

Lunch Speaker: Susan Levine, Executive Director, Hospice of the Valley, "Having Difficult Conversations"

Workshop titles include:

- Tools and Traditions for Meaningful Aging
- Talking with Children about Death
- Jewish Views of the Afterlife
- Dealing with Denial, Anxiety, and Fear around Aging and Death
- Practical Foundations of Life Care Planning as We Age
- And many others...

Presenters include:

- Clergy and synagogue educators from around the valley
- Healthcare providers including physicians and psychotherapists
- Executive directors of mortuaries, cemeteries, hospices, and other community agencies
- Attorneys and elder care coordinators

This program is sponsored by the Shalom Center in collaboration with the Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Kivel-Hospice of the Valley: Partners in Jewish End-of-Life Care; Mt. Sinai Cemetery, and Sinai Mortuary of Arizona. The project is funded in part by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix.

Please look for the brochure in your mailbox or you can contact the Shalom Center to register or to answer any questions at ssilverman@templechai.com or 602-971-1234 ext. 280.

L'Shalom,

Sharona Silverman

April Programs

Caring for our Loved Ones: A Jewish Support and Resource Group for Families and Caregivers

Monday, April 11 and 25,
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Healing Handiwork

Sunday, April 10, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Contact Nona at
nona.siegel@gmail.com for more information on the group.

JACS: Support Group Meeting for Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others

Wednesday, April 6 and 20
7:30 pm

Knitting with Kavannah

Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Living through Loss

Monday, April 4, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
(No meeting on April 18)

Now Childless

Bereavement group for parents who have lost their only child or all of their children.
Monday, April 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
(meetings the first Monday of each month.)

Rebuilding Your Life

Six-week support group for separated, widowed, or divorced men and women.
Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, May 5 and 12
7:00 – 8:30 pm. Cost - \$50.
Registration is required.

Southwest Job Network-

Offering support, information, and education – Tuesday, April 5, 8:30 – 11:45 am. (No meeting on April 19)

Shacharit Meditation Service

Saturday, April 16,
11:00 am – 12:00 Noon



Debbie Popiel, Director of Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Center

"A Night at The Arts"

Join us for our Annual ECC Fundraiser

Saturday, April 30, 2011

5:30pm

Dinner, Raffle, Silent Auction & Live Auction

Come bid on all of the amazing artwork that our kids have created along with numerous community donations.

Early Bird Rate - \$18 per person if you RSVP by April 7
After April 7 - \$25 per person

This event is not limited to ECC families. Bring family and friends along for the fun.

RSVP by April 25, 2011

****Adults only event****



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Sherie Siegel

Passover: A Time for Traditions and New Additions

It is almost that time of year again. It is time to bring out the familiar family haggadah and get ready for Passover! Passover is a time for traditions. Family and friends gather around the table and retell the story of our ancestors' exodus from Egypt during the Seder, which means order. Maybe our Seders are so familiar to us because of the story we tell year after year in the same order. Just because the story and order remain the same it does not mean that the way we tell it, is how it has to be.

Since I have lived in Scottsdale, I have made it a point to try to add something new to our Seder that my husband and I now host every year for our friends, who have become family. First, we found a haggadah that was at least slightly different from the Maxwell House one that I grew up using. All of our guests get to sing the Mah Nishtanah together which leads to smiles and stories from when we were younger and tried to get a younger family member to lead this section. Next, we added a little entertainment during our seder such as fun Passover songs and finger puppets. We have asked friends to bring their favorite Passover foods, and always try to invite a new friend.

I take pride in the tradition of cooking many of the delicious foods that my grandmother z"l use to make. These recipes, which my mother has mastered, and I am still working on, were passed down for many generations. While my mother and I prepare our Seders in different states, it is our tradition that we talk throughout most of the day as we stand in our kitchens making the familiar foods and retell stories of our family Seders from past years.

I look forward to Passover. I look forward to the many wonderful traditions that I have acquired and I look forward to continuing to add new traditions to our Seder.

We would love to showcase some of your Passover family traditions in an upcoming e-tone newsletter. Please e-mail creative pictures and/or ideas from your upcoming Seder to Sherie at ssiegel@templechai.com. Be sure to include your family name so we know who to recognize.

Wishing you and your family a *Chag Pesach Sameach*,

Sherie Siegel



School Dates to Remember:



April 3 5th Grade Limud
(at Temple Chai)

April 10 3rd Grade Passover Seder
(at Kivel)

April 10 Family School

April 19 & 20 No Class

April 26 & 27 No Class

April 29 Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Youth Events Calendar

Katanty (3rd & 4th Grade)

Bowling
April 10

with Rabbi Evon, Sherie, Erin and Debbie

Bonim (5th & 6th Grade)

Bowling
April 10

with Rabbi Evon, Sherie, Erin and Debbie

TCTY (8th - 12th Grade)

Spring Kallah
April 8 - 10

Messy Day at Temple Chai!
April 17

12:00 - 2:00 pm

We can't wait for you to join us at our next TCTY event!
Don't forget to join the TCTY Facebook group.



To RSVP or for more information about Katanty or Bonim, contact the Religious School office at 602-971-4832 or school@templechai.com

To RSVP or for more information about Club 78 or TCTY, contact Erin Wynn at 602-971-4832 or ewynn@templechai.com



B'nai Mitzvah

April



Brenden Shai Barness will become a bar mitzvah on April 2, 2011 at 8:45 am. Celebrating with Brenden are his parents Andi and Dean Barness of Scottsdale. His grandparents are LaDonna Leonard of Phoenix, Benjamin Hunt of Queen Creek and Wanda and Robert Walston of Tucson. For Brenden's mitzvah project, he collected gently used baseball gloves to donate to PhoenixDay.org.



Allison Paige Stachel will become a bat mitzvah on April 2, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Allison are her parents Jody and Stephen Stachel of Scottsdale. Her grandparents are Joan Kutner of Little Neck, NY and Florence and David Stachel of Scottsdale. For Allison's mitzvah project, she volunteered by collecting and donating money and supplies to Lucky Paws, a non-kill animal shelter.



Jenna Danielle Weinberg will become a bat mitzvah on April 2, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Jenna is her mom Robin Weinberg of Phoenix. Her grandparents are Marcia and Arnold Weinberg of Scottsdale. For Jenna's mitzvah project, she volunteered by serving refreshments at the Veterans Walkathon. She also volunteered at Watkins Shelter serving meals on Christmas and she volunteered at an elementary school in their after-school program.



Noah Benjamin Plotkin will become a bar mitzvah on April 9, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Noah are his parents Ruth and Edward Plotkin of Scottsdale. His grandparents are Ellen and Steve Rosenbaum of Scottsdale and Lynn Hamilton of Ladue, MO. His great-grandparents are Dorismae Friedman of St. Louis, MO and Gertrude Brick of Scottsdale. For Noah's mitzvah project, he volunteered for the Special Olympics at sporting events and he also collected new sporting equipment and healthy snacks for the athletes.



Samuel Bloomstone will become a bar mitzvah on April 16, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Samuel are his parents Linda and Joshua Bloomstone of Paradise Valley. His grandmother is Lucy Colon of New York, NY. For Samuel's mitzvah project, he collected gently used jeans and sneakers and donated them to UMOM - an organization that assists homeless families.



Sally Lauren Tyre will become a bat mitzvah on April 16, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Sally are her parents Amy and Dan Tyre of Paradise Valley. Her grandparents are Mimi and Mel Cerier of Boston, MA. For Sally's mitzvah project, she collected, donated and volunteered time sorting children's clothes and other items for Interfaith Cooperative

Ministries.



Ethan Charles Weiss will become a bar mitzvah on April 16, 2011 at 8:45 am. Celebrating with Ethan are his parents Rachel Weiss Maron and Scott Weiss both of Scottsdale. His grandparents are Jill and Lee Weiss and Sandra and Seymour Rife all of Scottsdale. His great-grandmother is Irene Rife. For Ethan's mitzvah project, he visited with several elderly Jewish residents at a home in Scottsdale and assisted them with observing Shabbat.

**Do You Need a Place
to Celebrate Your Simcha?**

We have beautiful ballrooms and a courtyard at Temple Chai which can accommodate up to 350 guests with or without a dance floor.

To reserve space for a Kiddush Brunch/
Luncheon or Party, contact Sheana Abrams at
602-971-1234
or sabrams@templechai.com.



**Has your Child
Turned 11?**

Contact Joan Neer at 602-971-1234
or jneer@templechai.com for a
bar/bat mitzvah date.



Barness Center for Tzedakah & Social Justice

The Barness Center for Tzedakah and Social Justice is committed to initiating efforts to promote social justice and assisting those in need, both in our community and globally. Through education, advocacy, direct activities and collaboration with other community organizations we seek to engage members of the larger Temple Chai community in actions to positively impact society. Our activities are informed and guided by our Jewish texts and traditions.

Below is a letter expressing the views of the Committee for the Barness Center for Tzedakah & Social Justice. This letter represents the sentiments of the Committee, and is not meant to represent the views of Temple Chai, its Board of Directors or its Administration.

Speaking out helps! On March 18, the Arizona Senate immigration bills were defeated.
But make no mistake – some version of this legislation will surface again.
When that happens, continue to make your voices heard!

Response to Legislative Challenges to the 14th Amendment and “Birthright Citizenship,” SB1308 & SB1309

Birthright citizenship has stood as one of the benchmarks of American values since the days of Reconstruction, enduring as waves of immigration landed on our shores. If you are an American Jew (or Armenian, Italian or Greek), it is likely that you are a citizen only because your parents or grandparents were born in America. Jewish immigration to America occurred largely from 1890 to 1925. In reaction to the mass arrival of immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe, many Americans who had arrived in prior generations criticized Jews and other newer immigrants as dirty, diseased, uneducated, and undesirable. Nativists claimed Jews would be a burden on society and would not assimilate and, as a result, Congress passed the National Origins Act in 1924, reducing immigration quotas from these groups to almost nothing. Despite these discriminatory actions, there has never been an infringement on the constitutional principle of birthright citizenship.

Despite the dire predictions of Nativists, the children of immigrants assimilated within a generation and have thrived to form an essential part of the American fabric. The progress of immigrant communities was not easy and was not without cultural hurdles created by those who resented them. Discrimination against Jews in housing, employment and social clubs was a way of life in our own lifetimes. We believe that the children of the latest group of immigrants who come from Mexico can also overcome the barriers being placed in their way. They should be allowed to follow this same path to achieving the American dream.

Today, as Arizona struggles to recover from one of the worst economic downturns in a century, anti-immigrant contempt has again resurfaced. It now takes the form of blaming immigrants from Mexico and Central America for various problems in our society. In proposing and passing laws to address the issue of illegal immigration, anti-immigrant advocates use the very same language that was used to slander Jewish immigrants, calling Hispanic immigrants “unclean”, “dishonest”, “unlikely to assimilate” and a burden on society. It is painful for many of us to see the children and grandchildren of immigrants forgetting their roots and the discrimination endured by the generations before them and joining those who castigate Latino immigrants.

In their zeal to oppose illegal immigration in any manner possible, certain politicians have caused the debate to degenerate into an attack on the 14th Amendment rights of American citizens, children born in this country of parents who are undocumented. Arizona legislators have introduced two bills-- SB 1308 and SB 1309-- which seek to deny citizenship to children in Arizona whose parents cannot prove they are citizens or permanent legal residents. These bills are designed to overturn 150 years of constitutional law. We stand with the Anti-Defamation League in opposition to these bills. The Barness Center for Tzedakah and Social Justice calls on all the members of Temple Chai to make your voices heard. Please do not stand silent as others attempt to undermine these important American privileges and values.

Liz Bornstein
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Cindy Weiser
Carl Zimmerman

Part of the role of the Barness Center for Tzedakah and Social Justice is to address important social justice issues. From time to time the Center will communicate their view on these matters to the congregation. If anyone would like to join the discussion, please consider getting involved with the Barness Center for Tzedakah and Social Justice.

Next Meeting - Monday, April 11 at 6:30 pm - all are welcome to join us.



Library News

We are so happy to acknowledge an additional family's participation in the Sefer Mitzvah Magic program. Marci & Bob Beliak purchased five new books for the Temple Library:

- My First Yiddish Word Book***, in memory of Regina Beliak
- Jewish Sports Stars***, in memory of Jerry Packer
- Living a Jewish Life***, in memory of Rachel Packer
- A History of Jews in the Modern World***, in memory of Jimmy Beliak
- High Holiday Stories***, in memory of Sheldon Lesman.

We also thank Ellen LaBelle for a large box of gently used volumes, and also Linda Fox and some anonymous folks who gave books to our Temple Library recently.

Here are some of our newer Passover books you might use to enrich your holiday. These and many others can be found on the metal booktruck at the entrance to the library.

Nachshon, Who Was Afraid to Swim, by Cohen (J). This beautifully illustrated book presents the biblical legend of the brave boy who was the first to jump into the Red Sea when the Jews were fleeing Egypt. Ages 3-8.

A Tale of Two Seders, by Portnoy (J). Divorce is always difficult. But the Passover holiday gives a little girl the chance to celebrate with each parent. Over the course of three years and six seders, we see her come to grips with her new family situation as she and her parents forge new lives and create new family traditions. Ages 5-9.

The Yankee at the Seder, by Weber (J). As a Confederate family prepares for Passover the day after the Civil War has ended, a Yankee arrives on their Virginia doorstep and is invited to share their meal, to the dismay of ten-year-old Jacob. Includes historical notes about Corporal Myer Levy, on whom the story is based, and his prominent Philadelphia family. Ages 7-9.

Penina Levine Is a Hard-Boiled Egg, by O'Connell (J). Penina Levine is one of only two Jewish children in her sixth grade class. When her teacher gives the class an assignment to write a letter as the Easter Bunny, Penina balks. Is she standing up for a meaningful principle, or is it okay to willingly participate in someone else's culture? Ages 8-10.

Pesach for the Rest of Us: Making the Passover Seder Your Own, by Piercy (z243.2 PiP). Piercy offers seder

leaders and participants a set of simple yet informative instructions. Part memoir, part cookbook, the book incorporates many modern counterparts to the traditional rituals and symbols. There are separate indexes for recipes and for poems. Adult.

The Women's Passover Companion: Women's Reflections on the Festival of Freedom, by Anisfeld (z243.2 Wom). Thirty-seven Jewish women reflect on the relationship between women and the themes of exile, liberation and redemption in the Passover story. Adult.

Carol Janoff, Librarian
602-993-1725

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The mission of Temple Chai is to inspire the development of spiritual growth through study and communal worship and to support individuals and families to help ensure the continuity of the Jewish people and the healing of the world.

Chai Lights is published monthly, except for July, by Temple Chai.

For information or with questions, call 602-971-1234.

Temple Chai is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism

Mitzvot

The Tree of Life

Trees are important to our tradition. Leaves for this tree may be purchased for \$180 to honor a person or a family, to celebrate an anniversary, friendship, birth, wedding, a bar/bat mitzvah, or in memory of a loved one.

Memorial Plaques

A memorial plaque is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one. The cost for a Memorial Plaque is \$360 for Temple Chai members and \$500 for non-members.

We acknowledge the memorial plaques added to our wall:

Milton Bobier - father of Mike Bobier

Max Diamondstein - father of Sid Diamondstein

To purchase a Leaf or Memorial Plaque, contact Sheana Abrams at 602-971-1234 or sabrams@templechai.com.



Tzedakah Box

Thank you all for contributing via our Tzedakah Box. The Barness Center for Tzedakah and Social Justice donations have been used this year to help with the Thanksgiving food drive, the Lost Boys Center and to help congregants in need of emergency assistance with grocery gift cards. Please consider adding to the Tzedakah box.

Contact Cindy Weiser at 480-483-1380 if you have any questions or suggestions for the donated funds.

Ask me. I'll tell you...

By Sandy Rife, Mt. Sinai Cemetery

Why do we place a stone on the monument when we visit someone's grave?

There are many explanations. The custom may have evolved from the ancient method of marking a grave with a pile of stones. Today we could say it marks the remains of a person worth remembering, and lets others know someone came and remembered. It also suggests the continuing presence of love and memory.

For information, call me at 480-363-3854



Temple Chai Funds

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Rabbi Chernow

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Chernow
Ruth DuBois
Leah Mintz-Appleman

In Honor of

Carrying the Torah
Jacob and Sophia Chemirs

In Memory of

Elaine Greenstein
Audrey Shulkin
Marcia and Melvin Harris
Lee and Ellen Eisinberg
Evelyn Landsman
Bill and Shirley Glickman

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Errol and Beryl Sweet
Belle R. and Leo Lyman
Tracy and Janice Olson

Samuel Shiff
Arthur and Eileen Shiff
Sam Surman
Barry and Cathy Shalen
Dorothy Sweet
Errol & Beryl Sweet
Ted Uran's father
Bert Levin

Speedy Recovery of

Etta Rikess
Flora Abramson

Rabbi Koppell

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Koppell
Faith Oberstein

In Memory of

Velvle Chemizovsky
Jacob and Sophia Chemirs
Lorraine Cornell
Edwin Cornell
Nathan Stearns
Audrey Shulkin

Rabbi Yakar

In Appreciation of

Memorial Service for Shelly Yanez
Staci B. Munoz

In Memory of

Jeanette Miller
Joseph and Sarah Levine
Gilda A. Tolman
Tracy and Janice Olson

Speedy Recovery of

Janice Calabrese
Joseph and Sarah Levine

Cantor Halpern's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Louis Feibusch
Evelyn Feibusch

Executive Director Joe Miller

In Appreciation of

Joe Miller
Kavannah Chavurah

In Honor of

Lyle and Jennifer Brauner's wedding
Ken and Leah Alper

Deutsch Family Shalom Center Fund

In Appreciation of

Sharona Silverman and her team
Martin and Wendy Kaye

In Honor of

Marci Beliak's special birthday
Auntie Phyllis and the Neely's
Sharona Silverman and Marci Beliak
Donna Medoff

In Memory of

Philip Antonos
Bernice Antonos

Robert L. Deems
Tracy and Janice Olson
Ruth Ellis Goldstein
Douglas and Sandy Jardine
Isaac Masliah
Mario and Hillary Masliah
Paul Solomon
Raymond and Kathy Solomon

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In Memory of

Helen Billens
Jetta Melnick
Harold Conn
Arnie and Laural Sigel
Efrem Melnick
Social Bridge Group -
Jetta Melnick
Linda & Gary
Perlman
Rollie & Marty Rosen
Rachel Segal
Arnie & Laural Sigel

Freda & Robert Feinberg Family Learning Center Fund

In Honor of

Mona Crandell's 80th birthday
Libby Dwor

In Memory of

Yolanda Theresa Guzman
Michael Greenland

General Fund

In Honor of

Cantor Sharona Feller for our
daughter's baby naming
Seth and Melissa Korey
Alyssa Kates' bat mitzvah
Eric and Hope Slepian

In Memory of

Helaine Clayton
Marshall and Cindy Clayton



Temple Chai Funds Continued...

Religious School Fund

In Honor of

March Birthdays of Maya, Jared,
Diane and Frank Blake, Pat and Mel
Blake

Melvyn Blake

In Memory of

Tova Blenkitni
Samara Walker

Julius Rubenstein
Dan, Robin, Scott and
Zachary Rubenstein

Joseph Sokol
Rich, Meryl and Allie Rose

Mara Steves
Bill and Shirley Glickman

Sam & Esther Rosen Israel Scholarship Fund

In Honor of

Arthur Weisberg's 80th birthday
Marvin and Rochelle Miller

In Memory of

Edith Lors
Elliot and Tammy Rosen

Shuman Library Fund

In Memory of

Miriam Flitter
Dana and Julie Shinbaum

Temple Chai Early Childhood Center Fund

In Memory of

Pauline Ray
Gary Mallis
Eda Reed
Dan, Andrea, Benjamin and
Matthew Kravets

Temple Chai Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

Sam Harrington and Ida Kamen
Florence Harrington

Temple Chai Fundraiser Donation Fund

In Appreciation of

Debra Berkowitz for all your hard
work

Kim and Brian Suprin
Janie Kuznitsky for all your hard
work

Kim and Brian Suprin

Youth Scholarship Fund

In Honor of

The birth of our grandchild Cammie
Olson

Tracy and Janice Olson

Temple Chai Endowment Funds

Temple Chai Program Fund

In Honor of

Temple Chai
Lisa Bickel

Ilana M. Solomon Fund for Special Needs Children & Their Families

In Memory of

Arthur Goldhagen
Martin and Judy Solomon

Schwimmer Schenkein Fund for the Arts in honor of Cantor Sharona Feller

In Honor of

Sharona Feller becoming Cantor
Emerita

Michael and Joan Neer

Speedy Recovery of

Etta Rikess
Morrie and Thelma Feller

Shirley & Al's Passover Pantry

In Honor of

Passover
Dennis and Maxine Baker



Temple Chai Judaica Shop

Passover will be here soon!

Stop by the Judaica shop to make sure you have
everything you need: Seder plates, Elijah cups,
Hostess gifts, Frogs, Puppets, Bag of Plagues,
Passover bibs for the littlest ones, Music
& so much more.

Judaica Shop hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesdays - 5:15 - 7:30 pm (during TCJH)

Wednesdays (during Religious School) until 6:00 pm - Sundays (during Religious School) 9:30 am – noon
or by appointment

Contact Joan 602-971-1234 or jneer@templechai.com for information, or for ordering invitations or kippot.





An Amazing Weekend at Temple Chai...

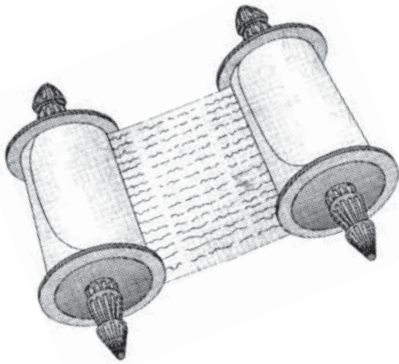
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Charles Schreiberman
Sara Shapiro
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