



Sukkot 5772

Sukkot Service

Thursday, October 13

10:00 am

Service of Peace and Healing

Wednesday, October 19

7:00 pm

Yizkor Service

Thursday, October 20

10:00 am

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Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilin

Lulav and Etrog Layers

Sukkot is a bizarre holiday. We build a rickety booth with yard waste placed on the roof, and shake a collection of plants every which way. There is no escaping it, shaking the *lulav* and the *etrog*, while a core element of the holiday, is strange, and a bit mysterious. Many Jews, myself included, have asked themselves: "What does it mean to shake these plants in all directions? Why is it important to do a ritual that makes me feel so odd?" The ritual of shaking the *lulav* and the *etrog* involves all of the senses, and some awkward movements. This ancient ritual, though perhaps uncomfortable, is highly symbolic, and has layers of meaning. These layers of meaning add to the sanctity and uniqueness of the holiday.

The first layer of meaning has to do with the sound of the *lulav*. If you listen carefully, and use a bit of imagination, you can hear the sound of rain. It is no coincidence that it is around this time of year that we begin reciting a prayer for rain in the *Amidah* prayer.

Another meaning behind shaking the *lulav* and the *etrog* together comes from *Midrash Vayikra Rabbah*, which likens each of the four species of the *lulav* and *etrog* to different types of Jews. By bringing these four species together, we symbolically unite the Jewish people. We shake the *lulav* and the *etrog* in order to profess the belief of *Klal Yisrael*, the importance of each and every member of the Jewish community. Despite the painful reality of separation and difference that exists in the worldwide Jewish community, we believe that the Jewish people can be one. When we come together as a community and transcend those things that divide us, we are more able to do holy work and make the world more whole.

A third interpretation of this ritual has to do with the way each of the four species looks. The palm branch is straight and rigid, like a human spine. The willow leaves are long and thin, symbolizing our lips. The myrtle leaves are oval, similar to a person's eyes. The *etrog* symbolizes a heart, which in ancient times was seen as the seat of wisdom, intellect, and emotion. By unifying these separate species, we are also unifying the different parts of our bodies. In doing so, we are saying that we bring our entire self to holy work. When we pray, when we learn, when we do *gemilut chasadim*, acts of kindness, we want to bring not only one part of the self, but every part. Just as we need the entire Jewish community in order to be successful in changing the world for the better, so do we need the entire self.

There are countless things in this hectic world that necessitate our attention. If we let them, these things will pull us in ten directions at once. At this time, the holiday of Sukkot comes to remind us that being fully present and being a united community should be a priority. In this way, an ancient and odd ritual has the ability to be incredibly relevant in modern Jewish life. May we all hear the call of the *lulav* and the *etrog*, not just as a call for rain, but as a call for the unity of self and people.

Chag Sameach Sukkot,

Services

Kol Nidre

Friday, October 7 (9 Tishrei)

6:00 pm Family Service
8:00 pm Evening Service
Candle Lighting Time - 5:47 pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 8 (10 Tishrei)

7:45 am Early Service
10:30 am Late Service
10:30 am Teen Service
12:45 pm Study Sessions
1:15 pm Family Service
2:45 pm Tot Service
3:30 pm Afternoon Service
5:00 pm Yizkor/Neilah Service

Sukkot

Thursday, October 13 (15 Tishrei)

10:00 am Sukkot Service

Friday, October 14 (16 Tishrei)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 5:39 pm

Saturday, October 15 (17 Tishrei)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
11:00 am Meditation Service
Chol HaMoed Sukkot

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
Thursday, October 20 (22 Tishrei)

10:00 am Yizkor Service
5:30 pm Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday, October 21 (23 Tishrei)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 5:30 pm

Saturday, October 22 (24 Tishrei)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
8:45 am Bar Mitzvah

Max Stein

10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah

TJ Bruggeman

Ashleigh Horton

Bereshit

Friday, October 28 (30 Tishrei)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 5:23 pm

Saturday, October 29 (1 Cheshvan)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
Noach



Ginny Keller

From the President

Dear Fellow Congregants,

This issue of our Chai Lights finds us right in the middle of our High Holy Days season. As we move through these Days of Awe, I am most aware of the vital importance of community. It is wonderful seeing many of you at services; I look forward to greeting everyone for the culmination of our season on Yom Kippur.

Professor Steven M. Cohen, who I heard lecture both at The Hartman Institute in Jerusalem as well as here in Phoenix, commented on the nature of Judaism and community. He made the observation that we can't - without community - celebrate holidays, simchas; perform rituals for hope and for healing. We can't be fully Jewish without community. It seems so apparent that this is the case as I sit in our beautiful sanctuary and look out at all of us sitting, standing, singing, smiling, and sometimes even crying during our services. The High Holy Days gives us a chance to experience the power of our Judaism, and it is made even more powerful because we experience it together. By the middle of the month we will come together again in our Sukkot, in smaller numbers but in community nonetheless. In fact, we are commanded to invite others to join us in those fragile dwellings, as if to remind us the only enduring thing we ever really have is the strength of our community.

The work of the Board of Directors is another example of the strength of community. Over the past months the Board has been working on and sharing ideas for a new Mission Statement for Temple Chai. Following the completion and ratification of the Mission Statement, the members of the Board will tackle the Strategic and Annual Planning for our synagogue. This complex and important task will take a large amount of thoughtful work that must be accomplished along with the ongoing committee work each member does. Membership engagement, financial oversight, religious school organizing, working with the ECC, fundraising, social action, and establishing new committees will all go on as well.

I invite you to think about the strength that each of you brings to our community and especially invite you to join any of the satisfying and productive committees we have ongoing at Temple Chai. I invite you to imagine that strength as you sit with me in services in the next week; imagine what we can all accomplish together, which cannot be done by any one of us alone.

May the New Year bring us and our entire community blessings of health and happiness, prosperity, peace and success.

With Warm Personal Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginny".

ADULT PROGRAMMING



Bat Chai

Women's Programming

What can the most popular doll on the planet tell us about what it means to be Jewish today?

"The Tribe"

Documentary on Jewish life

Light breakfast, film, discussion

Sunday, November 6

9:30 am at Temple Chai

Please join us for our first Bat Chai program of the year as we view this provocative documentary on Jewish life - who we are as individuals and a society.

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



"Bat Chai is Temple Chai's community for women of all ages committed to exploring our identity, heritage and spirituality. Through study, prayer, retreats and friendship, we strengthen our connections to our Judaism, to ourselves and to one another."

- Mission Statement

For over 18 years, women of Temple Chai have come together in Bat Chai to explore the richness, beauty and depth of Jewish life.

Whether you are a woman in your 20's or in your 90's, there is a place for you at our table. Join us for one or all events this year - programs are scheduled at a variety of days and times to accommodate everyone's busy lives. And, if it has been a few years since you've attended a program, please consider joining us for an event. Most programs are free of charge and there are no "membership" fees - if you're a Temple Chai woman - you're a Daughter of Chai.

What I love best about being part of Bat Chai is the feeling of community and being part of such an incredible group of women...the realization that no matter what difficulties there are for each of us personally or within our community, the Bat Chai community is a force for healing and strength. Marilyn Starrett

...through laughter and sometimes tears, we forge new bonds and strengthen old ones. Bat Chai is an oasis in my busy life. The retreat is always stimulating, nurturing, and the best sleepover I've had since I was a teenager, and has afforded me the opportunity to make important new friendships with women I might not have otherwise had the time and good fortune to know. Jackie Scheinkein

Upcoming programs: "The Tribe"; Latkes and Laughter in December for our White Elephant event; Tea and Torah - a Shabbat afternoon gathering in January; Travel Through Life with our Bat Chai Road Trip in February; our 18th annual Retreat and Pesach celebration in the spring. Please look for detailed information regarding each event.

Put Bat Chai on your calendar - you'll be happy you did. I look forward to sharing a year of learning, discovery and friendship.

L'Shalom,
Sharona Feller



Chai Men's Club Men's Programming

Great Sukkah Build

Sunday, October 9

1:00 pm at Rabbi Mari Chernow's home

Come help Rabbi Chernow build her Sukkah
Snacks and Drinks provided

For more information about Chai Men's Club, contact Sheana Abrams at 602-971-1234 or sabrams@templechai.com



Dor L'Dor

"Generation to Generation"

Programming for our 49+ Community

Thursday, November 10

12:00 pm - Luncheon

\$10.00 for Temple members

\$12.00 for guests

Our first program for this year features our newest clergy member, Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilin. He has joined us as Director of Education after being ordained at Hebrew Union College in LA this year. Being passionate about prayer, spirituality and Jewish Education for all ages, he is eager to teach us and lead us in song.

Save the Date! December 15

Annual Chanukah program, complete with super delicious latkes. Our guest will be Cantor Sharona Feller.

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



ADULT LEARNING

Weekly Classes at Temple Chai

Parashat HaShavua - In addition to our ongoing study of the Torah, each week we read from the works of the Prophets. These Haftarahs are not always well known, though they contain some of the most powerful and inspiring words of comfort and challenge in our tradition. Join us each Wednesday from 12:00 - 1:00 as we focus this year on the weekly Haftarah portion. There is no fee for this class and no registration is required- join us as your schedule permits.

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.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah - Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 pm beginning September 14. This is the first year of a two-year course in preparation for the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience. This class will culminate in 2013 with a celebratory service. Participants will learn to read Torah and Haftarah and to lead a Shabbat morning service. Taught by Rabbi Chernow. Cost: \$118 per year.

Introduction to Judaism - Tuesday evenings: 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Temple Chai beginning October 4. This course, sponsored by the URJ, will be taught by rabbis from the Phoenix community. This is a welcoming introductory level course for all those interested in learning or refreshing the basics. The curriculum centers on the Jewish life and holiday cycle. Registration and more information on this class may be obtained through the URJ. Please go to urj.org/psw/outreach/intro or call 888-834-8242. A discounted tuition is offered to official members of URJ affiliated congregations. There will be an additional fee for books.

Pirkei Avot, Chapter Three - On Thursday nights, we will continue our study of these ethical aphorisms from the Talmudic tradition. Join us on Oct 27, Nov 10, 17, Dec 8, 22, Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23, Mar 15, 29, Apr 19 from 7:00-8:30 as we explore these fascinating texts. "Everything is foreseen, yet free will is granted"- how is this possible? "Where are you going? To a place of dust and worms and maggots"- what does that teach us? Please let Rabbi Koppell know if you would like to be included on the email distribution list for this class - rabbikoppell@templechai.com. Drop in as your schedule permits for this always-interesting conversation.

For more information or to register for classes, contact Joan Neer at 602, 971-1234 or jneer@templechai.com

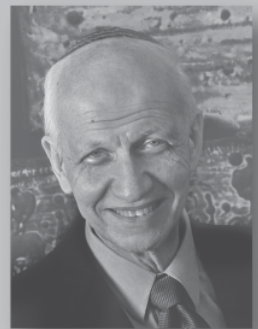


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RABBI DR. IRVING "YITZ" GREENBERG

THE NEW ERA: *Humanity Comes of Age*

Rabbi Dr. Irving "Yitz" Greenberg is the most influential American Jewish thinker of the past half century. In 1974, Rabbi Greenberg founded CLAL – The National Center for Leadership and Learning, a pioneering pluralistic program that has trained and educated a generation of lay-leaders and rabbis. Rabbi Greenberg was central to the establishment of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and served as its chairman from 2000-2002. From 1997-2007, Rabbi Greenberg served as the President of Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation and developed Birthright Israel, the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE), Makor, and the Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative (JCEI). Rabbi Greenberg is the author of *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, and numerous other books and articles, and is currently completing work on a new book to be published in 2012.



Date: Wednesday, November 2nd

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Temple Chai – 4645 E. Marilyn Road, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Refreshments will be served – no charge – Books will be available to purchase for signing

Individual sponsorships are available for this event for \$180. Sponsors will be acknowledged at the event. For more information about this or any other Valley Beit Midrash program, please contact us at info@valleybeitmidrash.org or visit our website at www.valleybeitmidrash.org





Joe Miller

From the Executive Director



Calling All Talent!

3RD ANNUAL TALENT NIGHT



November 12, 2011

If you are interested in auditioning,
please contact Joe Miller at jmiller@templechai.com.



Save the Dates!

Talent Night

November 12, 2011

Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilin

Installation Shabbat and Dinner

December 9, 2011

Bingo Fun Night

January 28, 2012

Annual Spring Fundraiser

A Celebration of the 36th Anniversary of Temple Chai

March 10, 2012

ECC Annual Art Fundraiser

April 28, 2012

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Sharona Silverman

Shalom Center Happenings



Service of Peace and Healing Under the Sukkah *Spread Over Us a Sukkah of Peace*

The High Holy Days offer us a rich reservoir of healing resources, rituals, and traditions. They give us the opportunity to nourish our spirits, consider our strengths and weaknesses, and reflect on what is really important to us.

The holiday of Sukkot provides us with a multitude of symbols and themes. The sukkah structure reminds us of the fragility of our homes and of our very lives. The prayers, songs, images, and practices help us to reflect on our own vulnerability, as well as to gather together to celebrate the abundance of blessings around us.

What practices are particularly healing to our clergy here at Temple Chai? Join us for this year's Service of Peace and Healing and learn from our clergy how this holiday offers them (and us!) some perspective, strength, and blessing.

The Service of Peace and Healing will be held under the sukkah in the Jerusalem Courtyard of Temple Chai on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm. Please join our rabbis and cantor as we experience the power of prayer and the joy of music to open our hearts, to heal, and to grow.

We will have all of our Mi Shebeirach tapestries available to encircle us with images and inspiration toward healing ourselves and the world. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Healing Services at Temple Chai *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. - Psalm 126*

Several times a year, the Shalom Center offers healing services for those who are searching for more meaning and fulfillment during times of growth, transition, or crisis. These services are usually provided during the important holidays of Sukkot, Chanukah, and Pesach. For many, these holidays form the foundation for times of family connectedness and warmth. For others, these holidays remind us of the fragmentation and wounds experienced within our families. How do we make sense of some of this brokenness within our families? Can we learn to make peace despite alienation or pain?

This year, we would like to provide a "safe space" at our healing services for people to gather to connect with our Jewish tradition despite estrangement and/or heartache. We invite you to join one of our clergy members at each of these services to study text and to utilize some of the most powerful tools of Jewish healing.

For our upcoming Sukkot service, please join us under the sukkah on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm prior to our Service of Peace and Healing for some healing of the spirit and a stronger sense of wholeness, despite a pain or loss which has affected your connection with God and with our community.

Please join us in this New Year to celebrate, grow, and heal together.

L'Shalom,

Sharona Silverman

October Programs

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

Monday, Oct. 3 and 17
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Healing Handiwork

Sunday, Oct. 9
1:00 - 4:00 pm at a private home.
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, Oct. 5 and 19
7:30 pm

Knitting with Kavannah

Tuesday, Oct. 25
1:30 - 3:30 pm

Living through Loss

Monday, Oct. 3 and 17
4:30 - 6:00 pm

Now Childless

No meeting in October. Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 7, 6:30 pm. Bereavement group for parents who have lost their only child or all of their children. (Meetings the first Monday of every other month.)

Shacharit Meditation Service

Saturday, Oct. 15
11:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Sukkot Service of Peace and Comfort

Wednesday, Oct. 19
7:00 pm

Rebuilding Your Life: A Jewish Support Group for Divorced, Separated, or Widowed Men and Women A SIX-SESSION PROGRAM TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR JOURNEY FROM SORROW TO RENEWED STRENGTH

Thursday evenings, October 27, November 3, 10, 17, and December 1 and 15
7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Temple Chai "House" and is facilitated by Lois Goldblatt, MS.

Cost of all six sessions is \$50.

Registration through the Shalom Center is required



Debbie Popiel

Early Childhood Center

Everyone had fun at Rabbi Mari's house for our kickoff ECC Family Fun Night. Swimming, arts and crafts and yummy BBQ were followed by a meaningful Havdalah service for our families.

Sponsored by our parent organization PATCH.





Debbie Popiel

Religious School

First Grade Consecration is October 23rd!

Our lovely first graders will take the Bimah on October 23rd as they mark their official entrance into their religious studies during our First Grade Consecration Ceremony.

This is such a special time for our first grade children and their families.

Please join me in wishing them Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!



School Dates to Remember: October



October 2 PK-K Sefer Safari

October 9 No School

October 19 No School

October 21-23 5th, 6th, & 7th Grade Retreat

October 23 1st Grade Consecration

October 31 Family School

Youth Events Calendar

Chai Kids (3rd, 4th, 5th grades)

October 30 - AZ Air Time

TCTY Jr. (6th, 7th, 8th grades)

October 9 - Parents and kids help unload the food drive truck at 10:00 am at Paradise Valley Food Bank

TCTY (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades)

October 8, 10:30 am - Teen Yom Kippur Services

October 9, 10:00 am - Come help unload the food drive truck at Paradise Valley Food Bank

October 12 - On fall break? Stay tuned for a fun event with TCTY

October 30, 12:15-2:00 pm - It's MESSY DAY, meet in the Temple Chai courtyard!

LTI 2011



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

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



B'nai Mitzvah

October



TJ Bruggeman will become a bar mitzvah on October 22, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with TJ is his mom Lori Bruggeman of Scottsdale. His grandfather is Sam Weinstein of Las Vegas, NV and also celebrating with TG are several aunts, uncles and cousins. For TJ's mitzvah project, he volunteered at Shemesh Day Camp working with counselors, staff and campers.



Ashleigh Linnae Horton will become a bat mitzvah on October 22, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Ashleigh are her parents Nann and Daniel Horton of Scottsdale. Her grandparents are Saranne and Jerry Gitnick of Scottsdale and Jane Horton Leasman of Green Valley. For Ashleigh's mitzvah project, she volunteered at Interfaith Cooperative Ministries sorting clothing and making take-home toiletry bags. She walked dogs at Lucky Paws Animal Rescue. Ashleigh also volunteered at the Phoenix Public Library sorting and shelving books, created art for the toddler section and timed children during their swim meets at Swim Neptune Swim Club.



Max Michael Stein will become a bar mitzvah on October 22, 2011 at 8:45 am. Celebrating with Max are his parents Karen Stein and Aaron Stein, both of Scottsdale. His grandparents are Ann and Gabriel Roenberg of Scottsdale, Harriett Lerner of Baltimore, MD and Dr. Barnett Stein of St. Petersburg, FL. For Max's mitzvah project, he volunteered for the Friendship Circle.



HAS YOUR CHILD TURNED 11?

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

- A First for Temple Chai -

Three Generations of B'nai Mitzvah

Betty Brodsky (89) became a bat mitzvah on August 6, 2011. Celebrating with Betty was her daughter Joan Neer, who became a bat mitzvah in 1992, her grandson Jason Tie, who became a bar mitzvah in 1994 and her granddaughter Rachel Tie, who became a bat mitzvah in 1998. They are Temple Chai's first three generation family to all become b'nai mitzvah at Temple Chai. Many family members and friends also joined in the celebration from near and far.



Mazel Tov
to
Betty Brodsky
and
her family.



Do You Need a Place to Celebrate Your Simcha?

We have beautiful ballrooms and a courtyard at Temple Chai that can accommodate up to 300 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.



Center for Tzedakah & Social Justice

The 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.

Upcoming Events

Annual High Holy Days Food Collection for Paradise Valley Food Bank October 8, Yom Kippur

Contact - Donna Hodax at 480-393-3504 or dahodax@gmail.com;
Bill Jones at 602-565-2440 or ra19@msn.com; Liz Bornstein at 480-773-6550 or lizandalan1@cox.net

Latino-Jewish Dialogue In an Age of Diversity Wednesday, October 12

The Temple Chai Social Justice subcommittee has been collaborating with members of the Jewish and Latino community to develop a dialogue to share our stories and explore our common experiences. The kickoff event will be hosted at Temple Chai at 6:30 pm and will bring together a group of interested participants from our two communities. We hope that it will be one of a series of events as our communities learn from each other, identify common experiences, and develop actionable steps that move us toward common goals.

For more information contact Linda & Irwin Sandler at 602-840-4869 or Cindy Weiser at 480-483-1380.

Watkins Shelter Monday, October 17

Temple Chai will be volunteering to serve dinners at the Watkins Shelter in south Phoenix.

For more information contact Beth Katz at bethkatz@gmail.com or 602-595-1144.

Torch of Liberty ADL Dinner Thursday, October 27

At the Sheraton Downtown honoring Dr Rufus Gasper, Chancellor Maricopa Community Colleges.
Special guest, Abe Foxman, National Director of ADL

For more information please contact Susan and Greg Jones at 480-483-3221.

Thanksgiving Food Drive November

Carl Zimmerman will be chairing this event along with Bill Jones and Lenny Katzenstein.
Please add your name to the list of those interested in delivering meals on Thanksgiving morning.

For more information please contact Carl Zimmerman at mimandpop@cox.net or 602-997-0282.

Interfaith Cooperative Ministries

Our Center partner is in need of clothing and household items. As members of the ICM Board of Directors, Barry Kipnis and Lenny Katzenstein are appealing to our community for help. Families may visit two times a month for food and one time a month for clothing at ICM. This past year there has been a huge increase in need, and it is typical to have 120 families a day. Five years ago there were 30 families a day.

Please bring all donations to the Temple office area for pick up.

Tzedakah Box

Funds collected this month will be used for the High Holy Day Food Drive truck.
All donations are welcome and very much appreciated.

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm - all are welcome to join us.



Library News

Thank you to the anonymous donors of gently used Judaic books for the library. Many recently ordered books have also been added to the New Book shelves. Below are described a few new children's books for the October holidays as well as some new adult material.

What Do You See on Sukkos?, by Goetz (J). The question is answered with clear color photographs and items identified by name. This attractive board book starts with the building of a sukkah and ends with items seen on Simchat Torah. Ages 0-3.

Engineer Ari and the Sukkah Express, by Cohen (J). As Engineer Ari drives his train to Jerusalem, he stops as friends along the way help him gather branches and fruit for his backyard sukkah. When the holiday begins, he is sad that those friends aren't with him to join the celebration. But what surprise do his pals have waiting for him at the train station? Ages 5-8.

Greater than Gold and Silver, by Ehrmann (J). The mitzvah of owning a perfect etrog inspires this gorgeously illustrated story. In a sumptuous sukkah, Opa and Oma welcome their family and guests. Opa explains his habit of buying several etrogim for each Sukkot, always looking for the most beautiful, by telling a story: What happens when a poor peddler buys the only etrog in town? Will he sell his mitzvah for a vast fortune? Ages 7-10.

Sammy Spider's First Simhat Torah, by Rouss (J). "Sammy crawls down his web to inspect the candy apple Josh has attached to his Simchat Torah flag. When Josh leaves for synagogue he doesn't notice the spider stuck to his apple! Atop Josh's flag, Sammy joins the parade, dances with the Torah, and learns about this very special holiday." Ages 3-7.

The Cookbook Collector, by Goodman (AF). Emily and Jessamine Bach are opposites in every way. This book is about "getting and spending, and about the substitutions we can make when we can't find what we're looking for: reading cookbooks instead of cooking, spectating instead of creating, collecting instead of living. But above all it is about holding on to what is real in a virtual world: love that stays." Adult.

The Tenth Song, by Ragen (AF). Abigail Samuels has arrived. Her husband has a successful accounting firm, and her law student daughter is engaged.

"They are pillars of the Orthodox Jewish community in a Boston suburb until their world suddenly falls apart. When a story saying that her husband is funding terrorists appears on the Internet, Abigail's friends vanish. Her daughter runs off to a desert commune in Israel to study with a charismatic Kabbalist, and Abigail rushes to rescue her. While in Israel, both women start to question their previous life paths and begin journeys of self-discovery."

Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World, by Schwarz (z360 ScS). This book "explores the relationship between Judaism, social justice and the Jewish identity of American Jews...and explores a community torn between its instincts for self-preservation and its desire to serve as an ethical 'light to the nations'." Adult.

Carol Janoff, Librarian
602-993-1725



Doozy of A Deal Benefits Temple Chai

What is Doozy of A Deal?

We are pleased to be a non-profit affiliate with Doozy of a Deal, a deal-of-the-day website.

When you register with Doozy of a Deal, you will receive an e-mail once per day with a deep discount offer from a local merchant. Any time you make a purchase, Doozy of a Deal credits Temple Chai with 7.5% of your purchase price.

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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:

Lois Ruth Coles - mother of Lisa Katz
Lawrence J. Heigh - father of Russell Heigh

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. This year's donations have been used by the Center for Tzedakah and Social Justice 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

Where does the tradition of ground burial originate?

Jewish law is unequivocal in establishing that the dead must be buried in the earth. God told Adam, after the sin of the Tree of Knowledge, "for you are dust, and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19). Later the Bible crystallizes God's words into law "Thou shalt surely bury him" (Deuteronomy 21:23). The beginning of humanity was formed from the ground, and so we return to the ground when we die. Cremation is traditionally forbidden on the basis that it violates the requirement to bury the body in its entirety in the earth. Man's body returns to the earth as it was, while the soul rises to God.

For information, call Sandy at 480-363-3854



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READER'S CHOICE

by Lori Berman, Board of Directors

The Blessing of a B Minus - Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Resilient Teenagers

As a first-time parent, we all wish an instruction manual came with our baby. As each phase comes and goes with joy and sometimes frustration, we as parents get the hang of it. We make mistakes along the way and pray that somehow we will raise happy, healthy, resilient children. When I first read Wendy Mogel's book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, I found myself mesmerized page after page. I kept thinking to myself, "Yes, that happened to us", or "That sounds like my daughter." So, when her second book, *The Blessing of a B Minus - Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Resilient Teenagers*, came out, I jumped at the chance to read it. Having two young girls, I figured it would be helpful to get a head start on their teenage years.

Mogel talks first about *tzar giddul banim*, the necessary pain of raising children. As parents, we can understand that. For the teenage years, it's usually related to the teen's separation from their parents. They get involved with their friends, school activities and soon after, they learn to drive. Once they learn to drive, they are truly independent. "Watching your teen pull away from you is painful. But when you guide your child with leadership that is respectful of their developmental phase and their individual spirit, you are traveling on a holy path."

Mogel talks about the advice given in traditional Judaism to say blessings, or prayers of gratitude, at least one hundred times a day. She talks about blessings of a bad attitude, B minus, breaking the rules, a hangover, a lost sweater, staying up late and converting struggles into blessings. It works great for me, when I can turn the situation into a learning experience for the children and for us as parents. It is also always nice to know that we are not the only parents struggling with the issues at hand.

I love the approach to making fair and appropriate rules about sex and substances. Mogel gives great examples of how to have discussions and explain your expectations to your teenager. At one point, she talks about setting rules, even though you know your teenager is going to break them. I feel like my parents when I say this, but "Things are not like they were when we were kids". With all of the technology and social networking available, these situations get more and more difficult and it's not just about reading your teen's diary hidden under the bed. You have to check the cell phone, text messages, Facebook, e-mails, etc. We as parents need to do our due diligence with our kids and teach them how to be resilient and maneuver the world they live in.

Mogel has many enlightening ideas in her book. I encourage anyone who has kids (teens or not), has grandchildren who are teens or not, or who knows someone with a teen to read this book. My copy has underlines, earmarked pages, highlights and my kids are only 4 and 7 years old. I will leave you with this final thought:

Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha-olam m'shaneh ha-briot

This is the prayer we are supposed to say when we see an exceptionally beautiful or funny-looking person or animal. It means, "Thank you, God, for varying the creatures." This is a great mantra (suggests Mogel) for parents who are learning to accept and appreciate the exotic creatures their children have become.



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