



L'Shana Tova Tikatavu 5772

**Every year there descends and radiates a new light
which has never yet shone.**

Tanya, Iggeret HaKodesh

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Rabbi Mari Chernow

New Year, Classic Concepts

I love this time of year. The end of the summer means that we will be seeing each other soon. Each week, Shabbat feels like a mini-reunion as we greet people who have returned to Phoenix and catch up on vacations and adventures. Soon, we will gather for the “Great Reunion” of the Jewish people when we welcome the year 5772 together.

What a team we’ve got leading the **High Holy Days!** Consider the diversity of our rabbis. By my side on the bimah will be Rabbis Koppell, Singer-Beilin and Berk. We will hear Torah that springs not only from our sacred texts but also from a wide array of experiences, including Rabbinical school, the U.S. Army and life in modern Jerusalem. Cantor Halpern will add his own Torah as he brings the majestic and powerful music of the season into our sanctuary.

Even as we anticipate the High Holy Days, our clergy and staff members are busy with preparations for the entire Jewish year. People often ask me what will be new at Temple Chai this year. My answer is that we are going to start with what is very, very old. In other words, the tried and true practices of the Jewish people, **Shabbat and holidays**, are our first programmatic priorities.

Of course, our approach to these traditions will be both progressive and modern. It will be, as I like to say, “Temple-Chai-ish,” (creative, dynamic, meaningful). Shabbat picnics in your neighborhood, family services, holidays in people’s homes – these are all coming your way. We will see the return of Club Shabbos (a program from several years ago that enhanced our Shabbat lives with organized dinners and special events) and a revitalization of our holidays.

Our **Shabbat morning Shacharit service** will begin using the Reform Movement’s new siddur, *Mishkan T’fillah*, this month. This prayer book is fully transliterated and therefore accessible to those who do not read Hebrew. The new siddur will give us the opportunity to integrate new music into our dynamic and participatory prayer. In addition, there will be a few experimental Shabbat mornings on which we will bring the entire community together. The Shacharit regulars will share their love of Shabbat and prayer with Bar/Bat Mitzvah families.

Since Shabbat plays such an important role in the life of our community, I want to update you on our plan for music on Friday nights. The vast majority of **Kabbalat Shabbat services** throughout the year will be led by either Emily Kaye or Cantor Sharona Feller. Cantor Halpern will lead us on a few very special nights. In addition, there will be occasional musical guests (from places such as URJ Camp Newman) and leaders from our own community. While we look forward to these special guest evenings that will bring fresh music and new perspectives, I want you to know that we can also count on the familiar Kabbalat Shabbat service we have come to know and love, led primarily by Cantor Sharona and Emily.

As much as I am looking forward to welcoming 5772 with you, what I am really excited about is spending the year with you. We’ve got a lot of Jewish life to live together. Let’s get to it!

Wishing you and your loved ones a *shana tova u’metukah*, a good and sweet new year.

Mari Chernow

Services

Friday, September 2 (3 Elul)

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 6:35 pm

Saturday, September 3 (4 Elul)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
8:45 am Bar Mitzvah
Jake Forman
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah
Ben Walker
Shoftim

Friday, September 9 (10 Elul)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 6:26 pm

Saturday, September 10 (11 Elul)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
8:45 am Bat Mitzvah
Maya Aldrich
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah
Sabrina Hernandez
Ki-Teitzei

Friday, September 16 (17 Elul)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 6:16 pm

Saturday, September 17 (18 Elul)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
11:00 am Meditation Service
Ki-Tavo

Friday, September 23 (24 Elul)

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Candle Lighting Time - 6:07 pm

S’lichot

Saturday, September 24 (25 Elul)

8:45 am Shacharit Service
8:00 pm S’lichot Service
and Dessert
Nitzavim-Vayelech

Rosh Hashanah begins

Wednesday, September 28 (29 Elul)
(see back cover for service times)



Ginny Keller

From the President

Dear Fellow Congregants,

This month brings us to the liturgical pinnacle of the year, our High Holy Days. As our rich tradition sets forth, the preceding month of Elul is dedicated to preparations for the spiritual work we are to do during this time. Traditionally, the Shofar is blown daily, to help remind us of the work which we must undertake: addressing wrongdoings, recalling friends and loved ones who affected our lives and who are now gone, thinking about just who we are. This time in our calendar compels us to not only look at our year past and future, but at the entire fabric of our lives; who we are as individuals, and who we wish to be as a community.

My own Jewish identity has been fostered for so many years by my being a congregant at Temple Chai. Part of my preparation for this season is my re-joining with the Adult Choir, and rehearsing the liturgical music that is so much a part of our services. The familiarity with the beautiful melodies is always a source of comfort to me, a reminder of how I pray and who I am. It is from within the sense of security and community that I am able to take a hard look back at my year and decide how I wish to live the next years of my life. Likewise, it is from our collective look at ourselves, supported by our clergy, that we can decide how our congregation can and should look for the years ahead.

This summer my studies revolved around the topic of Jewish "Peoplehood." We looked at texts describing the thriving communities of ancient times, their laws, and how they identified themselves as a community, a nation. One basic means of identification was the coming together for High Holy Days celebrations and rituals. So do we, generations upon generations later, come together, recognize each other as belonging to an ancient people, a rich tradition, and a thriving synagogue community.

May the New Year find us all turned to a new point in our personal and community lives, one that we meet with satisfaction and connection. And may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for another year.

L'Shana Tova,

Ginny



Adult Programming



Bat Chai Women's Programming

See below for upcoming events
beginning in November!

"The Tribe"

Documentary on Jewish life
Light breakfast, film, discussion
Temple Chai
Sunday, November 6, 9:30 am

At the end of a long day... Happy Hour

21-35 at Prime Bar
Thursday, December 8, 5:30 pm

Latkes and Laughter White Elephant party

Rabbi Chernow's House
Thursday, December 22, 6:00 pm

Tea and Torah: Observing the Light

Private home
Saturday, January 21, 3:00 pm

Traveling Through Life: Bat Chai Road Trip

Traveling through our life cycles in the
Phoenix community.
Sunday, February 12, 10:00 am

Women's Retreat Celebrating our 18th year!

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center March 16-18

For information about Bat Chai programming, or to be part
of the planning committee, contact
Joan Neer at 602-971-1234 or
jneer@templechai.com



Chai Men's Club

Chai Men's Club is open to all
male congregants of Temple Chai.

New Programming Coming Soon!

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 55+ Community

**Dor L' Dor will begin it's 11th year
November 10, 2011!**

This will be the 11th year for Dor L'Dor, our senior organization at Temple Chai. While our group is comprised of mostly people aged 55 and more, we welcome anyone of any age to join us for any of our programs. We are especially reaching out to Temple Chai members aged 49 and older, so please bring a friend. Our committee has arranged for some wonderful programs and we hope you will attend.

We meet at noon in one of the social halls at the Temple once a month on Thursdays, beginning in November with a program every month through May. We always have a wonderful catered lunch with a program that follows. The cost for members of our Temple is only \$10.00. Guests are always welcome and their cost is \$12.00.

- November 10 will be our first program with our guest, Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilin. What a great opportunity to meet and greet the new Rabbi of Temple Chai in an informal setting. Come welcome him to our Temple.
- December 15 will find us celebrating Chanukah with our guest, Cantor Sharona Feller. There will be food and songs of the season. Remember those latkes from last year? They were delicious; more of the same awaits you!

**Come to an event and experience what
Dor L' Dor is all about. You will not be disappointed.**

Laural and Arnie Sigel - Co-chairs
Flo Kulekofsky
Jetta Melnick
Richard Merkin
Shel and Phyllis Pierson
Joyce Stutzer
Dave Zinder
Terry and Madelon Yarows

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 - 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, 12:00 - 1:00 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.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah - Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Sept 14, 21, Nov 16, 30, Dec 14, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 22, Mar 21, April 4, 25, May 9, 23 and June 6. This the first year of a two year course in preparation of 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 September 6. 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 - Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 pm beginning October 27. “If I am not for myself, who will be for me?” “The world stands on 3 things – Torah, service of God and acts of love and kindness.” What is the source of these wise teachings? They all appear in Pirkei Avot, a section of the Mishna dedicated to ethical guidance. Join us for a discussion of these “Ethics of the Fathers” and explore the guidance they offer us in our daily lives. Taught by Rabbi Bonnie Koppell. Cost: No charge for members of Temple Chai or those affiliated with another temple. Guests: \$50.

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



in partnership with KiDma - The Southwest Community and Temple Chai

KICK-OFF EVENT

Join us for a special evening with Rabbi Leon Morris as we celebrate the launch of the 2nd year of Valley Beit Midrash.

SHATTERING THE TABLETS: *Uncovering the Meaning of Jewish Study*

Rabbi Leon Morris is one of the leading educators in the field of adult Jewish study. He was the Founding Director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan, the premier adult Jewish learning program in the United States. Rabbi Morris was ordained from Hebrew Union College in 1997 where he was a Wexner Graduate Fellow and is a contributor to the recently published book, *Jewish Theology in Our Time: A New Generation Explores the Foundations and Future of Jewish Belief* (Jewish Lights, 2010). Rabbi Morris now lives in Sag Harbor where he is the rabbi of Temple Adas Israel.



Date: Wednesday, September 7th

Time: 7:00pm

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

Refreshments will be served – no charge

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

BINGO

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7	22	44	●	71
10	28	●	56	63
13	●	45	48	75
●	18	31	46	65





Sharona Silverman

Shalom Center Happenings



*Only this do I ask of God and this is what I pray:
To gaze at the beauty of God and dwell in His presence.”
- Psalm 27:4*

Connect with the depths of the Shabbat morning prayers and nourish your soul at our Shacharit Meditation Services. These services are held on the third Saturday of each month in the “House” at Temple Chai from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon.

As Jews we have a long history of using meditation for spiritual enlightenment, focusing of the mind, and relaxation. The services are lead by Dr. Howard Silverman and consist of chanting of prayers and verses from the Torah, some time for quiet meditation, and a short study from the parasha of the week. No prior experience is necessary, only an open heart and mind.

The meetings this fall will be on September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17. In addition, we will be opening our “House” on the afternoon of Yom Kippur for meditation, introspection, and the opportunity to practice some self-reflection that is an important tradition of this holy day.

Please join us to bring some equanimity, harmony, and shalom into our lives and into the world.

L'Shalom,

Sharona Silverman



September Programs

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

Monday, September 12 and 26
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Healing Handiwork

Sunday, September 11
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, September 7 and 21
7:30 pm

Knitting with Kavannah

Tuesday, September 27
1:30 – 3:30 pm

Living through Loss

Monday, September 19
4:30 – 6:00 pm

(No meeting Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day)

Now Childless

Monday, September 12
6:30 – 8:00 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, September 17
11:00 am 12:00 Noon.



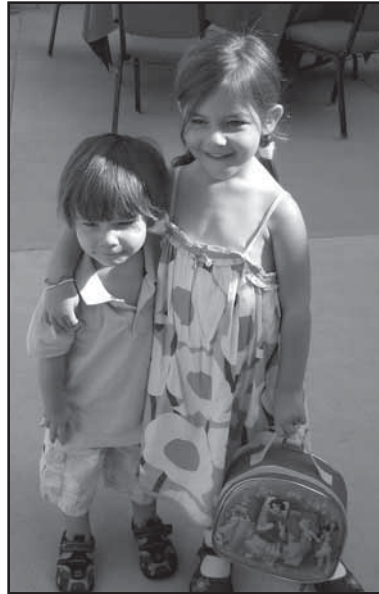
Debbie Popiel

Early Childhood Center

**Happy Children, Happy Parents, Happy Teachers...
It must be the first day of school!**



One of our newest children to the ECC, checks in before heading off to her new classroom!



Happy drop off for big sister and little brother.



One of our three year olds creating a masterpiece.



Teacher Amy Graham and her four year olds enjoy a story.



Parents and PATCH board members, Julie Johns, Andrea Kravets and Anita Eisenhart say goodbye to summer and their little ones!

We wish the sweetest of New Years to you and your family from the children and staff of Temple Chai Childhood Center.



Erin Wynn

Religious School

Religious School Presents: Our Youth Groups

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

Event Dates

August 21
October 30
February 5
April 29

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

Event Dates

August 21
December 11
March 4
April 29

Chai Kids and TCTY Jr. are both social youth groups that meet four times a year. This is a great way for your child to connect with Temple Chai in a non-educational setting! Adult advisors at events are Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilin, Erin Wynn, Sherie Siegel, Debbie Popiel and Liz Cohen.

TCTY – (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades)

TCTY is Temple Chai's high school youth group. They meet between 2 - 3 times a year for social, *tikun olam* and religious events, plus 4 regional events a year where members travel between Arizona, New Mexico, Las Vegas and El Paso. This is the next step in your teen's youth experience at Temple Chai. TCTY is the Reform choice for youth groups and is connected with the North American Federation of Temple Youth. Erin Wynn is the TCTY advisor.

Who's Who



Rabbi Jake
Director of Education



Erin Wynn
Director of Jr High & High School Programs



Sherie Siegel
Director of Elementary Education



Debbie Popiel
Director of Early Childhood Education



Liz Cohen
Chai Kids & TCTY Jr Assistant Advisor



School Dates to Remember: September 2011

Wednesday, September 7 - **First day of Religious School 4th-6th**
Sunday, September 11 - **First day of Religious School Pk-3rd**
Tuesday, September 13 - **First day of Temple Chai Junior High (TCJH)**
Wednesday, September 28 - **No Religious School**

NOTE: THE OCTOBER RETREAT DATE FOR 7TH GRADE HAS CHANGED TO OCT. 21-23



Youth Events Calendar

Save the Dates!

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

Event TBD - October 30

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

Event TBD - December 11

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

TCTY hosts NFTY-SW Leadership Training Institute - September 8 - 11

Meet at Sauce (Thunderbird/Scottsdale) before Hebrew High - September 13, 5:30 - 6:45 pm

S'lichot Dinner and Program - September 29, Time TBD

Teen Rosh Hashanah Services - September 29, 10:30 am

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

Post B'nai Mitzvah?

Join us for the Teen High Holy Day Services
10:30 am in the Small Sanctuary
September 29 and October 8

Volunteer at the annual Temple Chai High Holy Day food Drive on September 29 and October 8
We need help starting at 8:30 am. Interested?

Contact Spencer Winson, TCTY Social Action Vice President at pency23@yahoo.com.

Any questions about the teen High Holy Day Services or Volunteer Project
please contact Erin Wynn at ewynn@templechai.com



Thank you to all the teens that helped make our new Youth Lounge amazing!
(not all are pictured above)

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

September



Jacob Reuben Forman will become a bar mitzvah on September 3, 2011 at 8:45 am. Celebrating with Jacob are his parents Barbara and Mark Forman of Scottsdale. His grandparents are Rochelle and William Goldberger of New York City and Lynne and Charles Forman of Scottsdale. For Jacob's mitzvah project, he volunteered at Imagine That Summer Camp as a C.I.T., and he taught 5 & 6 year olds how to cook.



Benjamin Samuel Walker will become a bar mitzvah on September 3, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Benjamin are his parents Nanci and Sanford Walker of Cave Creek. His grandparents are Dorothy and David Cohen of Delray Beach, FL and Marsha and Barry Walker of Scottsdale. For Benjamin's mitzvah project, he volunteered cleaning up hiking trails and public areas. He also volunteered at the Watkins Shelter and with the Stan Kleiner Mitzvah Garden at the temple.

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Maya Aldrich will become a bat mitzvah on September 10, 2011 at 8:45 am. Celebrating with Maya are her parents Maureen and Don Aldrich, Jr. of Scottsdale. Her grandparents are Ira Cahn of Scottsdale and Hinreth and Don Aldrich, Sr. of Fripp Island, SC. For Maya's mitzvah project, she volunteered at the UMOM New Day Center reading to homeless children, and collected items for UMOM and Phoenix Children's Hospital's Healthmobile.



Sabrina Lee Hernandez will become a bat mitzvah on September 10, 2011 at 10:30 am. Celebrating with Sabrina are her parents Debbie and Michael Hernandez of Phoenix. Her grandparents are Sylvia and Stuart Arnold and Rose and Richard Walent, all of Peoria.

Her great-grandparents are Edythe and Saunders Arnold and Sophie and Morris Weitzman, all of Morton Grove, IL. For Sabrina's mitzvah project, she volunteered at a nursing home performing and entertaining the residents.



Has your Child Turned 11?

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

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.

Temple Chai Judaica Shop



Temple Chai's Judaica Shop is proud to be able to offer you everything you need for all of your Judaica needs. Stop by to see our beautiful selection of jewelry, candlesticks, tallitot, mezuzot, hamsas, holiday supplies and so much more.

For the High Holy Days, we are carrying New Year's cards, apple and honey dishes, shofarot, children's books and more.

Will you have some free time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Sundays during religious school? If so, the Judaica Shop can use your help. If you enjoy schmoozing, having fun, playing with beautiful merchandise and helping out your temple, then this is the place for you!

Judaica Shop hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
or evenings by appointment

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





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.

Barness Center and TCTY's High Holy Days Food Drive

Our Goal: 12,000 lbs. of Food

All Items will be donated to the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we will once again be organizing a food drive for the Paradise Valley Food Bank. Last year we collected over 8,000 pounds of food - This year, our goal is 12,000 pounds. We look forward to once again working with our amazing TCTY teens in making this happen.

At Rosh Hashanah Day Services, you will receive a grocery bag to fill with non-perishable items and be asked to return the filled bag at Yom Kippur. You will not need to carry your food into services; leave your filled bags next to your parked car and our TCTY teens will come by with a shopping cart to pick up your donations.

Items Needed Most:

Non-Perishable Food

Items:

Tuna
Peanut Butter
Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Beans
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruits
Soups

Additional Non-Food

Items:

Soap
Toilet Tissue
Kleenex
Laundry Detergent
Diapers
Baby Wipes

Personal Care

Items:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene
Etc.

Upcoming Events

September and October - High Holy Days Food Collection for Paradise Valley Food Bank

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

Watkins Shelter

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. The dates fill up fast so if interested, contact Beth as soon as possible. *Upcoming dates - September 19 and October 17.*

Next Meeting - Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm - all are welcome to join us.



Library News

I have completed the annual library inventory and as usual many books are missing - 70 this year. Please check for Temple Library books in your cars and homes. For every missing book I have to replace, I am unable to buy a new book. The library collection now numbers 6340 books, fiction and non-fiction, on all topics of Jewish interest, for preschool through adult, plus some AV material. The library operates on the honor system. When checking out any material, please clearly write your first and last names, complete phone number, and the day's date on the checkout card (found inside the book), and put the card in the file on top of the card catalog. Please, NEVER take a book from the library without first checking it out!

Thanks are due to the Stockman family for the donation of a large box of pre-owned Judaic books. Many were added to the collection.

Described below are new books to enrich your New Year experience. During September you will find these and other books pertaining to our fall holidays on the metal booktruck near the library entrance. Please check out any that interest you.

Even Higher! A Rosh Hashanah Story, by Kimmel. (J z398 KiE). "Where does the revered rabbi of the shtetl go? The townsfolk know their rabbi goes to heaven to save them; the Litvak does not believe the townsfolk; the revered rabbi himself relishes acting the peasant; and the old lady revives to dance. The plot follows the Litvak as he investigates and discovers that compassion and kind deeds, not miracles, save the world." Award-winning author Eric Kimmel adapts the classic Peretz tale and Jill Weber provides colorful and hilarious art. Ages 5-8.

Tashlich at Turtle Rock, by Schnur (J). "Annie is excited about the Tashlich ceremony on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah. Her family will walk to Turtle Rock Creek and throw crumbs in the water, as symbols of mistakes made the past year. As Annie leads her family through the woods, they think about the good and bad things that happened during the past year and make plans for a sweeter new year. Ages 5-8.

High Holiday Stories: Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Thoughts on Family, Faith and Food, by Rips (z242 RiH). These 101 brief stories are filled with heartfelt holiday remembrances, from famous people and from some only known in their own circle of family and friends. They recount holidays from the Colorado Rockies to Army bases in Iraq,

and even on-line. The stories come from people of all ages and all professions. Teen and adult.

This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation, by Lew (z242 LeT). Lew's exploration of the Days of Awe begins with Tisha B'Av and the month of Elul. He follows the story through Yom Kippur and Sukkot, drawing on Jewish tradition, his own experiences (and a few Buddhist stories). "Lew is far more concerned with inner motivations and awareness than with external rituals, a refreshing and sometimes startling perspective. He is a perceptive thinker and a highly skilled writer, making this book a hard-hitting yet compassionate cry for spiritual renewal during the High Holy Days as well as the rest of the year." (Publishers Weekly). Adult.

Carol Janoff, Librarian
602-993-1725



Reader's Choice

by Aimee Goldstein, Board of Directors

Mitch Albom's 2009 book, ***Have A Little Faith***, chronicles his real-life relationships with two men of faith, one a suburban rabbi from his home town in New Jersey, and the other an inner city Christian minister in Detroit. The two men came from very different backgrounds and each came to their positions through different avenues. Mr. Albom explores each man's relationship to God, to their communities, and what each man symbolizes to their respective community. Although there are many differences between these men of faith, Mr. Albom also portrays striking similarities. Through his relationship with each man, Mr. Albom participates with and becomes a valuable member of each community, which enriches the lives of others as well as his own. This book is touchingly written in a casual style that makes it easy to read. It made me laugh, cry, and have a little faith.

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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.

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 Barness 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

How do we properly dispose of holy objects?

Many of us question what to do with a torn siddur, or an old hagaddah. Objects which are used for holy purposes acquire holiness themselves. According to Jewish law, an object which facilitated the fulfillment of a mitzvah must be accorded respect, and can't be casually discarded. It must be buried with due respect. Tefillin, mezuzah scrolls, prayer books, Torah scrolls and printed materials containing God's name should be set aside and buried in a grave, often below a casket, or in a Geneeza. This is a burial space used specifically for holy Jewish objects which should not be randomly discarded.

For information, call Sandy at 480-363-3854



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The Kutz Camp Experience

by Shamir Ambrose

A little more than a month ago, I attended Kutz Camp in New York. Going there, I did not know what to expect at all. I had never actually been to a Jewish camp. All of my friends who had been there last year ranted and raved about how awesome it was and how many friends they made. Due to this, I was extremely excited to go. I was SO ready for what they called The Kutz Experience. As I was getting closer and closer to leaving, I was becoming a bit apprehensive. What happens if no one likes me? Am I going to feel left out? All of this uncertainty started to set in and I began to panic. However, all of this changed when I arrived at camp.

The first thing I saw when I got off the bus at camp was a line of people I knew waiting to greet their friends. This boosted my confidence, because even if no one else liked me, I knew that I would at least have one friend at camp. After the first couple of days, I started falling into the groove of things and finding a temporary place in camp. I didn't have to worry about fitting in either because almost everyone else at camp was also new! Soon the shyness faded and I began to meet people. This is when camp became amazing. I made a group of friends that I will always consider my best friends. We did everything together from eating, to swimming, to climbing rope courses. All of the sudden, I found myself having the time of my life.

While making friends was very important to me, I also had a goal to learn as much as I could, so that I could bring back new ideas to my temple community. In my songleading class, my "major," we did in-depth work on improving our songleading skills. Our class had some of the biggest names in Reform Jewish music, such as Dan Nichols, come in and work with all of the songleaders. In addition to working on our own skills as songleaders, each participant learned how to function in groups. I believe the most important rule I learned in songleading is that nothing will ever happen exactly like you want it to. This is so important because sometimes you cannot control things, and you have to learn how to go with the flow. Whether it's leading a song session, or giving a group presentation, learning to make the best of a situation is an important part of growing up.

While gaining knowledge pertaining to songleading, I feel that I also learned a lot spiritually. The Kutz environment allowed each camper to be as observant as they wanted to be. On top of this, we had many discussions on why we do certain things in Judaism and their significance in Jewish practice. As camp continued, I was able to find my own sense of spirituality. This, I think, was one of the best parts of camp. Not only did I feel more connected to my community, but I also felt more comfortable with how I pray and my own religious beliefs.

While Kutz as a whole was amazing, if one piece were different, the whole atmosphere would fall apart. Each individual experience that Kutz has to offer comes together to create something that can't be achieved anywhere else. The only word I can use to describe how I felt at the end of camp is "connected." Yes, Kutz was absolutely spectacular. But what makes Kutz so wonderful is the people you meet there. It is the fact that everyone at Kutz has something in common, from being involved in Jewish youth group, to similar musical interest. It's the sense of belonging to something bigger, and being part of a community, that truly makes Kutz outstanding. Not only has Kutz changed how I perceive the world, but it has helped me become more comfortable with myself. I can honestly say that Kutz played a significant role in helping me find myself as a person, and my Jewish identity.



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High Holy Days 5772 - Services Schedule

S'lichot	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Kol Nidre	Yom Kippur Day	Sukkot	Sh'mini Atzeret
Saturday, September 24 26 Elul 5771	Wednesday, September 28 1 Tishrei 5772	Thursday, September 29 1 Tishrei 5772	Friday, September 30 2 Tishrei 5772	Friday, October 7 9 Tishrei 5772	Saturday, October 8 10 Tishrei 5772	Thursday, October 13 15 Tishrei 5772	Thursday, October 20 22 Tishrei 5772
Shacharit Service 8:45 am <i>Followed by Kiddush</i>	*Family Service 6:00 pm	Early Service 7:45 am	Service 10:00 am	*Family Service 6:00 pm	Early Service 7:45 am	Service 10:00 am <i>Followed by Kiddush</i>	Yizkor Service 10:00 am <i>Followed by Kiddush</i>
Havdalah, S'lichot Service & Dessert 8:00 pm	Evening Service 8:00 pm	Late Service 10:30 am	Nosh Immediately following Service	Evening Service 8:00 pm	Late Service 10:30 am		
	Teen Service 10:30 am	*Family Service 1:15 pm	Study Sessions Immediately following Late Service (approx. 12:45 pm)		Teen Service 10:30 am		
	ECC Close Noon	Tot Service 2:45 pm	Service (approx. 12:45 pm)	ECC Close Noon	Study Sessions Immediately following Late Service (approx. 12:45 pm)	Service of Peace and Comfort	Simchat Torah Celebration
	Offices Close 1:00 pm	Kever Avot Memorial Service	*Family Service 1:15 pm	Offices Close 1:00 pm	*Family Service 1:15 pm	Wednesday, October 19 21 Tishrei 5772	Thursday, October 20 23 Tishrei 5772
		Sunday, October 2 4 Tishrei 5772	Tot Service 2:45 pm		Tot Service 2:45 pm	7:00 pm	Dinner (reservations required) 5:30 pm <i>Hayride & More</i>
		10:00 am (Community memorial service at Mount Sinai Cemetery)	Tashlich 4:30 pm		Afternoon Service 3:30 pm	Refreshments immediately following Service	More details to follow!
		Roadrunner Park	Yizkor/Neilah Service Approx. 5:00 pm		Yizkor/Neilah Service Approx. 5:00 pm		

* The High Holy Day Family Service will inspire elementary school aged children and their families. Our blend of prayer, song and interactive learning creates child-friendly reflective and celebratory worship. We include both a Torah service and a family-oriented sermon.