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Save the date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 for the annual Sisterhood Paid Up Event

If you are looking for a temple group to join, please consider Sisterhood. Sisterhood members have warmth, compassion, and enjoy having lots of fun while also supporting each other in times of need. Sisterhood has been successful in expanding the goals to include both educational programs and general fundraising. Membership is diverse with many new members with young families as well as congregants who have belonged to TCS for many years.

Some of our events have included: Plant Sale • Mini *Challah* Giveaway • Scavenger Hunt • Soup in the *Sukkah* • Book Swap • Paid Up Dinner • Bingo • *Purim* Baskets • Chocolate *Seder* • H.S. Senior Scholarship • *Shiva* meals and Break Fast for the congregation at the conclusion of *Yom Kippur*.

The first year a woman belongs to the congregation, membership is free in Sisterhood. There is also an active Life Membership group. Contact us at sisterhood@templechayaishalom to find out more!



On the morning of June 11th, the TCS Sisterhood Life Members enjoyed a beautiful day for their annual Sunday brunch, which this year was hosted by Ricki Wahl at her lovely home and was deliciously catered by her talented family.



BROTHERHOOD LAWN GAMES AND BBQ EVENT SUN., AUGUST 20TH

Save the date of Sunday afternoon, August 20th from noon to 4:00 pm for our Brotherhood

lawn games and BBQ event. Compete with and against your Brotherhood friends in a few different kinds of lawn games. We'll serve burgers, beef hot dogs, snacks, non-alcoholic drinks, and more. This event is open to all Brotherhood members and prospective Brotherhood members of TCS only. Cost is \$18 per person and will be held in the backyard of Brotherhood Board member Rob Newton. RSVP or email if you have any questions: TCSeastonbrotherhood@gmail.com

From the Ritual Committee

Special thanks to Kim Bodemer and our confirmation class for adding your personal stories and touch to our *Shavuot* Service... and to Rabbi Ken and David for continuing the celebration with *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, a late night of Jewish texts and music study. Wonderful to be at the first of a new TCS tradition!

Thank you to everyone at the Congregational meeting who took part in our HHD focus group and to members of the *Siddur* task force. We strive to make TCS services reflect our community's needs and wants. Your feedback will be put to good use.

L'hitraot,

Deb Shechter Ritual Chair

Grandparents' Community Update

Thirty members and guests of The Grandparents' Community boarded the yellow school bus on May 23rd for our annual ride to Symphony Hall. This year we chose to attend The Tribute to Arthur Fiedler Program. Thanks to Anita Hirschorn for planning our event and obtaining the best seats in The House!

We are looking forward to our 7th Annual "Kick off the Season Brunch" at the home of Judy Romaine and Sumner Levine on September 10th.

Rhonda Spigel has chaired the GPC Book Club this year! If you haven't attended one of the meetings this year- please, drop by and join in the discussion.

Thanks to all GPC members who have donated stamps and time to the Holocaust Stamp Program. As well as, thank you to all those who donated to the Family Table. Have a great rest of the summer!

Shabbat Morning Service Time Changes Coming in September 2018

In partnership with Rabbi Ken and David Rothberg, the Ritual Committee is responsible for setting the time and manner of our community's Shabbat observances.

As we looked at this year's schedule, we realized that starting our Shabbat morning services at 10:00 am, as we have been, limits the other options our congregation can offer for learning and worship on Shabbat mornings. Consequently, in order to increase our ability to meet the needs of our community, we have decided that, starting in September of 2018, our Shabbat morning services will start at 10:30 am.

We do not anticipate any significant change in the length of services; they should still last between $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours and 2 hours.



singing & learning. Afterwards, 2 graders were honored with a special celebration, Siyyum Ha-Sefer.



July and August B'nai Mitzvah...Paul Kaufman

Summer is well underway, and we bear witness to two children entering into adulthood by becoming *B'nai Mitzvah*. Gavin Moser, son of Liz and Scott, read from the *bimah* on July 1st, while Madison Bowers, daughter of Scott and Elana – leads the congregation on August 26th. Let's wish them a hearty *mazel tov*.



TCS ONE OF TEN CHOSEN NATION-WIDE by URJ

I am excited to announce that our congregation has been chosen to be one of 10 Reform congregations in North America to participate in the

newly formed Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Community of Practice dedicated to Post-B'nai Mitzvah Innovators. This URJ Community of Practice (CoP) is a congregational networking group for Reform congregations that are seeking to discover new ways to engage teens and families in the years after celebrating a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*.

By participating in this initiative we will have the opportunity to meet with leaders from congregations with common interests to share ideas and experiment together with new strategies. We will also have access to the URJ's professional staff and expert consultants, some of the most renowned thought leaders in their fields.

The 10 congregations in the Post-*B'nai Mitzvah* Innovators CoP will work together formally for 20 months to push the boundaries of existing congregational efforts to engage teens. As a participating congregation, we will receive guidance from peers and advisors to experiment in our own community, create congregational innovations, and garner skills that will benefit all areas of congregational life.

A New Dues Structure for TCS?

A special Financial Task Force is exploring alternatives to our current dues structure. Based on research into the experiences of other temples in our area and across the country, the task force believes a voluntary pledge model may make sense for TCS.

Interested in learning more? Please attend a kick-off focus group discussion at the temple on Thurs., August 10th, 7:00 pm. To RSVP, please e-mail sara.kaufman@comcast.net.



This CoP will include an in-person meeting for congregational staff and lay leadership involved in the initiative in March, 2018. There also will be monthly virtual gatherings and e-learning opportunities. Finally, results of these strategic experiments will be shared with congregations outside the CoP and with the Reform Movement at large. I am thrilled to announce that Liz Bornstein will be the lay leader who will work closely with me on this initiative. Liz brings with her a passion for life long Jewish engagement, an appreciation for the varied interests and realities of today's teens and an amazing energy to tackle important issues. Liz and I will be gathering a Taskforce to help us work on this important initiative. Our goal is to bring many different voices to the Taskforce that reflect our diverse community. If you have an interest in learning more about this opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact Liz,

ilisabeth@hotmail.com or

me, education@templechayaishalom.org.

Being chosen to be part of this group is quite an honor and I look forward to updating you regularly on our learning and our findings.

Have a wonderful summer!

Aim

Kim



SULAM Raffle Calendar

Last year's SULAM raffle calendar was a success and we are hoping this school year's calendar will raise even more money.

The calendar will be ready for sale in September and the raffle month is November 2017. If you have any items or gift cards to donate, please contact Kim Bodemer, education @templechayaishalom.org or Alycia Dancey, alyciadancey@gmail.com.

The more enticing the items, the more calendars we will sell!

Jessica Miller and Jessica Zenack are Scholarship Fund Recipients

The committee for the Rabbi Levenson/Sol Krumins Youth Scholarship Funds is pleased to announce two rising 9th graders have been recent recipients of scholarships.

Jessica Miller, daughter of Howard and Mollie Miller, and Jessica Zenack, daughter of Scott and Lisa Zenack, both attended NFTY Spring Conclavette and plan to attend NFTY Summer Institute at the end of the summer. In addition, Jessica Zenack attended NFTY Leadership *Kallah*. Sr. TeCSY looks forward to their leadership in the coming years!

The Rabbi Levenson/Sol Krumins Youth Scholarship Funds are to be used for members of Temple Chayai Shalom through college age to fund any Jewish educational program including, but not limited to: trips to Israel; NFTY summer programs, national conventions, Institutes; Hillel/Kesher conventions; and URJ national biennials. The fund is intended to be used for organized, peer experiences, such as those sponsored by camps, colleges, and youth organizations and is not intended to be competitive nor dependent on financial need.

New Outdoor Classroom



Have you noticed the new outdoor classroom? A huge mazel tov to Andrew Morgan.. and a tremendous thank you as well!

Andrew Morgan received the Court of Honor as an Eagle Scout on July 9th. His Eagle Scout project was building the outdoor classroom, which TCS congregants will enjoy for years to come!

Open to Temple Members & Non-Members "Young Explorers" for All Families with Children 3 to 5 Years Old



September 10th October 1st November 19th December 10th January 21st February 11th March 18th April 29th

New Beginnings Welcoming Guests Gratitude & Blessings Light & Hope Caring for the Earth Courage & Bravery Freedom Community

Learn about holidays as we explore themes that are the basis for these celebrations. Each session includes stories, songs, food and crafts, as well as an opportunity to form friendships and connect to the Jewish community. (a parent/child experience)

Meets at the Center School, 388 Depot Street, South Easton Sundays, 9:30 am to 11:00 am, \$72 per child



(AKA Chai School) New and Exciting Opportunity for Teens to Connect, Learn, Explore & Travel For more information contact Kim Bodemer at education@templechayaishalom.org

GENERAL Giving Fund: From Adele & Martin Miller in memory of Adele's mother, Gertrude A. White From Myra Lapides, in memory of her husband, Morris Lapides In memory of Lillian I. Feldman, from Mike & Ruth Feldman From Stanley & Rita Spiegelman, in memory of Rita's Grandmother, Rose Katz From Stanley & Rita Spiegelman, in memory of Stanley's mother, Francis Spiegelman Malie Baier Educational Fund: From Nancy Methelis, in honor of Logan Crowley's Bar Mitzvah From Denise & Ben Kravitz, in memory of Denise's mom, Maureen Levangie Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: From Paula & Philip Kachinsky, in memory of beloved sister, Roberta Sherbacow From Paula & Philip Kachinsky, in memory of beloved aunt, Rhoda Suisman

From Nancy Methelis, in loving memory of Mina Shindler, dear mother and grandmother of Barbara Methelis-Crowley

Our S'lichot service is very beautiful and intimate. The prayers, poetry and music are designed to be introspective and preparative for the upcoming High Holy Days.



Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 pm and is \$20 per person for members, \$25 for non-members
RSVP payment required by Tues., Sept. 12th to the temple office or on the TCS Website

S'lichot Service, at 9:00 pm, is open to everyone so bring your family and friends.

Movie for the night: "The Adjustment Bureau" A love affair between a politician (Matt Damon) and a ballerina (Emily Blunt) incites the action of a shadowy group that monitors and administers the flow of civilization as we know it. Based on a Philip K. Dick story.





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OVERNIGHT CAMP DAY CAMP



Ice Cream Social...Save the Date!!! Tues., Aug. 22nd @ 7:00 pm @TCS

Join us for ice cream and fun as we reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

> Please RSVP by Aug. 18th to the temple office so we can plan to have enough ice cream.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining our TCS family please invite them to join us.

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'Tucci's Talks: Thurs., Aug. 3rd, 11:30 am Join Rabbi Ken for informal learning over lunch at Bertucci's in Mansfield Crossing.

Friday, Aug 4th... Bring your family & friends... join us at Borderland State Park



Reservations are required for all diners, please call the temple office.

Delicious kosher barbecue dinner!

TCS members \$15 per adult, \$36 cap per family and no charge for non-members

4:45 pm: Shabbat activities, songs & stories for tots from pre-school through grade 2 and their families

5:30 pm: Dinner 6:30 pm: Family friendly Shabbat Service 7:15 pm: Dessert oneg

