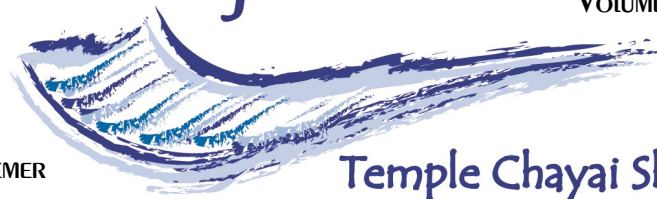




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Temple Chayai Shalom

Show us your Patriots' gear at Family Service Kickoff!



## PATRIOTS FOOTBALL-THEMED FAMILY *Shabbat* Kick-Off! Friday, SEPT. 8th AT 6:30 pm

Wear your Patriots jersey, t-shirt, hat or *kippah* (wear clothing from other football teams at your own risk). Learn from Rabbi Ken what the Torah portion and the *Siddur* teach about Patriots football. Listen to some of your favorite Patriots songs, as Shabbatified by Cantorial Soloist David Rothberg.



## SULAM Opening Day Sunday, September 10th..NEW LOCATION

Join us at the **CENTER SCHOOL** in Easton, 388 Depot Street, **SULAM's** new Sunday home on Sunday, September 10th for our first day of classes. The morning, which kicks off with a short community gathering at 9:00 am, will feature opportunities to learn more about the SULAM curricula for the coming school year; to interact with other TCS families; to participate in parent orientation and to celebrate birthdays and *Havdalah* together. Hebrew *Madorim* and grade 7 classes begin the week of September 11th.

SUPPORT OUR SENIOR YOUTH GROUP THAT MORNING by  
buying SOME TASTY BAKED TREATS AT THEIR ANNUAL BAKE SALE.



## "Young Explorers" for All Families with Children 3 to 5 Years Old Open to Temple Members & Non-Members: 9:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Join us Sunday, October 1st at the Center School, for the first session of Young Explorers. 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) **Registration is required, 8 sessions for \$72.00, sign-up on the TCS website or call the temple office. 508-238-6385, Ext. 101**



## TOT *Shabbat*...High Holy Day Edition ON SEPT. 15th

Join us for *Shabbat* dinner (pizza and salad), followed by a spirited *Shabbat* service featuring age appropriate music, movement, story and prayer. Following the service, we'll enjoy some delicious treats as we make our own

*shofarot*. Please let us know that you will join us so we can plan food and materials.

5:30 pm for a festive *Shabbat* dinner

6:00 pm for an engaging service full of music, movement, and stories

6:30 pm for a fun craft & yummy dessert

## PLEASE join us for S'lichot...

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 16th

6:00 pm Vegetarian Chinese Dinner and Movie/Discussion  
\$20 per person for members, \$25 for non-members, RSVP by Tues., Sept. 12th to the temple office or on the TCS Website  
**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.

This film raises the High Holy Day issues of free will and fate, and asks how much control we really have over our lives."

9:00 pm S'lichot Service is free and open to all, invite your family and friends.



## WAYS TO MAKE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS MORE ACCESSIBLE & MEANINGFUL TO YOU

The following services are open to the community...

**S'lichot:** Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 pm

**Erev Rosh HaShanah Family Service:** Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30 pm

**Yizkor:** Saturday, September 30th Meditative Music begins at 3:30, Service at 4:00 pm

**Reserved seating for congregants who use walking assistance such as crutches, a walker or wheelchair...**

Please call the temple office and let us know, before the High Holy Days start, which *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services you plan to attend. We will leave a reserved sign in one of the front rows on the left of the sanctuary where there is additional room.

**Handicap parking...**

There are three handicap parking spaces in the parking lot that are close to the front door. They are marked and allow a little more room for a handicapped person to exit their car.

**Create a permanent memorial at TCS this year...**

**Yahrzeit Plaque:** \$250 includes name and date of death in both English and Hebrew

**Tree of Life: Leaf** \$150 or **Rock** \$500 may be in honor or memory of a person

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



## S'lichot

**Dinner & Movie/Discussion:**

**"The Adjustment Bureau"**

6:00 pm, Saturday, September 16th

Reservation required by Sept. 12th

**S'lichot Service ~ Open to All**

9:00 pm, Saturday, September 16th

## ROSH HASHANAH

**Erev Rosh HaShanah ~ Open to All Family Service**

5:30 pm, Wednesday, September 20th

**First Day Rosh HaShanah**

8:15 am or 11:30 am, Thursday, September 21st

For our Children: 8:15 am or 11:30 am

Lower School *Minyan* Grades K-3

Upper School *Minyan* Grades 4-6

*B'nai Mitzvah* age and older in sanctuary

**Second Day Rosh HaShanah**

9:30 am, Friday, September 22nd

*Tashlich* will immediately follow this service

For our Children: 9:30 am Grades K-6

## YOM KIPPUR

**Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidrei**

7:15 pm, Friday, September 29th

**Yom Kippur Morning**

8:15 am or 11:30 am, Saturday, September 30th

For our Children: 8:15 am or 11:30 am

Lower School *Minyan* Grades K-3

Upper School *Minyan* Grades 4-6

*B'nai Mitzvah* age and older in sanctuary

**Meditative Music in the Sanctuary**

3:30 pm

**Yizkor Service**

4:00 pm

**Afternoon, Ne'ilah and Havdalah**

4:45 pm

**Congregational Break Fast**

Following *Havdalah*

(Sponsored by Sisterhood)

## SR. TECSY FOOD DRIVE



On *Rosh HaShanah* we will be handing out paper bags for the congregation to fill with non-perishable food products and will ask you to return the filled bags on *Yom Kippur*.

The bags will then be donated to a local food bank and will help with feeding children and

adults in our community. This will be one of many *mitzvot* we will work on in the coming months. Your support will be very much appreciated.



## INTERFAITH MEETING

Sunday, October 15th at TCS

Join us for a tour of the bima with Rabbi Ken, sponsored by interfaith. We will meet at the temple at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## VOLUNTEER TO TUTOR...

Do you have an hour to spare a week? Would you like to help an elementary student? We have the program for you. Temple Chayai Shalom, in conjunction with Greater Boston Literacy Council, participates in a reading program at the Arnone School on Belmont Street in Brockton. A two hour training is provided and the students are assigned one on one with a tutor for a half hour each. You choose which day, what time and which grade level student you would like to work with. It's an incredibly rewarding experience. To sign up or for any questions, contact Amy Glaser: mis7fit@comcast.net. You won't be sorry!!





## PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL FUN EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS OF *Sukkot*, THE WEEK-LONG JEWISH FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS, AND *SIMCHAT TORAH*, THE CELEBRATION OF THE TORAH... EVERYONE IS INVITED!

**"RAISE THE ROOF"** on Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm, in which we will complete the construction of our *Sukkah*. Pre-schoolers and school-aged kids will make and hang decorations. We'll share a vegetarian pot luck dinner in the *Sukkah*, welcome in this festive holiday by shaking the *lulav* and *etrog* as part of a short service and sing lively songs. Cap off the evening with s'mores. Fun for the whole family!



## DANCE WITH THE TORAH... A FAMILY CELEBRATION OF *SIMCHAT TORAH*

Wednesday, October 11th beginning at 6:30 pm

This is the holiday of rejoicing in the Torah (5 Books of Moses).

Please come join us for a joyous celebration in honor of our most precious Jewish possession – the Torah. We'll honor our congregants and the Torah by marching around the sanctuary with all of our scrolls, and we'll unroll an entire Torah for your viewing, with Rabbi Ken giving a guided tour. Plus, we'll listen and dance to the lively music of a Klezmer band. (Klezmer is the folk music of the Jews of Eastern Europe.)

## Suds in the *Sukkah*

Join Brotherhood members on Sunday, October 8th at 6:30 pm in the TCS *Sukkah*. A free beer tasting event that will be open to Brotherhood members who join or renew their membership by that date.

## 'Tucci's Talks with Rabbi KEN

Thursday, October 5th at 11:30 am

Join Rabbi Ken for informal learning over lunch in the TCS *Sukkah*.

## DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

### COME TO THE JEWISH JAM!

Sundays, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Jan. 28, March 11  
from 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Let's make some joyful music together at the Jewish Jam, one Sunday per month during SULAM at the Center School!

This will be a primarily acoustic, low-volume, improvisational jam session, open to adults (Bar/bat mitzvah age and older) who play a musical instrument or sing at an intermediate or advanced level. If you would

like to participate, please contact Cantorial Soloist David Rothberg: [music@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:music@templechayaishalom.org).



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Begins Sept. 17th

## Cooking and Kibitzing

Cook with & hear stories from the seniors living at the Simon E. Fireman House in Randolph. Teens meet twice a month on Sundays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to cook with the residents, hear their stories and learn how to create a cookbook that will be published at the end of the year.



For complete information, contact Kim Bodemer  
[education@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:education@templechayaishalom.org)  
508-238-6385, Ext. 102



## TCS BROTHERHOOD

Last Sunday's Lawn Games and BBQ was a tremendous success. After grilling burgers and dogs, a Bean Bag Toss Tournament was arranged. Thanks again to New Brotherhood Co-President Rob Newton for hosting. Incidentally, Rob and his partner Skippy were the first team eliminated from the double elimination tournament. Rabbi Ken can be seen in this picture about to toss a ringer (or whatever the proper term is) – and yes, we're assuming that was the result. Rabbi Ken teamed with Barry Grunin to advance to the late stages of the tournament, but they ran into a red hot team of Steve Dancey and Michael Rauch. Steve and Michael could not carry their momentum into the final however. The team of Brian Schwartz and Scott Weber (picture attached) were eventually crowned as champions of the 2017.



## BROTHERHOOD Paid-up Lunch...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 1:00 PM

Join the Brotherhood and then join us at Shino, 620 Washington Street in Easton for our paid-up lunch. Email [TCSeastonbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:TCSeastonbrotherhood@gmail.com) for info on the "Bro's". To join, send a check for \$36 to the Temple office payable to TCS Brotherhood or pay via Pay Pal on the Brotherhood page of the Temple website [chayaishalom.org/community/](http://chayaishalom.org/community/)

## SUPPORT THE GIRLS...FROM THE SISTERHOOD BOARD

A woman shouldn't have to choose between feeding herself and her personal health. "Support the Girls" collects and distributes donations of new/used bras and new sealed packages of tampons and maxi pads to homeless women and girls across North America (and in 4 locations worldwide). There is a labeled box in the foyer at the temple for collection, thank you for your support. Check out their website: <http://isupportthegirls.org/>



**A choir for Sulam kids in grades 3-6 with a focus on fun, community and making music together.**

A fun, community-building experience that reinforces and enhances learning of prayers

Rehearsal 11:25-12:00 on SULAM Sundays at the Center School

Singing at Family services, holiday celebrations and SULAM events

Do you have a child who might be interested? Do you have questions?

Contact David Rothberg at [music@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:music@templechayaishalom.org)



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: URJ BIENNIAL 2017 TO BE HELD IN BOSTON

The URJ Biennial 2017 will take place from December 6-10, 2017 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA. URJ is the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ.org) and is the "parent" organization for Temple Chayai Shalom as a reform congregation. Every two years Reform Jews gather at the URJ Biennial, to totally immerse themselves in Judaism, taking time to explore synagogue life and gather new ideas; study with scholars and celebrate with friends.

Registration is now open and more information about the Biennial is available at <http://cvent.com/events/urj-biennial-2017> or on Facebook at URJ Biennial 2017. The conference rates are based on how many days you would like to attend. If you register, please let me know so we can qualify for special rates as a delegation. Also let me know if you have any questions.

At the largest Jewish gathering in North America, 5,000 attendees will come together to worship, learn, sing, build community, and shape the future of the Reform Movement. Get recharged with learning sessions, networking opportunities, plenaries, worship, and entertainment.

There are more than 140 sessions scheduled. Presenters include experts in academia, the private sector, Reform Movement institutions, and congregations, offering sessions across five intensive tracks: Strengthening Congregations, *Tikkun Olam*, Audacious Hospitality, Youth Engagement, and Transforming Texts (in partnership with HUC-JIR).

On Friday evening at 7:15 pm there will be a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service that is open to everyone. You do not have to be a registered conference participant. Come and welcome the Shabbat bride with 5,000 other people. We are looking into having bus transportation available from our area. There will not be Shabbat services at TCS that evening. Please let me know if you would like to join us in Boston.

Join thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and the leaders of our Movement; reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement. Contact Marcia Hicks if you have questions or to attend: [marciahicks@comcast.net](mailto:marciahicks@comcast.net)



### TUCCI'S TALKS WITH RABBI KEN... JOIN RABBI KEN IN THE TCS *Sukkah* ...OCT. 5TH AT TCS FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

The following Thursdays at Bertucci's at Mansfield Crossing: 11/2, 12/14, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/12, & 5/3.

Informal learning over lunch in the Each session will be organized around a theme – something in the news or relevant on the Jewish calendar.



### THIS I BELIEVE: EXPLORING JEWISH ETHICS WITH KIM BODMER...SEPT. 18TH AT TCS FROM 10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

The following Mondays: 10/16, 11/20, 12/18, 1/22, 2/12, 3/19, 4/23 & 5/21

Come and explore Jewish Ethics in a warm and open forum. We'll use primary texts, commentary as well as modern writings to unpack the origins of our shared values and consider how they are actualized in our own lives. No previous text study necessary.



### MAH JONGG...SUNDAY, OCT. 29TH AT 10:00 AM AT THE CENTER SCHOOL

This Chinese game of skill, calling for four players using 152 tiles to make matches and sequences, was enthusiastically adopted and integrated into the social life of Jewish women in the 20th century and remains popular today. Come and join with other TCS members to learn and play this game. It is a great way to connect with others while having fun. Let us know you'll be coming and if you are an experienced player or are looking to learn. Call the temple office: 508-238-6385, Ext. 101



### TORAH TALK: LECH LECHA WITH DAVID ROTHBERG Friday, OCT. 27TH AT 5:30 PM

Join us for a lively discussion on this week's Torah portion over a delicious potluck dinner. This week we'll take a close look at the story of Abraham and his nephew Lot, who was like Abraham's adopted son. The two men had to part ways. What does this teach us about the character of each? Bring a vegetarian/fish dish to share.



FROM Rabbi KEN

## Eclipse

A condensed version of my sermon from August 18th, 2017

On Monday, we will be able to see at least parts of the solar eclipse across the continent. Last *Shabbat*, we saw the moral eclipse in Charlottesville. I probably do not need to rehearse the darkness that ensued:

- the fear felt by the Charlottesville Jewish community, as white supremacists paraded past the synagogue chanting, saluting, pointing, calling to burn the building down
- the incredulous astonishment felt by all of us who saw these events on TV or social media or the newspaper, that such a thing could happen in 2017 in the USA
- the devastating disappointment, adding insult to injury, of hearing President Trump refuse to condemn the white supremacists, place blame for the violence on “many sides,” belatedly issue a statement decrying the KKK and neo-Nazis, and then revert to doubling down on his blasphemous moral equivalency that blamed the counter-protestors in the same breath as the supremacists

The president’s response, saying that there are many sides to the story as if they were equally morally valid and worthy, signified a total eclipse, a complete obscuring of morality. There may in fact be two sides to this story, but one side is clearly right, and the other side is clearly wrong. As the Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel said in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in 1986, “We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

During an eclipse, darkness is triumphant, but its victory is fleeting. Soon, perhaps not as soon as we would wish but eventually, light returns. Already some shining glimmers of morality have been restored:

- the courage demonstrated by the Charlottesville Jewish community, as they held their services and refused to let hate keep them away, and as they joined the front lines of the counter-protests
- the interfaith solidarity and collaboration that has demonstrated that we Jews do not face this danger alone, either as its potential victims or as those who have vowed to fight it on behalf of other threatened minorities
- the bipartisan overwhelming rejection and condemnation of the white supremacists, offering the hope that the supremacists’ ideology has no legitimate place in the political life of our country
- the mother of Heather Heyer, who was killed by the car that rammed the counter-protestors, refusing to call for retribution in the wake of her daughter’s death

And this is where I find my consolation and my direction for how to respond to this eclipse. I remain determined to partner with Heather Heyer’s mother and all other people of good will in not surrendering to hate or violence or fear, but letting my outrage inspire righteous action on behalf of all who face danger and worry. I remain determined to join the Israelites who listened to Moses, choosing the blessing over the curse. I remain determined to follow the first humans after eating the fruit, knowing good from evil. I remain determined to imitate God the Creator, distinguishing light from darkness.

At the end of the section about eclipses, the Talmud says that when the Jews follow God’s will, they do not need to be afraid of bad omens like an eclipse. The new month of Elul specifically calls us to begin to reflect on our actions of the past year, in preparation for the High Holy Days. If our reflections guide us to a path of joining together to follow God, to stand with each other, to protect the endangered, and to magnify justice, then we will have nothing to fear. As this new month begins, the moon will wax brighter, and its light will increase. May our light increase as well.

*Todah Rabah*

I would like to thank Ruth Keddem for all of her dedication and hard work as the TCS treasurer for the past year and three months. Ruth has decided to step down and Judy Romaine will be finishing out the term which will end on June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2018. Thank you to Judy for taking on this important job.

As we move to the 1st of Tishrei, 5778, what do you want to do at Temple Chayai Shalom? I would like to remind you that TCS is the temple that all of us make it. You can be engaged as little or as much as you want. Would you like to become a greeter and welcome new members one Friday night of the year? Would you like to help with an event that is happening in the fall that has a definite end point? Would you like to be on a committee that meets every month for the entire year? There is absolutely an opportunity for everyone! If you aren’t sure what may interest you, talk to a board member and they will help connect you with the right group or person.

Shana Tova,

*Heidi Weber*

Heidi Weber  
Co-President





## CARRYING THE T.O.R.C.H. (TIKKUN OLAM – RESPECT, CARING AND HEALING)

There are several opportunities to volunteer and give back to the community in the upcoming months. If you are able to volunteer or need more information contact Jodi at [jodiemerson@comcast.net](mailto:jodiemerson@comcast.net).

Help stock the shelves at the food pantry at My Brother's Keeper here in Easton. TCS has a monthly commitment to help this worthy charity located right in our backyard. Upcoming opportunities include: September 26th and/or October 31st from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

### 2017 Interfaith Mini Walk For Hunger

September 24th. This 3 mile walk, which begins and ends at Temple Beth David in Westwood benefits Project Bread. A number of churches and the Islamic Center in Sharon will be participating, and we welcome the participation of additional congregations! For further information, please contact Jeff Greenwald at [JLGREENWALD@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:JLGREENWALD@mgh.harvard.edu)

Three Squares New England holds their 6th annual Ride for Food: <http://www.threesquaresne.org/>

JF&CS Family Table fields a Ride for Food team, and is looking for riders and volunteers:

<http://www.jfcsboston.org/Our-Services/Community-Services/Center-for-Basic-Needs-Assistance/Family-Table/Ride-for-Food>

So, whether one wants to walk, ride, or volunteer, there is an opportunity on Sun 9/24!



## THE GRANDPARENTS' COMMUNITY

We are looking forward to our annual Kickoff the Season Brunch on September 10th at the home of Judy Romaine and Summer Levine! Please join us for fun, learning and friendship!



# BE OUR GUEST FOR *EREV Rosh* *HaShanah* Family Service

The service is participatory and geared towards families and individuals with elementary aged children. We hope it will be a meaningful experience for both the adults and children present. Come bring your voice, your spirit, and your family!



**FREE AND Open TO All**  
**Wednesday, Sept.**  
**20th AT 5:30 pm**

Temple Chayai Shalom

239 Depot Street  
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(Building maintenance fees begin in year two.)

\*Does not apply to school fees.

**Contact the temple at 508-238-6385, ext. 101**  
**or [adminasst@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:adminasst@templechayaishalom.org)**

## L'SHANAH TOVA!

## Wishing you All A Healthy AND A Happy New Year!

## High Holy Days Children's Programming

Give your children their own High Holy Day experience exploring the themes of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* with engaging children's services and activities. To ensure proper supervision and age appropriate activities registration is required, go to the TCS website to register.

