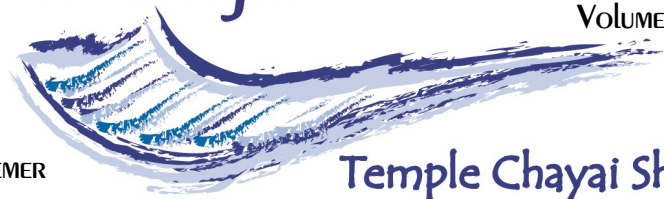




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Temple Chayai Shalom

**THE GRANDPARENTS' COMMUNITY** started off its year with a wonderful brunch in September (thank you Judy Romaine and Summer Levine) welcoming the new co-chairs, Anita Hirschorn and Joni Goldman. Up coming events include dinner theatre - Fiddler on the Roof, GPC *Shabbat*, Pops Concert & more. Come to our next meeting on Mon., November 13th!



## Do You Play A Musical Instrument? COME TO JEWISH JAM!

Sunday, Nov. 19th from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the Center School

Thanks to everyone who made wonderful music together at Jewish Jam in October! Tell your friends and join the new one.



## TeCSY News

We started our year with a great event exploring the historic streets of Boston during a team building Scavenger Hunt. Look for our next event when we visit the Providence Bruins on December 10th.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS of A Rabbi LEVENSON/SOL KRUMINS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Morecock, daughter of Elizabeth Taffel-Morecock, is currently in 11th grade. She attended our Hebrew Chai School and was recently confirmed; this is her third year as a *madricha* in SULAM. She is active in TeCSY, currently serving as the NFTY Representative and attended the NFTY Fall Conclavette in October. Sarah is looking to getting even more involved in NFTY this year.



Jessica Zenack, daughter of Lisa and Scott Zenack, is currently in 9th grade. Jessica has been active at TCS since elementary school. She is currently participating in the Teen Oasis Program and is a Board member of Senior TeCSY. She attended her 4th NFTY event this past October and she likes how NFTY helps her meet other teenagers her age, strengthen her Jewish identity, and develop her leadership skills.

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## ENGAGEMENT FIRST... DUES STRUCTURE CHANGES (PERHAPS) LATER

You will not be asked to vote on whether we want to change our dues structure... at least for now. After hours of discussion and extensive research, the Financial Task Force has decided to focus primarily on increasing engagement and postpone a vote on changing our dues structure. Work done by the task force to date, including focus group discussions with temple members, has highlighted the value of strengthening community ties and supporting the needs of the congregation.

Along with changing its name to the Engagement Committee, the Task Force hopes to recruit some exceptional leaders from within the congregation to help support its efforts in this direction. The committee plans to host more focus groups and other types of meetings to hear the congregation's views on both engagement and possibly changing our dues model at some later date.

We're thankful that the Engagement Committee will be working to help all of us have more meaningful

experiences at the synagogue and with each other. But they can't do it alone.

If you have ideas of how your own experience within the temple could be more meaningful... or okay, even if you don't have ideas... we hope you'll consider joining the Engagement Committee! If you have questions about the committee, please reach out to any of the chairs: David Reichman (rdreichman@gmail.com), Sheri Weintraub (weintraubs@southcoast.org) or Randy Yaras (ryaras27@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping to create a strong temple community!

*Judy Lehrer Jacobs Heidi Weber*

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Co-Presidents

## TCS BROTHERHOOD PAID UP EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



## CHECK OUT ALL THESE BROTHER EVENTS AND SIGN-UP FOR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

### • PIZZA TASTING EVENT - Sunday, November 19th at 12:30 pm

Come sample some of the best pub-style pizzas in the area at the Brotherhood Pizza Tasting event. Event is \$18 per person and will be held at the home of Brotherhood treasurer, Scott Weber, 43 Oldfield Drive, South Easton. This event is limited to Brotherhood members but it is not too late to join. Email the Brotherhood by Tuesday, November 14th to RSVP or if you have any questions about this event or about membership in the Brotherhood. tcseastonbrotherhood@gmail.com

### • PATRIOTS GAME AT JAKE AND JOE'S - Sunday, December 3rd at 1:00 pm

"Cheer on the Patriots" with your fellow brotherhood members at our third annual Patriots viewing at Jake and Joe's in Foxboro. The Patriots take on the resurgent Buffalo Bills in an AFC East showdown. See the Brotherhood newsletter for more details.

### • TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT - Save the date: Saturday, January 27th

The Brotherhood presents our 10th annual Team Trivia Night. This night is always a TCS favorite and the challenge is on for a new champion.

## SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE AT THE HYNES CONVENTION CENTER



**URJ BIENNIAL 2017**  
DECEMBER 6-10 • BOSTON, MA  
UNION for REFORM JUDAISM

Join us on Friday evening, December 8th, at 7:15 pm. Everyone attending the URJ Biennial and Reform Jews from Boston Area congregations will gather to welcome the Shabbat bride. Service and music session following is open to everyone.

Please let Marcia Hicks know if you are interested in attending and would like transportation from TCS. **There will be no Shabbat service at**

**TCS that evening.** Please join others in the TCS congregation who will be there.

Also on Sunday, December 10th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm there is free admission to come and purchase your *Chanukah* gifts from one of the vendors who will be at the conference exhibit hall. No registration is required, but all visitors will be required to go through a security check upon entering the Convention Center. Any questions, contact Marcia Hicks: marciahicks@comcast.net or 508-272-1725.



### Visit AMERICA'S OLDEST SYNAGOGUE

**Sunday, November 12th** – Join us for a trip to Newport for a guided tour of the Touro Synagogue. Through the generosity of a grant, admission to the synagogue and bus transportation is free! We'll stay for lunch and give participants time for exploring the area before we return.

There is no cost for entrance into the Touro Synagogue or the bus but reservations are required. Please reserve your place by emailing: Kim Bodemer: education@templechayaishalom.org

The cost of lunch is the responsibility of each participant. Those participants taking the bus should plan on meeting at the temple at 9:30 am. We'll plan on leaving Newport by 3:00 pm.

**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.

Donations to the fund are always welcome. Applications for grants are available on the temple website.

## INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The Easton Clergy Association is starting a new tradition. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will join together with our non-Jewish neighbors for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, hosted at the historic Unity Church.

Led by the clergy of the participating congregations, this wonderful evening of song, prayer and celebration presents a beautiful opportunity to express our common gratitude for our shared blessings. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 19th, at 7:30 pm**, and come give thanks with us.

## SCIENTIST, INVENTOR, BOMBSHELL: THE Hedy LAMARR STORY



Join us for a film about the fascinating life of Hedy Lamarr on **Sunday, November 19th**.

Hedy Lamarr had a life filled with excitement and intrigue, including the unlikely combination of starring in



an erotic film and inventing the technology used in WiFi. This documentary is narrated by Susan Sarandon and voiced by Diane Kruger.

The film starts at 1:00 pm, meet at 12:45 pm Orchard Cove, 1 Del Pond Drive, Canton by the entrance to receive your tickets.

Send or bring a check, for \$11 per person, to the temple office by Fri., November 3. (Tickets will be purchased at a group rate by TCS and distributed at Orchard Cove before the movie.)



## FROM Rabbi KEN Turkey to God

What should a Jew eat on Thanksgiving? Hebrew offers us a clue. On our holy days, we often sing Psalms, many of which include the phrase “*Hodu la-Adonai*.” The word “*Hodu*” means “Thank,” so the Psalms call on us to give thanks to God. Coincidentally, the word “*hodu*” can also mean “turkey,” although it does not fit the meaning of the Psalm, it certainly fits our Thanksgiving menu!

Ironically, on the day we give thanks for what we have, many of us consume far more than we need. And not only on Thanksgiving. The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year. Why is that? It's not just because so many people have the day off from work. Rather, after we are done being grateful, our focus turns to those things we or our loved ones lack. We are blessed with so much. Many of us have loving families, or at least good friends. Most of us are in reasonably good health. Almost all of us have food on our table and a roof over our heads. But too often we emphasize those things we do not have: the latest fashionable clothing, or a new phone, or a house on the Cape. This constant awareness of our unfulfilled desires keeps us from feeling grateful for the gifts we enjoy.

In *Pirkei Avot*, a section of the Talmud that emphasizes ethical conduct, we are taught “Who is rich? The one who is content with his or her lot.” No matter how much or how little we may have, if we are satisfied with it, we have more than enough. The Hebrew word that means “rich” is a homonym for the word that means “happy.” Playing on this dual sense, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, a great twentieth-century modern Orthodox scholar, teaches that “a man's craving for more and more wealth may well grow to such excess that the lack of what he does not now possess may actually mar his joy in what he does have at present. Yet it is precisely this joy in what one possesses, this contentment with one's portion, that constitutes the only genuine treasure and the sole true happiness in life; without it, even

the richest of men will remain poor in the midst of all his wealth.”

This is a lesson that the Pilgrims knew. They uprooted themselves from their homes. They risked a perilous journey across the ocean. They came to an unfamiliar land, where they had to start building, planting, surviving from scratch. They faced illness, harsh weather, and the native inhabitants of this country. If anyone had reasons to *kvetch* about their lot in life, they did. And yet somehow, they found it in themselves to focus on their blessings, to thank God for the gifts that God had given them. They had so little, and they were grateful for it. We need to get ourselves back there, to their mindset, which echoes how Jacob felt in the Torah portion we will read during Thanksgiving week this year. Fleeing his brother Esau's wrath, alone and frightened, Jacob stops for the night and has a dream of a ladder reaching to heaven. During Jacob's dream, God promises him land, descendants, protection, and God's eternal presence. Jacob awakens from his dream, and apprehends what has happened. He recognizes that he is in a holy place; he realizes that he needs to give thanks for what he has been given. In those first moments after awakening, he could see and feel God's presence and generosity clearly, and then he could be grateful for it. When we are able to see what he saw, and feel what he felt, then we will be able to say what he said: “Surely God is in this place.”

In this place, the Easton Clergy Association is starting a new tradition which will enable us to express these emotions. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will join together with our non-Jewish neighbors for an Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service, hosted at the historic Unity Church. Led by the clergy of the participating congregations, this wonderful evening of song, prayer, and celebration presents a beautiful opportunity to express our common gratitude for our shared blessings. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 19th, at 7:30 pm** and come give thanks with us. We hope to see you there.



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

The mission of Family Table is to end hunger in the Greater Boston Jewish community while serving people who need our assistance regardless of religious affiliation.

Family Table fulfills its mission by providing kosher food, creating a caring Jewish connection, and empowering people to make healthy eating a part of their daily lives.

An inspiring note from one of our volunteers:

"This morning, my daughter and I went to Family Table. It was FULL of energetic volunteers (including us) packing food for delivery. Then, we delivered food to three different families. What an amazingly powerful reminder of how urgent the need is for food all around us, and how powerful it is to give food to those in need."

And in addition to the basic delivery, everyone got special recipes and food for the holidays - *challah*, *matzoh* ball soup, and of course, apples and honey.

## SWEET SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE



Fri., November 10th  
at 6:30 pm

Experience the sweetness of Shabbat with a special "sweet treat" Seder as we explore the meaning of the prayers in some unexpected, al-

beit delicious ways. Don't miss this fun, interactive and educational service. You'll never look at the Friday night service the same again!

## JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION...



Fri., December 15th at 6:00 pm

We'll enjoy a tasty potluck dinner, light our *Chanukah menorahs* (bring yours from home), decorate *Chanukah* cookies, sing *Chanukah* songs at our family service and officially welcome our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at *Consecration*. The fun starts at 6:00 pm.

## GRADE 9 & 10 STUDENTS EXPLORE JEWISH NEW YORK



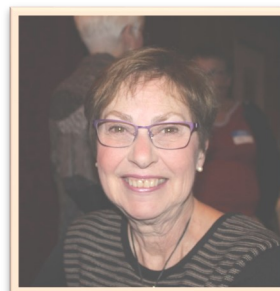
## SISTERHOOD AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT AT THE BRITISH BEER COMPANY



### Join SISTERHOOD for A FUN-filled YEAR

**Watch for more information about:**

Cinema Outing  
Intro Yoga Class  
Dinner & Whole Foods Cooking  
Class at Legacy Place  
Bingo  
Speaker Event with Area Temples  
Trip to Yiddish Book Center  
Sisterhood Shabbat





# Save the dates...

**TCS ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2018**  
**DINNER • SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION**



**American  
Red Cross**

**4th Annual TCS  
Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, Dec. 21st**  
**9:00 am at TCS**

**Temple Chayai Shalom**  
239 Depot Street  
South Easton, MA 02375



## Friday, November 17th at 6:30 pm

**An upbeat, exciting musical Shabbat experience for  
the whole family, featuring the Rockin' Shabbat Band!**

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE! – PARENT PROGRAM

**Thurs., November 9th, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at TCS**  
Join us for this important educational program facilitated by the Parent Information Network (PIN).

PIN is a parent information and support program designed by parents and professionals to help families of children and young adults ages 5-25 with serious emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health challenges. PIN helps parents/caregivers stay connected with other parents, to help reduce the stress and isolation many feels as they cope with the challenges of raising a child with mental health needs. PIN is staffed by parent professionals whom themselves have raised or are raising children with similar challenges.



### "YOUNG EXPLORERS" for All Families with CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS Old

**Sun., November 19th "Welcoming Guests"**  
**Dec. 10th "Gratitude & Blessings"**  
**at the Center School**

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:**

**\$15/family (each session can be paid for individually or as a package 7 sessions for \$75, a savings of \$30)**  
**Call the temple office at 508-238-6385, Ext. 101 for more information.**