

# KOL SHOFAR

Temple Chayai Shalom

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## Service Schedule

### March

Friday, March 1st  
5:30 pm Tot Shabbat  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Friday, March 8th  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 9th  
10:00 am SULAM Shabbat

Friday, March 15th  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Wednesday, March 20th  
6:45 pm Purim Service

Friday, March 22nd  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Friday, March 29th  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service  
South Area URJ Unity Service

### April

Friday, April 5th  
5:30 pm Tot Shabbat  
7:30 pm Social Action Shabbat

Friday, April 12th  
6:30 pm Rockin' Shabbat Eve

Friday, April 19th  
NO Shabbat Service  
1st Seder of Passover

Friday, April 26th  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

## Tucci's Talks w/Rabbi Ken

Thursday, March 7th & April 4th  
11:30 am  
Join Rabbi Ken for informal learning  
over lunch at Bertucci's in Mansfield  
Crossing.

## TCS Will Be Having a Super Purim!

Our shpiel (play)  
will tell the story of  
Esther through  
Super Heroes and  
Super Villains!  
And be sure to  
wear your own  
Super hero or  
villain costume  
for the parade!

**6:00 pm: Potluck  
Purim Dinner**

(please bring a  
dairy or vegetarian dish to share)

**6:45 pm: Megillah Reading, Super Purim Shpiel  
and Costume Parade**

If you or your child want to be in the shpiel, contact  
David Rothberg at [music@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:music@templechayaishalom.org).  
Kids in grade 4 and up, teens and adults are welcome!



March  
20th  
at TCS



## A Benefit for the Homeless of MA

Saturday, March 23rd at TCS

7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AT THE

TCS

# CORNHOLE Tournament

Sign-up at: [chayaishalom.org/community-service](http://chayaishalom.org/community-service)

All proceeds will go to a local charity.  
Open to all TCS members and friends.  
A TCS member must be on each team.

### Increasing Temple Security, thanks to...

A big thank you to Senior Chai and the Past Presidents for their grants to help increase temple security. Senior Chai provided a \$700 grant that will fund Red Cross CPR/AED training so staff will be able to better respond to medical emergencies, such as heart attacks. These funds will also make our building more secure by replacing the internal door to the multi-purpose room with a steel fire-rated door. The Past Presidents provided a \$300 grant to enhance our security system. Thanks to the Security Committee for proposing these improvements.

### Thank You for the Generous Chanukah Gifts!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Chanukah Appeal, we exceeded our \$10,000 goal and raised \$12,555 to help support SULAM -- and our students.

Your donations helped make sure our students could learn from project-based learning initiatives like the hand-crafted tree many of you saw this month that symbolizes the Torah, the Tree of Life. Through discussions and artwork, the project helped students connect to biblical characters, to each other, and to our Jewish community.

Thank you for supporting our community!

*Judy L Jacobs*

Judy Lehrer Jacobs, President



### TCS Community Conversations

Our community is one of our greatest assets at TCS and building and strengthening relationships has always been an important goal.



A group of volunteers has been working together under the Rabbi's direction to lead an important initiative in this area. These congregants will be reaching out to small groups of you to engage you in meaningful discussion. These informal discussions may take place in people's homes or in other spots that are convenient for all. We want to learn more about each other, what drives us, and what issues we find most important. When you get a call or email from a facilitator, please try to make time to participate. Engaging in community is something that benefits all of us and each and every one of us is so important to that effort. Stay tuned!

### Young Explorers



Sunday, March 17th Purim  
Explore the value of courage and bravery  
April 28th Passover  
Explore the concept of freedom

All children, ages 3-5, are welcome. Join us from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the Center School in Easton. Explore various holidays and bible stories through singing songs and enjoying snack and activities. Parents may stay or drop off. Cost is \$15.00 (unless you already paid in advance for all 8 sessions).

## Cooking & Kibitzing



Teen Oasis members meet monthly with seniors from the Simon C. Fireman Community in Randolph (a Hebrew Senior Life facility) for a program we call "Cooking & Kibitzing."

The teens spend two hours with the residents, cook a meal - often times with the guidance of a visiting chef! They then spend some time with an enriching activity before feasting on the cooked meal together. Both teens and seniors look forward to this monthly gathering and enjoy each other's company.



Contact Rhonda Jellenik at: [rjellenik@comcast.net](mailto:rjellenik@comcast.net) **TODAY** and start raising money now...



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## From Rabbi Ken.... Growing

This fall, we began holding a Torah Study class on Shabbat mornings. We started at the very beginning, with the story of creation. On the sixth day, as we read, humanity is created, and God blesses them, telling them that they can eat every seed-bearing plant and fruit that grows. In Chapter 2, God places them in a garden, “to work it and guard it,” and reiterates that they can eat from every tree—except one.

Since that original garden, we humans have worked to grow food out of the ground. Gardening is in our ancestral bones. No food tastes better than what we have grown ourselves, when we harvest it and pop it right into our mouths. Rebecca and I grew tomatoes this past year, and when I would pick the ripe ones, more of them went to me than went to the bowl!

Together we can grow our very own Eden, and we can help the hungry of our neighborhood in the process.

As Sarit, David, and I planned courses for our teens this spring, we envisioned a class that would culminate in creating a temple garden, with the produce donated to a food pantry, thus combining our human connection to the earth, the joy of working the land, the pride of seeing our labors blossom and ripen, and the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. Although the class did not pan out, the

idea for the garden continues to germinate. We know that there are several members of our temple family, adults and teens alike, who enjoy gardening. If you are interested in exploring this idea,

helping to create our garden and bring it to fruition, please contact me ([rabbiken@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:rabbiken@templechayaishalom.org)). Together we can grow our very own Eden, and we can help the hungry of our neighborhood in the process.

## A Little More About Torah Study with Rabbi Ken

From 9:00 am to 10:00 am, we gather for bagels, coffee, schmoozing, and the sustenance that diving deeply into our sacred text offers us. We read a little and discuss whatever questions, issues, or insights the text raises for us. Since October, at least 30 people have attended at least once, usually 15 or so each week. No prior knowledge or participation is necessary; each session stands on its own. If you're interested, come join in! Upcoming meeting dates: March 9th and 30th, April 6th, 13th and 27th.



## HIPPIE SHABBAT

and fringed clothing. Traditional prayers were set to tunes from the Hippie era and lyrics were creatively modified by TCS's talented Cantorial Soloist, David Rothberg.

The congregation welcomed Shabbat by lighting candles and singing a 'Shabbatified' version of "Light my Fire" by the Doors (Try to set *Shabbat* on fire). Various songs written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney were woven into the service. The upbeat, optimism was evident as the congregation 'belted-out' tunes and lyrics that let us:

celebrate community: "I get by with a little help from my friends ..."

acknowledge the power of love: "All you need is love ..."

embrace the Jewish mandate - *Tikkun Olam*: The minute you do *Tikkun Olam* - Then you'll be the one – to make it better.... (Hey Jude)

Many other songs and artists from the Hippie era were integrated into the service with traditional prayers. The service was a sensory feast - bright colors, melodic tunes, positive sentiments and most importantly a loving community.

*Kol Hakavod* to "The Hebrew Hippies" for providing instrumental accompaniment at the well-attended Hippie Shabbat Service. Hippies from 'back-in the day' joined hippie 'newbies' in wearing tie dyed *Kippot*, love beads,

## SULAM Shabbat

On a Saturday morning in February, SULAM students gathered at the temple for a pilot program called "SULAM Shabbat." The purpose of the program was to allow the children to participate in a Shabbat experience at temple, in real time rather than learning about it in a classroom. This educational method, called "Experiential Learning," emphasizes the immersive nature of learning while doing.

The students from Kindergarten to grade 6 were grouped into three sections: K-2, 3&4 and 5&6. Each of these groups spent 45 minutes learning about prayer in Judaism, and then used their creativity to represent a personal prayer of gratitude, plea or praise to G-d. These projects were then presented to the community during a Shabbat morning service which featured student-led prayers as well as a Torah service complete with Torah reading. The program ended with a tasty and plentiful pot-luck lunch by and for the families and staff.

The next "SULAM Shabbat" will take place on Saturday, March 9th. TCS community members are welcome to join the service at 10:45 am.



## TCS Martin Luther King Day

TCS hosted a wonderful and moving Shabbat Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. About 150 congregants and community members attended including State Rep. Claire Cronin and State Senator Mike Brady. One highlight was hearing from TCS congregants who went on the 2018 Civil Rights trip. That group visited, among other places, Montgomery Alabama, home to Martin Luther King Jr's famous march and Rosa Parks' equally famous bus protest. Each congregant recounted his or her own emotional reaction to visiting sites where Americans discriminated against other Americans based only on their skin color, and that during many of our own lifetimes.

Another highlight was singing traditional and Civil Rights protest songs as a group, and hearing Cantorial Soloist David Rothberg's original vocal piece. Attending had a big impact on all. The MLK Shabbat Service was but one way that TCS ties traditional Jewish teaching and values to current public issues.



## Family Table

Under the sponsorship of the Jewish Family Services, the mission of Family Table is to end hunger in the Greater Boston

Jewish Community. They provide kosher food, creating a Jewish connection, and empowering people to make healthy eating a part of their lives.

TCS is responsible for collecting 30 cans of tuna fish and 30 cans of vegetarian beans each month. Please remember to bring cans with you when you come to the temple. There is a wooden bin in our lobby for your donations. Thank you for helping.



## Mitzvah Day

**Save the Date... April 7th**

10:00 am to noon

Enjoy the day helping others. Join us at TCS to give back to five local organizations that need our help. Open to ALL TCS members and their families. Registration and information about all the day's activities will be in the weekly email, on the [TCS website](#) and [TCS Facebook](#) page.

We look forward to coming together to help those in need.

### **Giving Tz'dakah is a Primary Jewish Value**

A donation to the temple is a meaningful way to mark any occasion - to celebrate a life cycle event, to honor someone, to remember a loved one, to thank the professional staff, or for any other reason - and is always appreciated. Contributions help to support those who are in financial need and to strengthen our congregational community.

### **Adult Education Fund**

Provides funding for adult education speakers and programs sponsored by TCS

### **Caring for our Community Fund T.O.R.C.H. – Social Action**

Provides temple volunteers with supplies, materials and resources needed to aide local charity organizations

### **General Giving Fund**

Supports the ongoing operations of the temple community including youth and college outreach programs

### **Malie Baier Educational Fund**

Supplements additional programs and activities of the religious school at the discretion of the Education Committee

### **Rabbi Levenson/Sol Krumins Youth Scholarship Fund**

Grants scholarships to individual teens (high school through college) who are attending Jewish programs or participating in a peer Israel experience

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Provides assistance to individuals and projects family within the congregation and community as determined by Rabbi Ken

### **Permanent Memorials**

**Yahrzeit Plaque**

A bronze plaque (\$250), added to the boards at the front of the sanctuary, includes the name and date of death of a loved one, in both English and Hebrew Tree of Life

Located in the temple foyer, a leaf (\$150) or rock (\$500) can be engraved with thank you's, commemorations, dedications, etc.

You can make a donation by clicking on the **"Donate Button"** on the temple website, calling the temple office or using the donation form that is included in the reminder letters you receive for your loved one's yahrzeit.

Temple Chayai Shalom is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.



### **Social Action: B'nai Mitzvah Students Visit "School on Wheels"**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders filled backpacks with school supplies for local children in need, as part of the B'nei Telem program which supports Tikun Olam educational opportunities for pre-teens.

### **Sisterhood Events**

Sunday, March 3rd

#### **Cooking Class at TCS**

Join us for an evening with Tina Kanter, private chef, wine enthusiast, nutritionist, blogger & Wellness Coach! We'll learn how to make Asian-inspired appetizers...with wine pairings! Tina will help us brush up on our knife skills and we'll get hands on practice rolling sushi. Don't miss it! Event cost is \$25, maximum of 25 people. RSVP to Rachel Colchamiro. (For Sisterhood members only.)

#### **Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets)**



Fulfill the special mitzvah of sending Mishloach Manot packages to any one in the community. These baskets consist of a variety of food items including Hamantaschen! Be sure to fill out and return your order forms to the temple for Sisterhood's annual fundraiser.

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm

#### **Women's Seder at TCS**

Open to all women, members and guests of members, over Bat Mitzvah age who would like to experience a seder from a women's perspective.

May 18, 2019 at TCS

#### **The Mystery Continues...**

#### **Brotherhood/Sisterhood Murder Mystery Night**

Watch for information on the theme and other exciting details.

As always, we welcome all Sisterhood members to join us at our monthly meetings at 7:00 pm at TCS. Not a Sisterhood member?


Sign-up now at: [chayaishalom.org/sisterhood](http://chayaishalom.org/sisterhood).




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Register today:  
[tcsshoveltownrun.com](http://tcsshoveltownrun.com)

New this year with pre-registration!  
Packet pick-up at Mansfield Marathon Sports  
Saturday, March 30th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Runners will receive a 20% discount  
on any in-store purchase.**



**Saturday, May 4th at TCS  
Preview at 6:00 pm and Auction at 7:00 pm**

### Fundraising Art Show and Auction hosted by Hamilton Art & Auction

The auction allows art lovers to experience the inspiring offer of a selection of Jewish art, paintings by leading contemporary artists and the masters collection featuring the artwork of *Dali, Chagall, Miro*, etc.

Silent auction of fine jewelry, sports memorabilia, glass and sculpture, as well as travel packages within the US and to European destinations to occur during viewing period prior to the start of the auction

Tickets will be available for purchase in the coming weeks.

\*The auction planning committee is still in need of volunteers, both in advance of and on the night of the event. Interested members please contact event organizer and temple member, David Flashenburg at 617-818-1230 or [dflashenburg@flashenburglaw.com](mailto:dflashenburg@flashenburglaw.com)

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