

KOL SHOFAR

Temple Chayai Shalom

May / June 2019
Nisan / Sivan 5779



Rabbi **Kenneth Carr**
Cantorial Soloist
David Rothberg
Education Director
Sarit Ferreira
Rabbi Emeritus
Rabbi Paul Levenson



Service Schedule

May

Friday, May 3rd

5:30 pm Tot Shabbat

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Friday, May 10th

6:30 pm Madorim Led Service
and Grade 2 Siyyum Ha Sefer

Friday, May 17th

7:30 pm Shabbat Service and
Senior Send-off

Saturday, May 18th

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Friday, May 24th

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Friday, May 31st

7:30 pm Senior Chai
Shabbat Service

June

Friday, June 7th

5:30 pm Tot Shabbat

Location to be announced

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 8th

10:30 am Shabbat Service

7:00 pm Confirmation Service

Friday, June 14th

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Board Installation & Volunteer
Appreciation

Friday, June 21st

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 22nd

10:30 pm Shabbat Service

Friday, June 28th

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Tucci's Talks w/Rabbi Ken

Thursday, May 2nd & June 6th

11:30 am Join Rabbi Ken for informal
learning over lunch at Bertucci's in
Mansfield Crossing.

Mitzvah Day was a huge success!

Over 70 TCS volunteers came together and assembled 200 toiletries bags for the homeless, 25 bags filled with cleaning supplies for My Brother's Keeper and 112 brown bag lunches for Father Bill's Main-spring house. They made 10 fleece blankets and raised \$236 at our lemonade stand to benefit the Boston Children's Hospital.

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity, please consider helping fulfill our monthly obligation at My Brother's Keeper, the last Tuesday of each month from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Help move palettes of food into their warehouse to then be distributed to those in need in Easton and Brockton. If you are interested please email Jodi Emerson at: jodiemerson@comcast.net.



Trail Cleaning at Sheep Pasture!

Saturday, June 9th at 10:00 am and Saturday, June 23rd at Noon
Come volunteer and help make a difference by cleaning trails,
collecting litter, and maintaining the grounds. **Meet at the Carriage
House.** Children welcome, accompanied by an adult. Please
wear sturdy shoes and work clothes. Gloves will be available.
(Drizzle or shine, cancelled if raining.)



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Teen Oasis Jewish New York Trip

On a chilly Friday in March, Rabbi Ken, Education Director Sarit Ferreira and seven TCS teens embarked on a two-day trip to the Big Apple. The trip began with Jewish sites in the Lower East Side such as Katz Deli, the Tenement Museum, and a walking tour of the area. It included a Kabbalat Shabbat service at B'nai Jeshurun, and a Shabbat morning service at Central Synagogue. And, of course, no trip to NYC is complete without a Broadway show! 'The Band's Visit' proved to be a touching and well done musical adaptation to the original Israeli film. Fun and learning were combined in this jam-packed, tiring and very enjoyable weekend!



With temperatures in the 50's race morning, nearly 500 runners toed the line for the 6th annual TCS Shoveltown 5k.

Runners came from over 20 towns and 10 states, even one runner from Tel Aviv. Senator Walter Timilty was running with us again this year. There was a great "after party" at Shoveltown Brewery with 150 runners. Easton's cable access filmed the event...it will be available to watch soon.

This race has grown by over 175 runners each year and our new goal for next year is 700-750 runners. The race date is not confirmed but will most likely be March 29, 2020...stay tuned. Thank you to all our temple volunteers and committee members: Ruth Albert, Elise and Mike Cohen, Matt and Melissa Gilman, Teresa Kempner, Joy Parad, Marty Weiner and Jack Whalen.



From Rabbi Ken....

Bigger on the Inside



The Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati is a TARDIS. For anyone who is not a fan of the TV show "Doctor Who," I should explain that a TARDIS, simply put, is a machine that travels through time as well as space. From the outside, it looks like a basic police call box, but the door opens to a cavernous control area

and many other rooms as well; a recurring line in the show is that it is "bigger on the inside." The TARDIS transports the Doctor and the Doctor's companions on their adventures.

At the end of March, I traveled to Cincinnati for the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Monday morning's service took place at the Plum Street Temple. Like the Doctor's TARDIS, the main sanctuary is much larger than it seems from the outside. The temple's brick exterior is perfectly pretty, but it gives no hint of the magnificent riot of extravagant color and elaborate ornamentation that awaits on the other side of the doors. As I entered the sacred space, I was transported back in time almost 23 years, to June 1, 1996, when, having finished my rabbinic studies at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, I stood on the Plum Street Temple bimah and was ordained as a Rabbi. At

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that moment, this temple TARDIS sent my classmates and me off on our rabbinic adventures. My recent return to Plum Street caused me to reflect on my journey since then: its many unanticipated twists and turns, unpredicted destinations, unforeseen challenges, and unimaginable joys. Every day brings new opportunities to wonder at the privilege I have of being a Rabbi, and to be grateful that my TARDIS brought me to Temple Chayai Shalom.

But Rabbis are not the only ones who ride the Jewish TARDIS. Every year, on Shavuot (starting on the night of June 8th this year), we all return to Mount Sinai, to that moment when tradition says that God gave the Torah to all of us, all Jews across time as well as space. According to the Midrash, Mount Sinai was the humblest of mountains, yet it was "bigger on the inside" when God chose it to be the site of the revelation. The Torah scroll is a simple parchment document, yet it is "bigger on the inside," containing wisdom that enriches all of life. And as we mark our annual return, and we reflect on the twists and turns that our journey of the past year has taken, we realize that Judaism itself is "bigger on the inside," not merely a set of religious rituals and prayers, but a source of guidance, support, and community that encompasses the challenges, successes, sorrows, and joys we all face. On Shavuot, we rededicate ourselves to exploring and experiencing all that the TARDIS of Judaism offers. May the

Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm at TCS
Don't miss the Congregational meeting!
This is your opportunity to celebrate all we've accomplished as a community this year, learn how the temple finances work, and vote for, and thank our new Board members.

Board Installation and Volunteer Appreciation Service

Friday, June 14th at 7:30 pm
Join us for a special service to install and recognize incoming Board members... And thank the many lay leaders who make our community strong. If you have volunteered for the temple - or if you are grateful for those who have - please save the date and join us!

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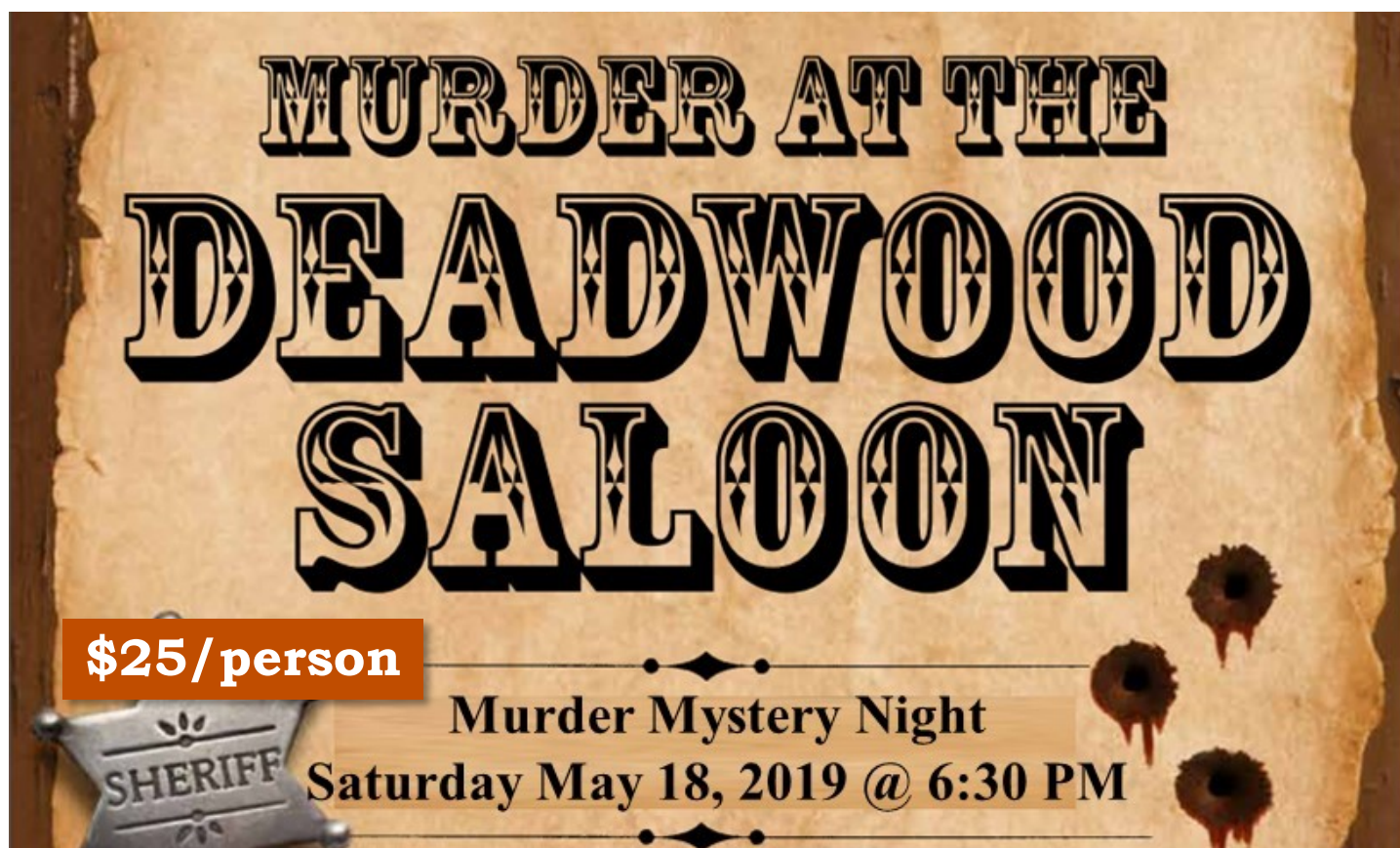


Senior Chai Shabbat

Friday, May 31st at 7:30 pm
Join us for services and a delicious oneg with Rabbi Ken, 89Cantor David and Senior Chai. All members of all ages and guests are welcome.

June 3rd
Monthly meeting at 7:15 pm.
Multi-purpose Room TCS.
All TCS members 65 and over are welcome.





You can play a key character or have a general guest part.

Wear your favorite jeans and a button up flannel shirt.

Western themed food and beverages including:

vegetable chili, mac n' cheese, whiskey,
wild west punch, BYOB optional and more.

RSVP TODAY: chayaishalom.org/sisterhood



Sisterhood FunDrive FundRaiser

Now through May 18th

Start your spring cleaning, place any unwanted "soft goods" into 30 gallon trash bags, once they are filled bring them to the temple, be sure they are clearly labeled "sisterhood fundraiser".

General Sisterhood Membership Meeting

May 20th at 7:00 pm

Vote on incoming new board.



Family Table provides healthy food on a monthly basis and also on an emergency basis to individuals and families who are in need. They offer food that meets nutritional and spiritual needs. Family Table serves more than 100 towns across the greater Boston area and is helping more than 500 families each month.

TCS collects 30 cans of tuna fish and 30 cans of vegetarian beans, which is brought and distributed each month.



From Deb Shechter...

I have always resisted giving Tzedakah in memory of my parents.

It didn't take therapy to recognize, that although my mother passed in 2006 and my father in 2010, the Tzedakah letter made it harder to stay in my La La Land of denial of their passing. This came up with my older and apparently wiser brother Larry this weekend. Larry shared that for him, giving Tzedakah in my parents memory keeps them on earth doing good deeds rather than emphasizing their death.

"Rabbi Judah used to say: Ten strong things have been created in the world. The rock of the mountain is hard, but iron cleaves it. Iron is hard, but fire softens it. Fire is powerful, but water quenches it. Water is heavy, but clouds bear it. Clouds are thick, but wind scatters them. Wind is strong, but a body resists it. A body is strong, but fear crushes it. Fear is powerful but wine banishes it. Wine is strong, but sleep works it off. Death is stronger than all, yet charity delivers from death. As it is written, "Charity delivereth from Death" (Proverbs 10:2) (Bava Barta 10a)

"By performing [a] mitzvah on someone's behalf, we become that person's feet on earth." (Anne Brener, Mourning and Mitzvah)

It doesn't have to be money. For my Dad, moving (back) to Israel or getting arrested in a right wing (preferably militant) demonstration would keep his feet on the ground. Lucky for me, both my parents cherished a relationship with a temple community. As with many Jewish customs, teachings and traditions, this form of Tzedakah is most likely designed to help me with life. As I write about my parents having passed, I feel a weight on my heart of me missing them. Yet as I follow the wisdom of my ancestors and older brother, I also feel their loving hands on my shoulders.



Are you planning your IRA withdrawals for 2019? Consider donating to TCS through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you would like to know more about how your charitable giving will help sustain our congregational family, please contact David Reichman: treasurer@templechayaishlaom.org.

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.

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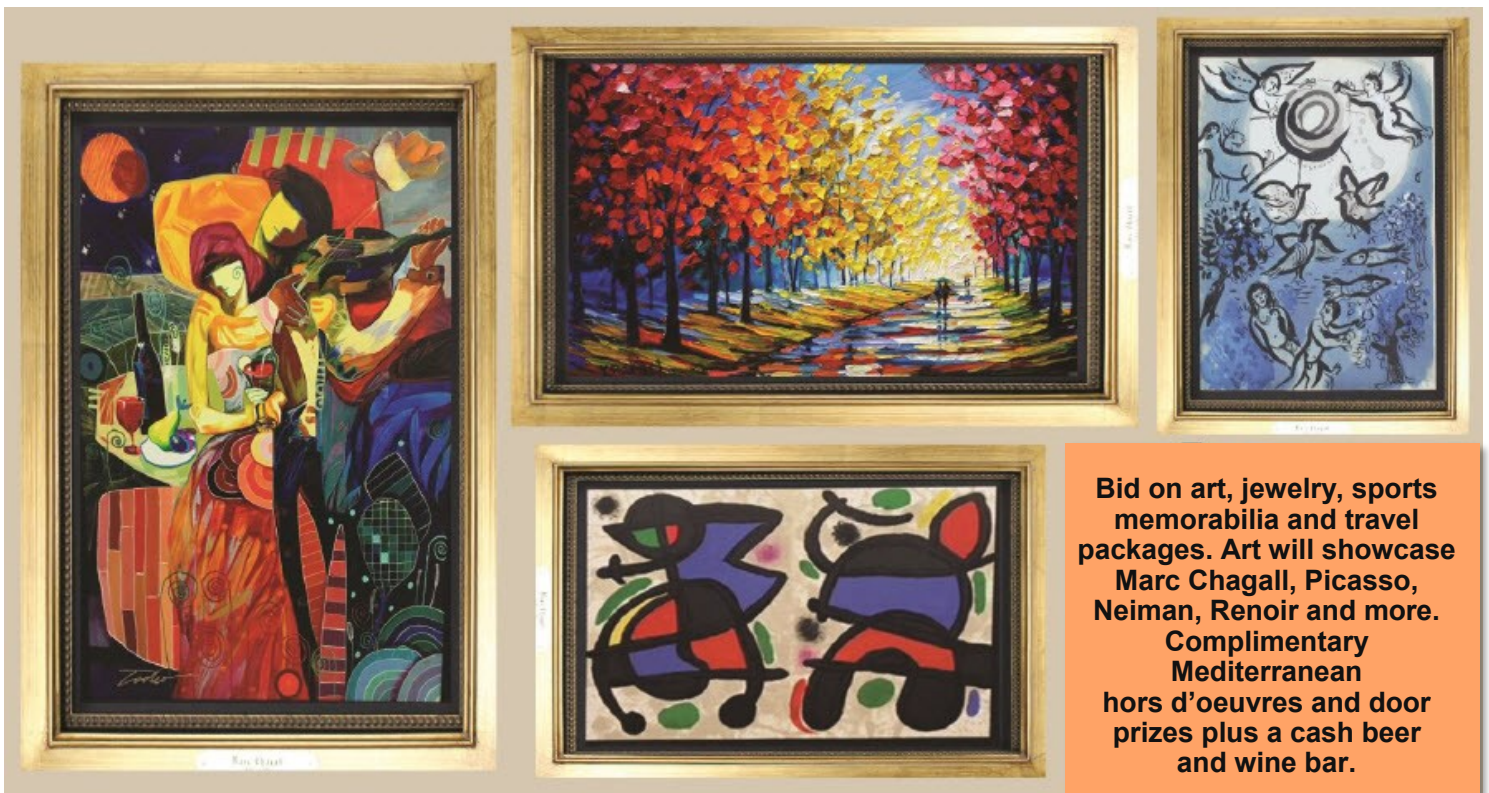
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