

KOL SHOFAR

Temple Chayai Shalom



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TCS Community Passover Seder

Join us...
bring your family
for a traditional
Passover Seder
with a catered,
robust, kosher
meal, featuring
chicken or a
vegetarian option
and all your
favorite Passover
fixings.



Please RSVP on the temple website
or send a check to the temple office.
If you have any questions please
contact Deb Shechter: deb@beci.com.

**Thursday April 9th
at 5:30 pm
(the 2nd night of Passover)**

RSVP by March 9th

In the case of low participation,
we may cancel this event and
issue refunds so that
you can make alternate plans.

Adult Members	\$36.00
Adult Non-members	\$45.00
Children 6 to 12	\$18.00
Reserved Table for 10	\$325.00
Children Under 6 are Free	

One day to *come together*
To *make a difference*
To *change lives*

Join us for
**TCS
MITZVAH DAY**
SPONSORED BY TORCH

*Sunday, April 5th
11:30am-1:00pm*



New This Year

Join us as we head
over to The Charity
Guild in Brockton
to help stock shelves
and organize clothes.

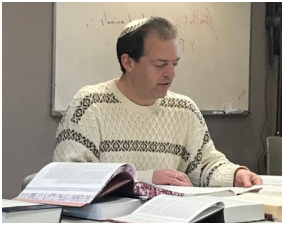
Maximum of 10 people, must have
transportation.

At TCS you can:

- Make fleece blankets to donate to local shelters
- Make lunches for "Father Bill's/Mainspring"
- Spend some time at our Lemonade Stand that will benefit "Boston Children's Hospital"
- Pack a backpack for "Support The Soupman"
- Do some light landscaping around TCS
- Assemble household cleaning bags for "My Brother's Keeper"
- Decorate and plant flower pots for our friends at "The Village at Willow Crossing"

For more information contact Jodi Emerson:
jodiemerson@comcast.net

Register today: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4FAFA72BA75-tcsmitzvah>



From Rabbi Ken....

A New Beginning

According to the Talmud, the Jewish calendar marks the start of a new year at four different times. As I write this, we have just celebrated one of them: Tu bi-Sh'vat, the new year for trees, which helps us calculate how old trees are for the purpose of eating their fruit. A similar new year takes place over the summer, on the first of the month of Elul, for tithing the Israelites' cattle. Most familiar, of course, is Rosh ha-Shanah, when we start counting a new year, but Rosh ha-Shanah occurs in the month of Tishrei, which is actually the seventh month of the year. The final new year, which begins the first month of the year, starts on the first day of the month of Nisan. Why then? Because that is the month in which the Hebrew slaves went out of Egypt. Chapter 12 of Exodus tells us that God says "This month shall be the first of the months of the year for you." Our people's calendar starts when we attain our freedom as a people. And it is no accident that both Tu bi-Sh'vat and the month of Nisan point us toward spring, when life begins anew.

This year, the first of Nisan begins with the evening of March 25. As we start this new year, we are approaching another exciting new beginning for our congregation. In March of 2017, the Ritual Committee, with the approval of the Board, created a Task Force to assess our prayerbook to see whether it still met our needs as a congregation. After three months of visioning, studying, and deliberating, the Task Force recommended, and Ritual and the Board agreed, that we should replace Siddur Sim Shalom with a new book that we would create ourselves. On August 1, a new Task Force met

to start that process. During the 30 months since then, we studied, we researched, we annotated, we debated, we compiled, we formatted, we proofread, we revised. And now, finally, we are almost ready to pilot our Friday night service!

Sometime this spring—watch your temple emails for more details—we will start using the current draft of our product. A very important part of the piloting process will be congregant feedback. We will want to hear what is good and what still needs refining. Service attendees will notice all of the enhancements we hoped to bring to a new siddur: complete transliteration of the Hebrew into English letters; readable translation; meaningful readings that reflect the themes of the prayers; explanations that teach about the content and structure of the prayers; and others, even as we maintain most of the familiar structure and content of the Hebrew prayers. But while those features represent our best attempt to make the siddur more reflective of and helpful for our congregation, we will rely on you and your input to tell us where we have hit the mark and where we have to correct our aim. Please join us at services this spring and share your thoughts.

The Task Force members are very excited and proud to be reaching this stage. We can't wait to debut what we have been working so hard to create, and we can't wait for your reaction. I want to thank the members of the Task Force: Amy Glaser, Laurel Silverman, Meri Schreiber, Ruth Albert, Ruth Karacek, and Stephanie Schwartz, as well as David Rothberg. We look forward to this new beginning.



Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm
Temple Ahavath Torah Congregation
1179 Central Street, Stoughton
Free event open to
the entire community.

Please Join Us For a Community-Wide Service **Yom HaShoah v'HaG'vurah –** The Day of Remembering the Holocaust and the Bravery

This special service will include: candle lighting, reading of names and testimonies from survivors.

For more information, or to add names of victims to our congregation's list, email Laurel Silverman: laurelsilverman@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Ahavath Torah Congregation, B'nai Tikvah, Temple Adath Sharon, Temple Beth David, Temple Beth Emunah, Temple Chayai Shalom, Temple Israel, Temple Sinai, and Young Israel

Maya Emerson is New Youth Advisor

The Youth Committee is pleased to announce that it has appointed Maya Emerson as the next TeCSY advisor. Maya is currently a senior at Boston University, expecting her BS in special education in May 2020. In addition to her responsibilities as a student and as our advisor, she will be doing a semester of student teaching in East Boston.

Maya grew up here at TCS where, among her many contributions, she worked as a madricha in SULAM and was active (including serving as president) in TeCSY/NFTY. Currently she also works as a "Mini-Minyan" Service Leader at Congregation Kehillath Israel in Brookline and as a Substitute Educator in all grades, including facilitating the 7th grade Leadership Retreat, at Temple Beth Shalom in Needham.



TeCSY Update...

TeCSY had a great time playing laser tag and enjoying the indoor airpark at Xtreme Craze in Foxboro! Join us at the regional ski trip and regional "Levi Leap" events in February (learn more at <https://northeast.nfty.org/>). Stay tuned for more TeCSY events coming in March! Contact Maya Emerson at youth@templechayaishalom.org.



Fun at Xtreme Craze



Jessie Miller Slated for NFTY-NE Board as Recording Secretary!

What an honor for Jessie, for her family, for TeCSY, and for TCS.

How do Palestinians and Israelis move beyond the cycle of violence that engulfs them?

Hanan Schlesinger, an Orthodox rabbi and passionate Zionist settler, and Palestinian Shadi Abu Awwad, the architect and coordinator of the **Roots Youth Movement** share their personal stories of how they are working together to build a better future for their people through Roots/Shorashim/Judur. They come with no peace plans, but with a strong conviction that human understanding and trust are the prerequisites for lasting justice, freedom and peace on the tiny sliver of land they call home. Presented by the Campus Ministry and the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Committee.

Campus Ministry and the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Committee Present:

Painful Hope

Cultivating a Foundation for Peace Across the Deepest Divides

Monday, March 30th, 2020

7:00 PM

McCarthy Auditorium | May Hall

At Stonehill College

Save the date



A Celebration of Purim: JCC Tot Shabbat at TCS

Friday, March 6th

5:30 pm Pizza & salad

6:00 pm Music & movement-filled

Shabbat service

6:30 pm Snack and special Purim craft

See back page of this newsletter for details.



Hippie Shabbat!

Friday, March 6th at 7:30 pm

We've got a groovy band called the "Hebrew Hip-

pies" to lead our Shabbat pray-in. They'll find the true cosmic meaning of songs by The Beatles, the Monkees, the Mamas and the Papas, the Doors, and Bob Dylan! So truck on down for peace, love and prayers set to some of the greatest songs in classic rock! And don't forget that the Hebrew Hippies would love to see you in your hippie duds!



Shabbat NaShira

(Shabbat Let's Sing!)

Friday, March 13th at 6:30 pm

Pot Luck Dinner at 8:00 pm

Raise your voice, clear your head and elevate your spirit at Shabbat NaShirah an uplifting circle of prayerful song with beautiful instrumental accompaniment. The service will be followed by a potluck Shabbat dinner at about 8:00 pm. Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share.



Family Shabbat Service Tof-filah – Drum Circle Style

Friday, March 20th at 6:30 pm

The Hebrew word for drum is *Tof*, so we call this drum circle-style family service *Tof-filah*. The Psalms tell us to praise God "with a joyful noise." We'll be doing just that at our TCS Tof-filah. Bring your own hand drum or percussion instrument or use one of ours.



Annual South Shore Union Service with Guest Speaker URJ President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs

Friday, March 27th at 7:30 pm

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham

No Service at TCS this Friday

Come Celebrate an inspiring, uplifting and musical Shabbat with Rabbis, Cantors, Soloists and congregants from five surrounding South Shore Reform Congregations.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham

Temple Beth David of the South Shore, Canton

Temple Beth David, Westwood

Temple Chayai Shalom, Easton

Temple Sinai, Sharon

Join us for a festive oneg following the service.



Tot Shabbat: Celebrate Passover

Friday, April 3rd

5:30 pm Pizza & salad

6:00 pm Music & movement-filled

Shabbat service



Social Action Shabbat Family Service

Friday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm

Honoring the TCS value of Upholding our Social Responsibility, we will have guest speaker, Laura Striese, Executive Director of The Charity Guild. She will

share how her Brockton food pantry and thrift store work to support families in need.



Passover Shabbat Service with Yizkor

Friday, April 10th at 7:30 pm



LET'S SING! Shabbat NaShira

(Shabbat Let's Sing!)

Friday, April 17th 6:30 pm

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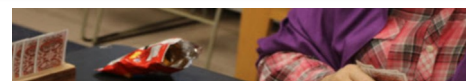
SENIOR



Senior Chai Shabbat

Friday, April 24th at 7:30 pm

TCS Sisterhood and Brotherhood are honoring Senior Chai.



"Game Day" at Temple Chayai Shalom
Thursdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bring your friends
for a fun afternoon!



Music and Movement with Kerry Campbell

Bring your tot and get ready for lots of singing, rhythm-making, and movement. Your children will listen, learn and act out the many different forms and styles of music we hear! This dynamic program will be led by Kerry Campbell of Exploring Music.

Free and open to the public.

For more information contact:

adminasst@templechayaishalom.org or
508-238-6385, Ext. 101.

SENIOR



Senior Chai...upcoming events

Sunday, March 15th at 10:00 am
Meeting w/light brunch & speaker

Friday, April 24th at 7:30 pm

TCS Sisterhood and Brotherhood are honoring Senior Chai at their Shabbat Service

Wednesday, June 3rd

Boston Pops **SOLD OUT**

Celebrating 25 Years With Keith!

Saturday, April 18th at 6:30 pm

Starlight Dinner Theater: "Where the Girls Are"

Open to all members and their guests.

Special One Night Show

NOTE: new dates

Tickets are \$75 including dinner and money is due by March 15th. Make checks payable to TCS Senior Chai and send to Temple Chayai Shalom.

Sisterhood News

Thank you to all who joined us for a beautiful morning with speaker Annabel Beerel hosted by Randi Tillman. Annabel always has so much to offer. If you are interested in learning more about her, feel free to reach out to a Sisterhood board member and we can provide that information. We were also happy to present our newest lifetime member, Rebecca Carr, with her certificate and bracelet.



Wine Tasting

Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 pm

To put us into the spirit of Purim, please join us for an educational night to learn about different wines and

how best to pair them at the home of Marjorie Fradin. We will be tasting a selection of 5-6 curated wines. This tasting will include a discussion about tasting techniques, the grapes, styles, and regions as well as ways to shop for the wines.

COST: \$25 (payment is needed prior to event
Space is limited and will be capped at 25 so sign up early.)

If anyone needs a ride, please reach out to any Board Member and we will make sure you have one. Also, please bring along a can of tuna or vegetarian beans for Family Table.



Purim Baskets

Thank you to all who participated in our Purim Basket fundraiser. Please remember to pick up your baskets, times are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Watch for information on these

upcoming events: May - Craft Event

June - Sisterhood Board Installation

7th Annual TCS Shoveltown 5k Run

Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 am

Established as the area's best spring 5k road race, our course is flat and fast, but the emphasis is on having FUN! Local families and dedicated area runners enjoy a well organized race with amazing course support, finish line music, race day refreshments, really cool shovel medals for every age division and a rocking post-race party at the Shovel Town Brewery. Preregistration is \$25 and race day registration is \$30. We have an optional packet pick-up the day before the race at Marathon Sports in Mansfield.

Complete information is on the TCS website.



Join the Race Committee??

Contact Adam Kempner:

508) 930-5742

**Perfect for families with children
from three to ten years old.**

**Stop by Michael's in Mansfield Crossing
(280 School Street in Mansfield)
Sunday, April 5th • 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm**



**Free
Passover
Craft Fun**



**Make fun crafts
for your Passover
Seder:
Afikomen Bags
(for matzah)
Plague Puppets**

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matzah and
sweet treats!**

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Celebrate Purim With our TCS Community



Everyone is invited...

Celebrate Purim with the Lion Queen

Monday, March 9th

Esther, Mordechai, Haman, and King Achashveirosh will be lions, and we'll be singing songs based on the melodies from The Lion King.

6:15 pm: Festive Potluck Dinner

6:45 pm: Service, Megillah Reading,
Shpiel & Costume Parade



Young Explorers...It's Purim!

Monday, March 9th 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Celebrate Purim with the
TCS community.

Eat a Purim snack, listen to
the Megillah, sing and play!

Cost: \$15 per child per class
(unless paid for full year in
advance).

For more information or to RSVP email Sarit:
education@templechayaishalom.org



**A Celebration of Purim:
JCC Tot Shabbat at TCS**
Friday, March 6th

5:30 pm Pizza & salad

6:00 pm Music & movement-filled
Shabbat service

6:30 pm Snack and craft activity

Kick off the night with a Pizza
and salad dinner! Following
dinner, your children can join in
an interactive and kid friendly
service singing and dancing
about Purim! Sitting in chairs is

not required! Round off the night with a Purim craft and
yummy dessert!!

Mishloach Manot is a Purim gift given to ones in need,
friends, or family in celebration of Purim! This year,
children will be decorating "Tea-riffic" hand print mugs.
They will then chose from a diverse tea, sugar, and
honey collection to fill up their mug. Finish it off with
a bow color of their choice and gift to a loved one!
(Co-sponsored by TCS and the JCC.)



**Mishloach Manot
(Purim Baskets)
Sisterhood's Annual
Fundraiser**

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 Hamentashen! Be
sure to fill out and return your order forms to the
temple.

Baskets will be available for pick-up at TCS:
Fridays, March 6th and 13th at the 7:30 pm
Shabbat Service

Monday, March 9th at the 5:00 pm Megillah
Reading

Wednesday, March 11th between 5:15 pm and
5:45 pm during SULAM

Wednesday, March 11th between 7:15 pm and
7:45 pm during the TCS Board Meeting

Purim Carnival 2020



**Schedule of Torah Study
with Rabbi Carr**

March 7th: Torah Study meets

March 14th: Torah Study meets

March 21st NO TORAH STUDY

March 28th: Torah Study meets

Several weeks in a row in April