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GREETINGS FROM BROOKLINE, ATTLEBORO, MANSFIELD AND SHARON!

**We'd love to hear from you, please contact us if you have any concerns, suggestions, or just want to say hello!**

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### From Rabbi Ken

On May 3rd, at our Friday night service, we expressed our gratitude to all of our SULAM teachers. In

particular, we appreciated Sarit Ferreira, who is leaving TCS, and who has made such an impact in her two years as Education Director.

As I thought about working with Sarit, one Jewish teaching especially jumped out at me. It comes from a section of the Talmud called Pirkei Avot, a collection of ethical teachings that Jews traditionally study during the Omer, the period between Passover and Shavuot.

“Shammai said: “Make your study of Torah a fixed habit; say little and do much; and receive every person with a cheerful countenance.” See how well it fits her! Sarit has pushed us to “make our study of Torah a fixed habit” by encouraging us to integrate it into our families’ lives through many different creative techniques, especially during our transition to Zoom. Sarit exemplifies “say little and do much:” she actually does not like being the center of attention or public speaking, and she

probably was not happy that we talked about her that night (or that I’m writing this article!). But her innumerable actions speak loudly for her.

One of the reasons I have enjoyed working with Sarit is her complete commitment to our programs’ success. She will do anything to help, designing, drawing, shopping, schlepping. She may try to keep some boundaries, but she says yes for more than she says no. She may prefer to say little, but she does much.

And finally, everyone who knows Sarit knows that she does “receive every person with a cheerful countenance,” making them feel welcome, valuable, and an important part of our congregational family. She lives out Pirkei Avot, modeling Jewish learning and living in her actions as well as her words. Personally, I will miss Sarit very much. I have loved working with her, and I am delighted to call her my colleague and my friend. Our entire TCS community owes her our gratitude and our appreciation.

### Mah Nishma? How are you?

10:00 am  
to 10:30 am  
Monday-Friday  
Stop in to say  
hello, check in  
and  
connect with  
your  
community!

**Meeting ID#:**  
638-507-878

**Zoom link:**  
[https://  
zoom.us/  
j/638507878](https://zoom.us/j/638507878)







### Our Beautiful Community!

There's no disputing that we're living through a time of tremendous difficulty, challenge and heartbreak. Every time of trouble, though, has its silver linings, and one of the main silver lining of this time for me is our TCS community.

Creating opportunities for us to connect online through music, prayer, shmoozing, and just seeing each other has been one of the things that keeps me going. I hope that we all find what we need to keep our spirits up at this time.

If there is anything I can do or that our community can do to help, please let me know. If there is any kind of online programming that you'd like from us, please [email me](#) that, too. Or, if you'd just like to chat or say hello sometime, I'd love that.

Praying for health, safety, love and blessing for all.

Amen.

David



### TCS Sing-along

Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Join David Rothberg for an online sing-along to lift your spirits with everything from Jewish classics to the Beatles.

Have a song request? [Email it to David!](#)

**Meeting ID#:** 916-8149-3425

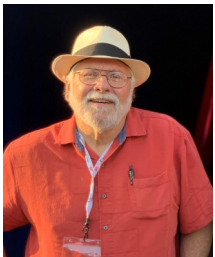
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### TCS Cares Group

Did you know that we have at least a dozen active members of the TCS Cares Group and many more who have offered help if needed? The TCS Cares Group wants to be sure you and your family are safe and well cared for as we get through these challenging times. We are making calls to check in on our members, particularly those who are

most at risk. We are available to assist in locating much needed supplies, to help you access financial resources and to lend a listening ear. If you haven't received a call or are in need of assistance please reach out to Heather at 508-454-5528 or [h.lambrecht@hotmail.com](mailto:h.lambrecht@hotmail.com).



## Hello TCS community!

I hope you are well and safe. We are all confronting challenges unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetimes. This pandemic is testing our tolerance, our

strengths and our faith. I am very impressed with the resilience, commitment and compassion of our congregation. We will get through this together.

It is important to me that we acknowledge the effort(s) of our professional staff to maintain connections with our community. Rabbi Ken, David Rothberg, Sarit Ferreira, Meryl Levenson and our teachers have all risen to the challenge. Ken and David have put together terrific, creative virtual services/programs and the response has been wonderful. Sarit and our teachers have responded to the new normal by providing virtual education for our students. Meryl has kept us all connected via constant contact emails and 'This Week at TCS'. All of these folks have worked diligently to help our

community stay connected and feel valued. Heather Lambrecht and her "crew" have been reaching out to our congregants so that all of us continue to feel that we are a part of this family.

I do have some very good news to share with you. Our Treasurer, David Reichman, with help from our bookkeeper, Brenda Leonard, has succeeded in obtaining an SBA loan through the Payroll Protection Plan of the recently passed CARES Act, which will keep us solvent through the end of this fiscal year. In addition, we are working with CJP to upgrade our Closed-Circuit TV(CCTV) camera system to improve the safety and security of our synagogue.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for being a part of our community. Thank you for your support and investment in TCS, and as I said earlier, we will get through this together and come out stronger than before having faced and overcome this incredible challenge.

## From The Brotherhood

We hope everyone is safe and healthy, as people adjust to the new normal. These are extraordinary times and we're thinking of our TCS Brothers and the community as a whole.

We miss getting together for pizza tastings, poker games and kibitzing. It's not clear when Fantasy Baseball will start, so we can break this first place tie. With all our usually scheduled programming on hold, we're working on having a virtual trivia night using Zoom.

**[Details to follow, so if you're interested, please click here to let us know.](#)** We would love to have a night soon to see some faces we have not seen in a while.

Unfortunately this year we have had to cancel many of our favorite yearly events such as the Purim Carnival for the younger school children and the Yom HaShoah movie and discussion. We're thankful to still honor Sol Krumins' legacy by awarding the scholarship to a worthy TCS high school senior. The Brotherhood Board is very proud to announce we have also donated \$1,000 to the TCS general fund to help the congregation as a whole.

If anyone has other ideas for activities for the Brotherhood to get together virtually, please email us at: **[TCSEastonBrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:TCSEastonBrotherhood@gmail.com)**.

Sincerely,

Josh Parker and Rob Newton, TCS Brotherhood Co-Presidents



**The Year in Review**

**<https://youtu.be/ipd0qoEvuU8>**

**Check out the year end PBL Projects**  
(Project Based Learning)

**[3rd grade Moses Book](#)**

**[4th grade Calendar](#)**

**[5th grade presentation - Jewish History](#)**

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

A donation to the temple is a meaningful way to mark any occasion. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed. [You can click here to donate online.](#)

### **General Giving Fund**

From Ruth Albert:  
in memory of Estelle Blackman  
in honor of Becky Braidman's retirement  
to David Rothberg, in appreciation of Hippie Shabbat  
in memory of Jerome Cohen, uncle of Marcia Hirsch  
in memory of her grandmother, Rose Levenson Handel  
in memory of her mother, Florence (Frances) Lillian Albert  
in appreciation of the TCS community and staff for friendship and Zoom programing to make this  
Passover week different, yet meaningful and familiar  
in appreciation of being a guest at Norm Berk's Zoom family Seder  
in appreciation of Temple Chayai Shalom's Zoom Seder  
in appreciation of the 14 TCS members and David Rothberg who helped make a minyan at our Zoom Morning Musical Minyan so Yizkor would be said  
in appreciation of the Zoom Ma Mishna daily group members  
in appreciation of David Rothberg's Zoom Sing Alongs and Zoom Shabbat and Havdalah services  
in appreciation of Meryl Levenson's hard work in keeping the temple functioning during our Covid-19 era  
From Ruth Albert, in appreciation of keeping Passover alive and well in our community  
in appreciation of Sarit & the entire Hebrew educational staff for meeting the challenges of remote learning  
in appreciation of David Rothberg and his skill in making Zoom sing along and services so beautiful  
in appreciation of Rabbi Carr and his zoom skills  
in honor of David Beckenstein's recitation of the Sh'ma at a Friday night service  
in appreciation of Rabbi Carr and another week of wonderful Zoom programing  
in appreciation of: Brian Zive and his help at Mah Nishma discussion  
From Norman Azer, in memory of Peter Azer  
From Craig & Elaine Barger, in memory of A. Clifford Barger  
From Jeffrey, Neal & Carol Blackman, in memory of Harvey Blackman  
From Maxine Bloom, in memory of her father, Benjamin Clayman  
From Maxine Bloom, wishing that you all stay safe  
From Maxine Bloom, in memory of her husband, Maurice (Sonny) Bloom  
From Brotherhood  
From Rhonda Fleming, for sharing this wonderful Passover service with my mom  
From Amy Glaser, paying it forward with my stimulus money  
From Marcia & Bob Hicks, in memory of Estelle Blackman  
From Ben & Denise Kravitz, Happy 102nd Birthday Uncle David  
From Heather & CJ Lambrecht, in appreciation of a community that understand the importance of connectedness particularly during challenging times and in memory of Joseph Lambrecht  
From Joni Mayer, in appreciation of Rabbi Ken and David for their wonderful programs and services during a very stressful time  
From Martin & Adele Miller, in memory of their daughter, Lisa R. Vinocoor

From Martin & Adele Miller, in memory of beloved father, Manuel White  
From Alan Sirota, in memory of Ida Sirota  
From Rona and Richard Slotnick, in memory of Estelle Blackman  
From Rona and Richard Slotnick, in memory of beloved father and father-in-law Samuel Slotnick  
From Diane & Michael Seigal  
From Stan & Rita Spiegelman  
From Kathy & Marty Weiner, in appreciation of Craig Barger's dedication to our congregation  
From the Yaras family, in appreciation of all the amazing work being done by Rabbi Ken, David, Sarit, and others to keep the TCS community connected during this difficult time

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

From Jonathan and Darcy Carr, in honor of Adam Kempner's chutzpah  
From Amy Glaser, paying it forward with my stimulus money  
From Jeffrey Blackman, in memory of his mother, Estelle Blackman

### **Malie Baier Education Fund**

From Norm Berk for a camp scholarship  
From Jeri and Chick Heinberg, Mazel Tov to Becky Braidman on her retirement  
From Terry Starr-Klein, in memory of Estelle Blackman

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

From Ruth Albert, in appreciation of Rabbi Ken's Zoom services and Torah Talk sessions  
From Norman Azer, in memory of Isadore Azer  
From Ben & Denise Kravitz, in memory of Eli Kravitz, father of Ben, and Ed LeVangie, father of Denise  
From Joyce Levine, in memory of Milton Rotenberg  
From Geri & Glenn Malin, in memory of Judith Malin  
From Denise & Jon Morgan, in memory of Doug Morgan and Barbara Morgan  
From Laurel & Stuart Silverman, in memory of Estelle Blackman  
From Terry Starr-Klein, in memory of her mother, June Starr Eden

### **Adult Education Fund**

From Esta & Howard Jacobs, in memory of Estelle Blackman

### **Social Action - T.O.R.C.H.**

From Ruth Albert, in memory of Jerome Cohen, uncle of Marcia Hirsch

All donations received after May 1st will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.



**TeCSY** has been hosting virtual events to keep our teens engaged! On April 26th we meet via zoom to make mug cakes and hang out! Contact Maya at

[youth@templechayaishalom.org](mailto:youth@templechayaishalom.org) for information about other events! Also, if you're a teen looking to support the community, contact [Maya](#) about some community service opportunities within the congregation.





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