



Confirmation

Saturday night, June 4, overflowed with joy! Of course our festival of *Shavuot* is always a special day, but particularly so when we mark the Confirmation of our students who continued their formal Jewish education through tenth grade. It is truly one of the great blessings of my rabbinate to teach the Confirmation class, to get to know these teenagers even better as individuals and as a group, to study together, to laugh together, to wrestle together. I am privileged to share their

lives in this intense way at this intense time in their lives. Through their study, their actions, and their example, these four amazing young adults have confirmed their place as leaders of our congregation. *Mazal tov* to Shawn Kaufman, Ella Silverman, Dante Spivak, Solomon Zive and their families!

The service they led that evening provided further “confirmation” of the firm foundation on which our future rests. They chose English readings and reflections that represented their emotions and their thoughts about where they are now. They skillfully led the vast majority of the service. They all wrote brief pieces identifying important components of their Jewish identities, and shared longer talks about parts of their journey that are particularly meaningful to them. They agreed to share their words here: I hope you will find them as moving as I did.

Mazal tov to the confirmands of 5782! For more information and registration materials for the next Confirmation class and Teen Oasis programs that will be starting in the fall, please contact me (rabbiken@templechayaishalom.org) or Jeri Robins (education@templechayaishalom.org).



Shawn Kaufman

Growing up at TCS I learned that I should pray, help others, and follow the commandments. This includes what rules we Jews may follow more closely, and how to be charitable.

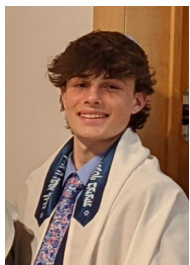
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Ella Silverman

The Torah portion that is read on *Shavuot* every year is about receiving the 10 commandments. The 10 commandments are, at initial glance, a set of rules for all Jewish people to...

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Dante Spivak

As life goes on a lot of questions can arise that can really make one wonder: why am I doing this? In these past months becoming confirmed has...

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Solomon Zive

As I have gotten older, my Jewish education has gotten more meaningful to me. In the first 7 years, I didn't mind coming to Hebrew school. Sunday mornings...

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You're Invited to a Special Shabbat Event
Celebrating the Wedding of
David Rothberg and Annie Braudy!
Friday, August 26, 2022, 6:30pm
Shabbat NaShirah Service
followed by Potluck Shabbat Dinner

We'd like to invite you to *Shabbat* services on August 26th. You are always invited to services, of course, but we're extending this special invitation as this service and potluck dinner following will serve as the TCS celebration of our wedding. We're getting married in a small ceremony on August 14th and can't have you all there, so we want to celebrate with our TCS family in this way.

We're calling this event a *Sheva Brachot Shabbat* Celebration. *Sheva Brachot* means "Seven Blessings," which refers to a series of blessings over the bride and groom that are central to the Jewish wedding ceremony. These blessings are also said at festive celebrations for the week following the wedding, also called *Sheva Brachot*. It's a way to continue to celebrate after the day of the wedding. We're adapting this custom to have the TCS *Sheva Brachot* celebration after our honeymoon.

The custom is for there to be at least one "new face" at each *Sheva Brachot* celebration who wasn't at the wedding ceremony, to bring the joy of sharing the new marriage with an additional friend. The TCS *Sheva Brachot* will give us a sea of "new faces" with whom we can't wait to celebrate.

Kol tuv/All the best,

Annie and David



From Criag Barger

At *Shabbat* services on June 17, 2022, I had the privilege of facilitating the installation of our Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2023 and a celebration of our TCS volunteers.

Your Board and Executive Board consists of seventeen talented and very invested synagogue members. Each one brings an expertise, a willingness to assume a leadership role and a diligent work ethic to our community. I am honored to serve as your President and to work closely with your board. **For Fiscal Year 2023, members of the Executive Board include: Vice Presidents** - Adam Kempner, Jennifer Delaney & Joshua Slovin, **Treasurer** - Rhonda Jellenik, **Financial Secretary** - Marcia Hicks, **Secretary** - Elaine Barger and **Members of the General Board** - Ruth Albert, Mike Cohen, Alycia Dancey, Joe Emerson, Rhonda Fleming, Adam Garber, Marti McIntosh, Kim Rosen, Frani Spivak & Howard Wiseman

I also need to acknowledge and thank **members of the Board who have retired this year:** Bob Dichter, Michael Rauch, Sheri Weintraub and special thanks to our retiring Treasurer, David Reichman, who has been a tremendous asset to this community.

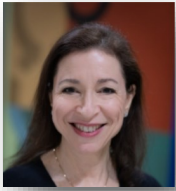
The second part of the service on the 17th was an opportunity for us to acknowledge and thank the TCS volunteers who help to make this community so special. Would you be surprised when I tell you that we have sixteen (16) internally focused standing committees, clubs and groups? These provide opportunities for congregants to engage in activities that benefit not only individual members, but our community as a whole. Former President Bill Clinton said of volunteers, "Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale, and it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds, it changes the odds."

I want to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Brotherhood, the Sisterhood, Senior Chai, the School Committee, the Youth Committee, TeCSY, the Ritual Committee, Mitzvah Meals volunteers, the Security Committee, House Committee and the IT committee. Thank you to the T.O.R.C.H. Committee which has been addressing food insecurities in our contiguous cities and towns. A thank you to the volunteers who have reintroduced *Oneg* as we exit from the pandemic. Thank you to the individual volunteers who help us arrange the seating in the sanctuary, the tables in the multi-purpose room for SULAM, Torah Study, pot-luck dinners and *Oneg*. Special shout outs to the Membership Committee for the creation of a marketing plan which has helped to attract new families and to the Ad Hoc Reopening Task Force which did a remarkable job guiding us through the two years plus of the Covid pandemic.

The culture of philanthropy at Temple Chayai Shalom extends well beyond your financial support. We sincerely and deeply appreciate your volunteer activities which help to create a warm and welcoming community. If you were not able to attend the service on the 17th, please pick up your gift bag, in the foyer, as a small token of our gratitude.

In conclusion, I am reminded of a quote from Kurek Ashley, "The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically."

I thank you all for being part of our family.



Summer Fun and Resources for Jewish Learning

As the summer begins, I want to thank you for sharing your students with us and for your patience and understanding and humor as we adapted to another year of living through and with Covid. We masked, we tested, we quarantined, we Zoomed, and we learned. We built community in person and ran some really special programs, including grade-based Family Education and events for families with young children. We loved seeing kids of all ages laugh with magician Mike Bent and squeal with delight at our *Passover* Escape from Egypt activity.

Looking toward next year, if you have not yet registered your student(s) for SULAM or Gesher, please do so as soon as possible. The process is very straight-forward, with three easy steps! Fill in an [online form](#), complete the [health form](#) and drop it off or return it to Denise Morgan, and pay the [registration fee](#). We do a lot of preparation during the summer and it is much easier with accurate headcounts. In addition, if you have any friends for whom Temple Chayai Shalom could be a great fit, send them our way!

Even as the longer, lazier days without school are ahead of us, there are ways to continue to incorporate Jewish learning. [Sign up for the weekly emails](#) from the Union for Reform Judaism, such as Ten Minutes of Torah, which will arrive in your inbox on Mondays and give you something to learn and talk about at the dinner table. [PJ Library](#) is another wonderful resource, as is [18 Doors](#) (formerly Interfaith Family). Want some books to read over the summer? Please let me know and we can schedule a time for you to come by TCS and borrow some books from our school library. Take a few minutes on Friday night to light *Shabbat* candles and say the blessings. Of course, services continue in July and August, as well, so check out the weekly email for times.

What will I be doing over the summer? I will also be getting some rest and hope to spend many days at the beach, relaxing, as well as visiting with family and enjoying the warm weather. Rabbi Ken, David, and I have already spent some time assessing how to structure the sequence of Hebrew prayers that we are teaching in SULAM and Gesher to better meet our learning goals. We are planning to reintroduce a Young Explorers program for preschoolers, aged 3-5, which will meet once a month, in addition to our Young Family events. Next year promises to be our best year yet and we will look forward to welcoming you all back to SULAM on September 11th or Gesher on September 14th.



Gift from 7th grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Each year, it is customary for the *b'nai mitzvah* class to give a gift to the temple and a plaque is hung in the sanctuary. Earlier this year, we met with the 7th grade class, via Zoom, to discuss what was important to them to gift to TCS. They wanted something interactive to be able to use when they were outside. The Board approved a basketball hoop which was installed in May (a huge thank you to Adam and Abe Kempner who led the installation of the hoop). We hope everyone at TCS can enjoy something new outside as a community and take full advantage of the basketball hoop and basketballs purchased by the 2021-2022 *b'nai mitzvah* class.

Sara Kaufman and Marci Slovin

Sisterhood News.....

TCS Sisterhood celebrated a great year of programming and ended the year with the installation of the 2022-2023 Board with a fun summer solstice party on June 21st.

Please join us in welcoming our 22/23 Sisterhood Board

Co-Presidents: Rachel Colchamiro and Teresa Kempner

Treasurer: Jen Delaney

Secretary: Beth Herr

Membership: Maggie Yarlas

Lifetime Membership: Jen Faber

Communications: Sandy Newfield

Programming: Sharon Balkman and Rhonda Fleming

Advisory Board: Michaela Farber, Erica Marzella, Myra Lapides, Elissa Cohen, Tracey Pavao



We can't wait for next year to start!

Keep your eyes out for details for a Sisterhood pool party coming up in August and our annual **Kick Off event on Sunday afternoon, October 2nd**. We'll be sharing reminders this summer about Sisterhood membership for next year. We are looking forward to many exciting events coming up and hope you'll join us!

Shawn Kaufman

To me, while being part of the temple, I learned that I am an easy-going person who should strive to follow as many rules or laws as I see fit. My way of thinking of how to act in the eyes of God was shaped by TCS as well. I learned and now value the teachings of the Ten Commandments. As a Reform Jew I have a more open view of Judaism. I believe that a Jew must only follow the Torah to the best of their ability. From my experience I found things like resting on the *Sabbath* day hard because things like sports and other events made it complicated to follow. The most important thing other than not killing or stealing, is to honor one's mother and father. I try to do this to the best of my ability. I try to model the best parts of both my mom and dad. I also find putting no gods before my God important. This is important to me because I have to believe our God and our God only will help bring good throughout the world because God has done it in the past, and will do it over again in the future.

On the Sabbath day, though I do not celebrate *Shabbat* in a traditional way, I do try and rest. I don't follow it strictly, so I use technology, but I don't cook and instead tend to rest and be with family. TCS shaped this throughout the years by teaching me that I didn't need to follow everything in an exact and literal context, but in a way I believed to be true. TCS didn't exactly teach this to me directly, but instead made me realize that I should follow the religion to the best of my abilities without it being a burden.

As we figure out the rules, just like everyone else, we sin, but instead of being in denial we ask for forgiveness. This aspect of asking for forgiveness is crucial to me. Judaism has taught me that if I sin, there is a way for forgiveness. When I find myself asking for forgiveness I have to decide whether or not it is God I need to ask for forgiveness or if I should approach the person I wronged. Sometimes the answer is both. While I know lots of Reform Jews who don't fast on *Yom Kippur*, I do. This is the most important holiday in my eyes due to the fact that it gives people a clean slate to start over with. I remember during *Yom Kippur* services when I was younger the *madrichim* offered kids snacks and water, but I didn't eat or drink because I believed that fasting was part of asking for forgiveness from God, and that it will be granted. Fasting isn't the only part of the holiday; we must also bring issues to light in order to correct them. During these services I noticed most kids not paying attention, but I was intrigued by the different ways people celebrated the holiday.

Another aspect of how I learned to behave as a Jew is showing respect to others and getting it in return. I remember in second grade during Hebrew school we did lessons about how *mitzvot* were important, especially those about how to treat other people properly, and how if we did these mitzvot we would be rewarded.

Another major value I embraced while at TCS was about helping others who are in need. I learned this lesson starting in second grade, when the TCS class and I would share all the good that we did that week. From then on, I looked to expand my kindness and make sure I had lots to share. I remember helping put up chairs after school ended and feeling a sense of kindness that I had done. Following that, during my preparation for becoming *bar mitzvah*, I volunteered at the food pantry to help those who couldn't afford food for the week. I have continued to do

so since. Another important aspect of helping others to me was *tzedakah*, donating money that we raised. I ran a food drive that made lots of money for the people in need. I did this to not make me look good, but to really benefit the people in need of the food.

Another aspect of my everyday Jewish life is prayer. I try to find time for prayer at night. I pray for the good health of my friends and family. To me I find prayer to be an important everyday activity because it gives me hope for the following day of which prayers will be answered. I found that God does not literally answer prayers but inspires me to try and find ways to answer them myself. TCS taught me to trust in God, and trust that God was good and would always have people's best interest.

I hope that the way that I think about everyday Jewish life inspires us all to think about how we follow our religion and what aspects of Judaism are most important to us.

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Ella Silverman

...follow in order to live a life that is considered good and acceptable by God. Some of these rules and guidelines include not worshipping idols or other gods, honor your father and mother, and do not steal. The Torah teaches that following or not following these rules and the rest of the mitzvot can affect one's relationship with God. In the Torah there are many stories where following these laws is rewarded and choosing to not follow them is punished. As a result, there are instances in life now where some people believe that if a person does wrong or disobeys the commandments, bad things may happen to them.

Two extreme examples of the idea the Torah teaches would be that if someone commits murder, they go to jail. If a person keeps God in their life, are respectful, honest and kind to everyone they meet, then they will be rewarded with a long and fulfilling life. For me personally, this was one part of the Torah and Judaism in general that didn't resonate with me. In the world around me I could see people doing things the Ten Commandments condemn, and somehow they still lived a successful prosperous life. This was frustrating to me especially as a kid because that's not what is supposed to happen according to the Torah. The very simple consequences of right and wrong were not happening.

Meanwhile I was experiencing something even more devastating. This was when I realized terrible things were actually happening to good people I knew. I have a friend who is one of the kindest people I've ever met. She is honest, respectful, funny and just overall a good kid who everyone loves. A couple of years ago, she was diagnosed with Leukemia. This was a very hard thing for me to comprehend because if God was so good and so powerful, how'd this happen? Why couldn't God give cancer to someone who committed a crime? I still kept God in my life at this time but I had some doubt about how things like that could happen in this world.

This year in confirmation class, Rabbi Ken taught us a lot of different Jewish philosophies. The idea wasn't to force any of them onto us but to see if any of them resonated with us in order to further shape our Jewish identities. Luckily for me, one of them did. In class, we learned about

the philosophy of Rabbi Milton Steinberg. Rabbi Steinberg retold a story from the Talmud about a boy who followed all the rules of the Torah and yet somehow died a tragic death in front of a bunch of Rabbis. Many of the Rabbis, who thought the boy should have been rewarded for his obedience, were confused by his death and didn't know what to make of the situation. As a result of this tragedy, one Rabbi completely rethought his ideas about God. Rabbi Steinberg retold this story in order to illustrate his own beliefs. Instead of the traditional idea that God was both all good and all powerful, he realized it could only be one or the other. If someone decides to believe God is all powerful, God must not be all good because bad things are happening to people who don't deserve it. If someone decides God is all good, then God must not be all powerful because then God would make every little thing in the world positive and good. Personally I like the option of believing God is all good but not all powerful because that way God is still someone who can give guidance that is helpful and has no evil intentions but maybe God isn't controlling every little thing in the world. That way as humans, we still have choices we can make; our lives aren't being perfectly controlled for better or for worse. This also helps explain to me how bad people sometimes live a good life and how good people sometimes struggle and have hardships.

Of course, this is only one of many philosophies out there and it might not resonate with everyone. This is just one major puzzle piece in my personal Jewish identity because it was something I always struggled with even as a kid. Having this philosophy helps me accept that there are things in this world that aren't always going to make sense; some things might even be out of God's control and instead completely reliant on a random series of events and choices made by humans. This thought helped me relieve a bit of the anger I had towards God for allowing such a bad thing to happen to my friend. It allows me to believe that God is good and is willing to help guide us in prayer and thought towards a good, helpful and right decision.

However, this belief does leave room for human choices. This thought can be both scary and freeing simultaneously. It includes the chance of making a mistake or a wrong decision; however, it also gives us the chance to choose being generous, kind to each other. In a way, that's what the commandments are about. They are a way to guide us in life but in the end, the choice is up to us. And so going forward we should try to make the choice we feel most resonates with our values. For me these values draw ideas from the Torah and commandments and encourage honesty, kindness and respect. Every day we should remind ourselves of our values and what they mean to us, and challenge ourselves to make choices based on these values.

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Dante Spivak

...been a popular topic in my life and such commitment to a preparation of big events has made me really step back and ask myself, Why am I choosing this path and getting confirmed? Is it for my own feeling of satisfaction? Is it because I want to continue my ways as a person of the Jewish religion? Or is it something else?

After my *Bar Mitzvah* service I felt pretty accomplished and thought to myself: do I stop here or keep on going? Preparing for becoming a *Bar Mitzvah* was some pretty hard work and commitment, and I wasn't sure if I wanted to go through that again when getting confirmed. However, once I saw my brother do it and knew my friends were going to participate in it, I made the decision. I was mainly concerned about the work and to be honest wasn't sure if I would really enjoy the process. Yet, as a kid I enjoyed reading the book "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss, and this story taught me to not dislike anything without trying, so it was wrong for me to have this mindset at the start. It turns out the experience would be great and I would learn a lot.

Rabbi Ken did a great job expanding our knowledge by giving us exposure to a bunch of different beliefs but not pushing us to pick one and letting us shape our own thoughts as the classes progressed. We read through a lot of different ideas and experiences. Each handout allowed for a further discussion during the class and everyone sharing their thoughts and trying to relate to the topics really allowed us to mature and have a better understanding of these new subjects. As Ella just discussed, in one of the meetings we learned how some may believe that God can't be both all powerful and all good. If God were all powerful then the bad things that go on in the world could be stopped, and if God were all good, why are the bad things happening and why aren't they removed? We talked in class and came up with some ideas for the issue. Personally my takeaway is God is still both all-powerful and all-good but it's said that God wanted to make sure we were special and God took a lot of time when creating us so if God were to solve all of our problems then God's development of us would have been wasted. God most likely wants us to be more self guided and thrive in problem solving in order to come together and make our world a better place.

Another part of confirmation that I really enjoyed was that it isn't an individual experience. My *Bar Mitzvah* Service, although I did it with my brother and did spend a lot of time with David, was still more a solo thing and there wasn't really a sense of community during that time. During confirmation the four of us and Rabbi Ken all got together, and even though our class was small, we did a lot of ideas bouncing off each other and taught each other a great amount. Not only did we learn about Judaism, but each time we met, we took the time to ask each other what our *kvetch* and *kvell* was. Which is, for those who don't know, a highlight and a lowlight in our lives. This was an important piece because getting to learn about what each of us was dealing with really made me feel closer to the group, creating that community aspect and not just a class gathering.

I liked this community feeling because in school I would say I am more of a group person when it comes to doing work due to the fact that everyone can come together and use the knowledge we know to get things done. We shared a lot of new knowledge together during confirmation, whether it was Rabbi Ken explaining new topics to us and teaching us the stuff he knew, or the students presenting our ideas on the learnings. I also like the benefit of forming a community because I believe that once the relationship is made then it will stick. And in a world where being social is important, having one more community to be a part of is really crucial and I'm glad that I became part of this one.

Finally I'm always up for a challenge and enjoy pushing my comfort zone. From experience I know that when stuff gets more difficult it isn't as enjoyable but the feeling when I accomplish the challenge is what I really work for. Confirmation was the next step in my journey through Judaism and each past event like my *Bar Mitzvah* service has proven to me that when I accomplish things like this it makes me feel good. During the classes, Rabbi Ken challenged us to think about different topics and come up with different ways of breaking them down and thinking about how they relate to us. I was also challenged with the fact that I had to learn a new Torah portion, and take what I learned throughout the classes, reflect on it and write about the experience.

So going back to the question, why did I do it? Well, I did it because of what a Doctor Seuss book taught me, I did it for the journey which helped me obtain all these new things like a new community, and I did it for the sense of accomplishment that I have completed a hard task and expanded my knowledge of Judaism. However, now thinking about the future, Confirmation was just another step in the staircase of living a Jewish life, and now that I have completed this step what is next? Well, I believe that it is important to stick with the community of the temple and continue going to the holiday services with friends and family. I also realize that I have learned a lot throughout the process and I can use this knowledge to teach others lessons and make them think about things from a different perspective as Rabbi Ken has allowed us to do. Overall this isn't the end, and when I become older, I want to pass down Judaism to new family members and maybe even encourage them to partake in the special ceremonies as well.

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Solomon Zive

...especially were a chance to spend time with my friends, sing, pray, make Jewish crafts and develop a sense of belonging to the Jewish community. One particular concept that has always stayed with me is *Tikkun Olam*, which can be explained as acts of kindness. I recall as a little boy wanting to help a homeless man and I was able to give him some money. I was beginning to learn the value of helping those less fortunate than I was without judging them, and looking for small ways to make a difference in the world. As I began my Hebrew language studies, though, there was complaining and struggling. Learning Hebrew felt like a waste of time and didn't seem important and I dreaded the weekly call in. Now, looking back on that time, it's become a bonding experience with my Jewish peers, both at TCS and outside TCS, who experienced a similar dread that we can joke about now.

Then, in my 13th year, I began preparations to become *Bar Mitzvah*, which may have been more exciting because of the celebration but it did include more Jewish learning. Tutoring sessions with Mrs. Peel continued the weekly event, in person. But I was learning Hebrew and beginning to see the importance of knowing the language. I was proud of my progress and ability to read Torah and participate more in services. I've been called on at the last minute to participate with the Chabad when they needed a *minyan* and was proud to participate as a Jewish adult and I've been able to confidently participate in services at other temples. I've applied *Tikkun Olam* by volunteering at "Nourish to Flourish" over the summer and with the

“Benevolent Society” during the holidays. These volunteer opportunities have provided a way for me to practice my faith without going to services.

I never doubted that I would continue my Jewish learning and now at 16 participating in my Confirmation. The class includes a much smaller group of friends, and my time has been spent learning and exploring Judaism as it relates to me personally. I’ve focused on:

- what religion means to me: beliefs that I can apply to my everyday life such as helping others in need

- who God is to me: a higher power that has set an example of being kind to your fellow man and not judging others and staying open minded to others cultures and religious backgrounds

- how I will include that meaning in my life as I get older: continuing to volunteer, help others and to continue practicing my Jewish beliefs, either through services or other outside Jewish sponsored events.

I look forward to continuing my Jewish education during our family trip to Israel this December, using my Hebrew skills by participating in temple services, TeCSY, and additional Jewish inspired events or travels. I look forward to continuing with my volunteer work and finding other ways to practice my Jewish beliefs. All of these things will continue to provide meaning to my Jewish education as well as shape, reinforce and support my Jewish identity as I continue to use what I have learned.

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T.O.R.C.H. has ended the year with a bang...

Thanks to SULAM for sharing the last SULAM Sunday with us for our spring Mitzvah day. We made sandwiches for Father Bill's. We put together plants that we took to the Residences at Five Corners. We made blankets. This year, we added two projects for Ukraine. We made dried soup bags to send to Ukrainian families, and through lemonade sales, \$300 was donated to the Ukraine Emergency Fund. Also this year we collected and donated professional clothing to Dress for Success. Thank you to everyone who came out to help, donate and support.

We put a final exclamation point on the year by becoming a Cornerstone Congregation to RAC-MA (Religious Action Center of Massachusetts) and attended RAC-MA's Massachusetts kick-off event. T.O.R.C.H. is in the process of planning out our year to come. We are looking forward to continuing some of the good work that we do as a community including food and clothing drives, Fall and Spring *Mitzvah* Days, December Blood Drive, My Brother's Keeper and others.

We are also interested in expanding this year to include additional charitable as well as social action activities. To this end, we are looking at several new initiatives. One idea that we are exploring is organizing a back to school donation of supplies and clothes for families with school age children who need assistance. We would also like to explore what we as a congregational community can do to support refugee resettlement in our community and in our state. We are also interested in spotlighting and observing as a community milestones such as disability employment month, Black History Month, Mental Health Awareness month as well as supporting other social causes such as food insecurity, voting rights, mental health parity and others.

To this end, we are looking to our community for its passion, energy and support. If any of these areas resonate with you, please let us know. If there are areas that you feel passionate about that we didn't mention here, let us know that as well. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the T.O.R.C.H. committee or to committee chair [Adam Garber](#) with your interests.

Finally, we are committed to continuing our relationship with Family Table. Family Table's mission is to end hunger in the Greater Boston Jewish community, while serving those 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. Family Table does this in a number of ways:

- Donations of low-sodium vegetarian soup (kosher preferred, like Trader Joe's boxes or Amy's cans) and canned tuna (low-sodium preferred)
- Financial donations
- Purchasing items online

Please keep Family Table in your thoughts. There is a drop off box in the temple lobby for soup and canned tuna.

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. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed.

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Harvey & Eileen Weisthal, in memory of
Mel Lipman
TCS Sisterhood, in honor of Rabbi Ken's
Honorary Doctorate of Divinity



Family Table Needs our Help Every Month

Family Table serves more than 100 towns across Greater Boston, the North Shore and the South Area. It is the largest kosher food pantry in New England.

TCS is committed to providing 30 cans of tuna fish and 30 cans of vegetarian beans each month. Bring your contributions to the temple and either place them in the bin in the foyer or leave them by the front door.