



Kaf-tet

In my first year of rabbinical school, which took place in Jerusalem, I lived in an apartment near an intersection with another road with a strange name. The cross street was called “Kaf-tet b’November.”

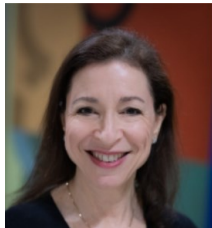
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Thank You!

Hello TCS Family, We’d like to thank the TCS membership and the TCS Board of Directors for the amazing *Sheva Brachot Shabbat* celebration of our wedding on August 26. The board, on behalf of the congregation, gave us a beautiful piece of artwork,

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Now that the High Holy Day season is behind us,...

SULAM will return to a more routine class schedule and we will continue to dive into our learning for the year. We will also start our Family Education programs, with

our older SULAM students and their families participating in joint learning opportunities.

3rd/4th/5th Grade: Sunday, November 6th,
Walk a Mile in My Shoes

1st Grade: Sunday, December 4th, *Shabbat*

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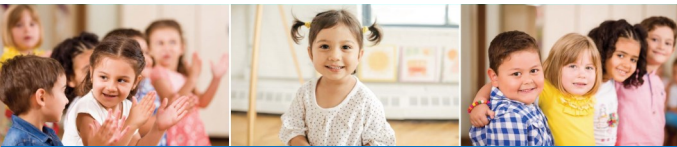
President's 5783 Rosh ha-Shana Address

Shana Tova. Happy New Year. Welcome to 5783

It brings me great joy to see so many congregants and friends here today to help us celebrate.

My sincere appreciation to the Ritual Committee, led by Heather Lambrecht, for organizing this year’s celebration. It is hard for me to believe that this is my fourth year as the President of this community. Despite the many challenges we have faced, I must admit that I have found the role to be

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Be sure to invite your friends and family!

Tot Shabbat and Dinner on Friday, November 18th from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us in celebration of family and community at our revamped Tot *Shabbat*! We’ll start with *Shabbat* candle-lighting and dinner at 5:45 pm. Then, beginning at 6:15 pm, Rabbi Ken and special guest Maya Emerson will lead kids in songs, stories, and crafts. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

Tot Shabbat and Chanukah Dinner Friday, December 23rd at 5:30 pm

Join us in celebration of family and community at our revamped Tot *Shabbat*! Rabbi Ken, Cantorial Soloist David, and special guest Maya Emerson will lead kids in songs, stories, and crafts. Then, at 6:00, join the rest of the congregation to light our *m’norah* before a special *Shabbat* and *Chanukah* dinner.

Chanukah Celebration

Friday, December 23rd at 6:00 pm

Grab your *Chanukah menorah* and your favorite dish to share and join with your TCS family for a special *Chanukah/Shabbat* celebration. We’ll do a community candle-lighting, enjoy some delicious homemade treats (Potluck dinner), sing some songs and have an informal *Shabbat* service around our tables. Don’t miss this opportunity to add to our TCS light!



Link for Potluck Sign Up in Your Weekly Email



December 9th at 6:30 pm

Shabbat NaShirah Service, followed by Potluck Dinner

Come elevate your soul with favorite melodies and spiritual moments in a circle of sacred song led by our *Mevarchim* ("blessers" who sing and play musical instruments).

What should you expect when you walk into the sanctuary on this special day?

- ◆ Seating in concentric circles creates a closely connected community
- ◆ Several talented musicians and singers join Cantorial Soloist David and Rabbi Ken to lead engaging melodies with beautiful accompaniment
- ◆ The music draws you in and encourages you to sing, or to get lost in the groove of a hand drum, the airy tones of a flute, the strumming of guitars, or the harmony of voices
- ◆ Your soul soars!

The service will be followed by a potluck *Shabbat* dinner at about 8:00 pm. Sign up to bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share: the **link will be in your weekly email**.



**American
Red Cross**

**Annual TCS
Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, Dec. 22nd
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
at TCS**

**Please Note: Time Change
Beginning November 12th
Havdalah Services Will be at 6:00 pm**

Join us on Zoom as we bid farewell to Shabbat. If you wish, bring your own cup of wine or grape juice, candle and spices (regular cinnamon or another spice of your choice will be perfect)!



**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.

**Brotherhood Paid-Up Event
Sunday, November 13th**

All paid-up brotherhood members are welcome to join us for our annual paid-up event at Ming Du at 1:00pm. If you have not yet paid for your membership, you can do so here: <https://chayaishalom.org/brotherhood-new/> at the bottom of the page, click on the 'About Us-Become a Member' link. We hope to see you on the 13th!

Sukkot & Simchat Torah Celebrations



Kaf-tet

Kaf and *tet* are two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. In Hebrew, letters have numerical value. (The most familiar example is probably the word “*chai*,” which means “life,” and is composed of the letters *chet* and *yud*. *Chet* has a value of 8, and *yud* has a value of 10, so combining the two letters, the word *chai* has a value of 18, which is why Jews often give gifts or *tz’dakah* in amounts that are multiples of 18.) *Kaf* has a value of 20, and *tet* has a value of 9, so *Kaf-tet* has the value of 29. I lived near the intersection of “29th of November Street.”

I confess that I did not know what happened on the 29th of November that would merit naming a street after it! Other dates in Jewish/Israeli history were more familiar:

- the 25th of *Kislev*, when *Chanukah* begins, celebrating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem and the restoration of Jewish sovereignty against the Syrian Greeks;
- the 9th of *Av*, commemorating the destruction of the two Temples, the first by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the second by the Romans in 70 CE, leading to the exile of much of the Jewish population from the land of Israel
- the 14th of May, 1948, when David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the birth of the modern state of Israel in our ancient homeland

But at that time, I was unaware of the importance of the 29th of November, without which the 14th of May might not have happened.

On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to designate land in Palestine as a Jewish country. They approved a partition plan that would divide Palestine into an Arab nation and a Jewish nation. For the first time, the countries of the world officially recognized the right of the Jews to have their own state in the historic land of Israel. (Of course, the surrounding Arab countries did not—and most still do not—agree, but miraculously, Israel survived the subsequent war and the continuing conflict since then.) The Declaration of Independence that Ben-Gurion proclaimed six months later cited this vote as irrevocable legitimation of the state of Israel. Without the events of *Kaf-tet* b’November, the state of Israel might not have come to be.

This November marks 75 years since *Kaf-tet*, and (as I mentioned on *Yom Kippur*) this May Israel will celebrate her 75th birthday. In celebration, as I hope you have seen, I am planning another congregational trip to Israel! Actually, the response to my survey of interest has been so strong that I am tentatively planning TWO congregational trips! While the planning is still very preliminary, I wanted to share what I am discussing with my preferred travel company, with whom I have done many past Israel trips:

- A trip that would focus on “experiencing modern Israeli enterprise: technology, food, wine, environmentalism, etc.,” which would depart June 24, 2023, and return July 4th
- A trip that would focus on “exploring major cities and tourist sites,” which would depart June 23, 2024 and return July 5th; we are also looking into an optional 3-day extension to go to Eilat and Petra

Again, these dates are very tentative, but I at least wanted to share the direction plans are heading. If you are interested in one of these trips, or if you have thoughts, questions, or concerns about them, please contact me (rabbiken@templechayaishalom.org or 508-238-6385 X 104). I am very excited to share what *Kaf-tet* b’November made possible 75 years ago!

**Thank You!**

with the quotation, “*Ani l’dodi v’dodi li*, I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine,” from the Song of Songs, a beautiful verse often used to celebrate Jewish weddings. We had a lovely service, with the *NaShirah mevarchim* (blessers) singing a traditional sheva brachot wedding niggun among other things, and Rabbi Ken and TCS President Craig Barger speaking movingly. And then we had an amazing potluck dinner organized by Caren Levine and Kathy Weiner that was just incredible. We were moved and are very grateful for the wonderful celebration TCS provided for us.

Thank you and blessings to all,

David and Annie

How does a congregation grow?

One way is to attract young families and encourage them to bring their friends. Last year, we began a significant Young Families outreach initiative, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, to create programming that would introduce Temple Chayai Shalom to the broader community. We are continuing to offer these creative and innovative events this year, with the hope that we will reach even more people.

Our year began with the second annual *Sukkot* Fall Festival at Ward's Berry Farm. We had a magnificent day for it, and everyone participated in the hayride, picked a pumpkin, and completed a variety of craft projects, including making pine cone bird feeders, edible *sukkot* out of graham crackers, and sand art. David sang songs, and we made some new friends as people snacked on cider and cookies.



On the calendar for the rest of the year are additional holiday-themed events. The next one is December 18th, when we will celebrate *Chanukah* together by "Bringing Light into the Darkness." February 5th, we will observe *Tu bi-Sh'vat* with a seder and a birthday party for the trees. Our annual *Purim* Carnival will be Sunday, March 5th, and, on April 2nd, we will gather for a magical Passover program.

In addition, we will be holding Tot *Shabbat* services on Fridays on November 18th, December 23rd (the *Shabbat* of *Chanukah*), January 13th, March 17th, April 14th, and June 16th.

Finally, we are planning to resume our Young Explorers program with Sunday morning sessions on December 11th, January 22nd, February 12th, March 26th, and May 7th.

TCS is fortunate to have a youth scholarship fund; its name honors Rabbi Levenson and Sol Krumins.

The Rabbi Levenson/Sol Krumins Youth Scholarship Funds are to be used for members of Temple Chayai Shalom through college age to fund any Jewish educational program including, but not limited to: trips to Israel; NFTY summer programs, national conventions, Institutes; Hillel/Kesher conventions; and URJ national biennials. The fund is intended to be used for organized, peer experiences, such as those sponsored by camps, colleges, and youth organizations, and is not intended to be competitive nor dependent on financial need.

Unfortunately, for obvious reasons, not a lot of teen travel has taken place during the past 3 years. As you can imagine, if no one was traveling, fewer people thought to donate to this fund. We are hoping that, as we learn to live with Covid, the kids will be traveling again this year and in the coming years. We hope that, going forward, you will consider making donations to this fund. Your donations to the fund are always welcome.

[Applications for teen grants are available on the temple website.](#)

Now that the High Holy Day season is behind us,...

2nd Grade: Sunday, January 8, 2023 - What's in a Name?

The Sunday programs will happen during SULAM, starting at 9:30 am, following our community *Ta-am Torah* (Taste of Torah).

For our Geshur students, sixth graders and their families will gather on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 for The Meaning of *B'nai Mitzvah* - Clarifying our Values. Please note that this is a night when Geshur is not scheduled to meet. The seventh graders will be sharing their family interview presentations in May of 2023.

All of these programs help to foster connection among families and demonstrate that learning continues, no matter how old we are. Regardless of your background or faith tradition, we encourage you to come to share these special experiences with your child. Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to being with you!

Sisterhood News



Sisterhood members had a wonderful time at our **Kickoff Event at Langwater Farm**. The air was crisp, but the sky was bright as we enjoyed our tractor ride to the pumpkin patch and flower fields. So many smiling faces as we reconnected with each other while enjoying nature's bounty.

Thank you, Ruthie Albert, for taking the photos.



Yom Kippur Break Fast

Thank you to all who volunteered or contributed items to our traditional community break fast.

We especially thank Sandy Newfield and Jen Delaney for organizing and helping at the event. As always, everything tasted delicious as we joined together in community to break the fast!

Save the date: December 20th for Sisterhood lighting of the TCS menorah followed by a Chanukah Party in the multipurpose room. The holiday party will include latkes, salads, desserts, and a gift exchange. Tentative time is 6:30 pm. Final details to be published soon.

We are still planning a few interesting events to be held over the next several months.

We hope to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the first female rabbi by a major (American) movement. Rabbi Sally Priesand was ordained in 1972 by the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College. We plan to host Rabbi Priesand, via Zoom, as she tells her story. Also the story of Regina Jonas, who actually was also ordained and served as a rabbi in Berlin in the 1930's and 40's. Updates to follow.

President's 5783 Rosh ha-Shana Address

incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. I thank you for your faith in my leadership ability and for your support of the members of our Board of Directors.

As we celebrate the New Year, our tradition calls upon us to put aside our day-to-day concerns and take time to consider what really matters in our lives. It is a time to consider our actions, their impact, and our responsibility to improve ourselves and our community. It is time for introspection and reflection.

It is a time to reflect on our five (5) core values:

- We value innovating education, learning and teaching our Jewish traditions creatively to promote meaningful self-discovery for our members of all ages.
- We value building community, growing and strengthening the bonds of family, friendship, and community within the Temple and beyond.
- We value honoring individuality, welcoming and celebrating our community's diverse backgrounds, perspectives and religious practices, so that all may feel comfortable within our Jewish home.
- We value drawing meaning from Judaism, looking to Jewish culture, spirituality and learning as a source of guidance, insight and meaning.
- We value upholding our social responsibility, working as individuals and together to improve the world inside and outside our temple.

It is also time to recognize and appreciate our professional staff: Rabbi Kenneth Carr, Cantorial Soloist David Rothberg, Education Director Jeri Robins, Temple Administrator Meryl Levenson, School Administrative Assistant Denise Morgan, and Bookkeeper Brenda Leonard.

Thank you for your commitment to TCS.

It is time to recognize and thank our Board of Directors for volunteering their time, their energy, their thoughtfulness, and their expertise to help me lead and guide this community. These caring and enthusiastic volunteers are my partners in maintaining and strengthening our community.

Several items of interest that I want to point out. We received another \$5,000 Security Grant from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies which allowed us to secure the Temple office and will enhance security around the Ark. It is unfortunate that we continue to need to focus on security; however, it is necessary and I am pleased that we have been able to partner with CJP in this endeavor.

Secondly, our current membership numbers have shown a slight increase year over year. This is due, in part, to the work of the Membership/Engagement Committee, chaired by Joe Emerson, whose marketing plan has increased our exposure and drawn interest from the larger Jewish community in our area. Thank you to Joe and his committee for this very important work.

You have heard me say many times over the past four years that some of the wonderful aspects of our congregation are our generosity, our culture of philanthropy and our willingness to help and support one another. Last fiscal year, ending June 30, 2022, through a combination of fundraising like the High Holy Day appeal, the *Chanukah* appeal, and small individual congregant donations, and our TCS Road Race, we raised in excess of \$160,000 for the Temple. Extraordinary displays of philanthropy, generosity, and support for our community.

Well, I'm back once again. As you have heard from our recently retired Treasurer, David Reichman, in numerous presentations including at the Annual Congregational meeting, our income from dues and tuition does not cover all our expenses. Like most non-profits, including religious non-profits, we rely on donations and other fundraising activities. Our best guess for this fiscal year, ending June 30, 2023, is that we will need to raise in excess of \$130,000, much of which, I hope, will come from our HHD Appeal.

We have already received a significant and generous pledge from Veronica and Howard Wiseman and with that in mind, Elaine and I have another challenge for this community. Between today and October 31st we will match, dollar for dollar, every donation you make to benefit TCS up to a maximum of \$30,000. We do not do this for accolades or naming rights, we do this to support a community, a family, a synagogue that is special. We want to see TCS grow and prosper. I have great faith in this congregation, faith that you will rise to this challenge, to give what you can afford, as you have done so many times before.

I thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.

I wish you all a healthy and sweet New Year.

Greg B. Berger

Thank you to the following people for their donations to the 5783 High Holy Days Appeal.

Richard & Irene Albert	Ann Gottlieb	Nancy Methelis
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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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 Ruth Albert, flowers for the *bimah* during the High Holy Days
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Denise Kravitz, in memory of her mother, Maureen Levangie

Ira & Erica Krull, in honor of David & Annie's marriage

Myra Lapidés, in memory of Christopher David Betts

Myra Lapidés, in memory of her sister, Gloria Lapidés

Adele & Martin Miller, in memory of our beloved mother, Gertrude White

Josh & Sara Parker, in memory of Rachel Colchamiro's father, Louis Berman

Susan Polikoff, in memory of her husband, Stephen Polikoff

David & Libby Reichman, in honor of David & Annie's wedding

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Jack & Bertha Shear, in honor of David & Annie's marriage

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Jason Silverman, in honor of Barbara & Allen Silverman

TCS Sisterhood

Rona Slotnik, in appreciation of Rabbi Ken

Paul & Janet Sturman, in memory of Christopher David Betts

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John & Cindy Thomas, Mazel Tov to David Rothberg & Annie Braudy

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Teresa & Adam Kempner, in memory of Michael Berkowitz

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Nancy Methelis, in loving memory of my beloved mother, Mina Shindler

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Amy Glaser, in honor of Maya Emerson's wedding

Stuart & Laurel Silverman, Mazel Tov to David & Annie

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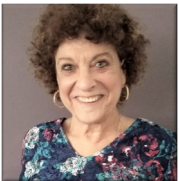
Marty & Kathy Weiner, in honor of the 50th birthday of superstar, Adam Kempner

Music Fund

TCS Sisterhood, in honor of David & Annie's wedding

Amy Glaser, in honor of David & Annie's wedding

Myra Lapides, in honor of David & Annie's wedding



Dear TCS Family,

I would like to remind you of another way to donate to Temple Chayai Shalom.

I have owned New England Real Estate Center, Inc., for 35 years. Our team

has decided that, going forward, we will give 10% of the commission we

receive, on the sale of the homes we sell for TCS members, as a donation to the

temple when you list your home with us!

It will cost you nothing, and you might even save money as we will list your home for 4% commission. After it sells, 10% of that commission will come right off the top and go directly to the temple. This is not a sales pitch; it's a way for us to give potentially thousands of much-needed dollars to our temple.

Please call me with any questions. Whether or not you list with New England Real Estate Center, Inc., I am more than happy to answer questions and walk you through any Real Estate concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Jane Dunlap, TCS Member

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