



Reboot

If you are an avid television watcher, you have doubtlessly noticed that, in recent years, many classic series or franchises have been rebooted, started up again after a cancellation or hiatus. The Wonder Years was reborn to focus on an African-American family in Montgomery in 1968. After stopping in 1989, Doctor Who began again in 2005, continuing the story, with the fact that the Doctor regenerates allowing new actors to play the character. Will and Grace, Sex and the City, and Dexter all resumed their stories with the same main characters. Hawaii Five-O, Magnum PI, One Day at a Time—the list goes on. So many studios are rebooting shows that Hulu even created a show to mock the trend of rebooting, called “Reboot,” about Hulu trying to reboot a past sitcom smash hit. [Read More](#)



The Roots of Shabbat NaShirah: A YouTube Playlist

Shabbat NaShirah, our sacred circle of Jewish prayer-song, is based on the music of several artists, including my own. I'm sharing with you a short playlist of two songs each by three artists whose music we sing a lot, with a little explanation of each below.

After [watching the playlist](#), I urge you to explore more music by these artists. [Read More](#)



You'll Never Walk Alone at TCS

According to Rabbi Akiva, the most important *mitzvah* (commandment) is *וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ* (*v'ahavta l'rei-echa kamocho*), to love your neighbor as yourself. [Read More](#)



This Friday Night at 7:00 pm

Shabbat Service in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

Join us for an inspiring service in which we honor the legacy of the Reverend Martin Luther King, including rousing songs of the Civil Rights movement. Remote and in-person services.

Following services, we will be watching a fascinating 50-minute film: Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent

In Berlin in the 1930's, the civil rights of Jews were systematically stripped away. A young rabbi named Joachim Prinz refused to be silent. The lessons learned by Rabbi Prinz from pre-war Germany became the foundation of his fight for civil rights for African Americans and his close association with Martin Luther King Jr. upon his arrival in the US. Rabbi Prinz became a leader of the civil rights movement and spoke at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, shortly before King's famous “I Have a Dream” speech.



[**Watch a Trailer of the Film**](#)

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For studios, rebooting makes sense. It is a way of taking a proven success and trying to reignite the excitement, especially if the circumstances that forced the original series to stop have changed. So I am excited to announce that I am trying my own reboot! COVID forced the cancellation of one of our most well-reviewed programs: "Tucci's Talks." Each month, we would gather at Bertucci's for stimulating conversation, great company, and a delicious lunch (those rolls!). Some months we would learn about a pressing issue in Jewish life; some months we would discuss current events; some months we took a more lighthearted approach. But whatever our topic, it was always wonderful to get together, to break bread (did I mention the rolls?), and to reconnect. (Some of you may remember that actually, the original "series" began in November of 2016 as "Cosi Conversations," meeting at Cosi in Mansfield Crossing, but we immediately outgrew that space, moving to Bertucci's in Brockton, which also wasn't big enough, before finding a better home in Mansfield, until March of 2020.) That opportunity was one of the many things COVID took from us.

"Tucci's Talks"

Join Rabbi Ken
1st Thursday of the Month
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Private Room

Bertucci's
BRICK OVEN PIZZA & PASTA

Mansfield Crossing

However, now that many people have started to feel comfortable gathering indoors again, I am delighted to reboot "Tucci's Talks!" As before, we will meet on the first Thursday of the month from 11:30-1:00, in the private room of the Bertucci's in Mansfield Crossing. Our first new "episode" was January 5. We began by ordering lunch, and our conversation commenced once the ordering was completed. If you have a particular topic you would like to learn about or want to discuss, please let me know. Together we will make this reboot just as successful as the original.

I hope to see you on Thursday, February 2nd!

T.O.R.C.H. Committee

The T.O.R.C.H. committee has been busy planning and executing a series of upcoming events. In the spirit of *tzedakah*, and in celebration of *Chanukah*, we arranged for several December events. On December 13th, the T.O.R.C.H. committee arranged to volunteer at My Brother's Keeper. On December 22nd we held our annual blood drive in collaboration with the Red Cross. The blood drive was held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the temple. Finally, extending the holiday spirit into January, the T.O.R.C.H. committee plans to hold a drive to donate diapers, baby formula, and other related items. Keep an eye out for more information.

The T.O.R.C.H. Committee is looking to take on two new projects this year as we plan events commemorating Black History Month in February as well as celebrating LGBTQ+ pride month in June. In commemoration of Black History Month, we are planning a discussion panel. In celebration of Pride month, we are still in the very early stages of planning. If anyone is interested in being part of the planning committee for either event, please contact [Adam Garber](#), T.O.R.C.H. Committee Chair.

As we get closer to the spring, we will begin to plan our annual spring *Mitzvah* Day event. Please be in touch with the T.O.R.C.H. Committee if you would like to be part of the planning for this event.

Finally, please remember to bring in donations for **Family Table**. We collect 30 cans each of tuna fish and vegetarian soup. The donation box is located in the lobby of the temple.

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 Comedy Night at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton

TCS will be having another exciting raffle in the new year; be on the lookout for all the details coming soon! And, the raffle drawing will take place at our exciting Comedy Night, featuring three top headliners!! We look forward to seeing you all there!

[More Information Here](#)



The Roots of *Shabbat NaShirah*: A YouTube Playlist

Bina's Niggun, by Joey Weisenberg

This is a happy and catchy *niggun* (wordless Jewish melody) that Joey wrote for his daughter. Joey Weisenberg is one of the two main figures in the style of music we do at *Shabbat NaShirah*. He has been based at *Hadar* in New York City, a synagogue and educational organization that has a very large internet presence. Joey is a major Jewish musical educator, and has founded the Rising Song Institute to spread his musical style and philosophy.

Zam'ru L'Adonai, by Yoel Sykes/Nava Tehilla

This beautiful setting from Psalm 98 in the *Kabbalat Shabbat*, Friday night service, is by Nava Tehilla, the other major figure in the development of the *Shabbat NaShirah* style of music. Nava Tehilla is a Reconstructionist shul in Jerusalem that pioneered many of the elements of our service: circular seating, repetitive settings based on a single short phrase, a blend of Chassidic and Middle Eastern musical influences. And they created and recorded so many outstanding pieces! Nava Tehilla originally had two main musical leaders, Dafna Rosenberg and Yoel Sykes. This one is by Yoel.

Lincoln's Niggun, by Joey Weisenberg

Another Joey Weisenberg piece, this one a classic Americana feel. It was written, and Joey uses it, for the last two verses of *L'cha Dodi*. He named the piece after Abraham Lincoln because of the very American feel, and because he had read that the Union army would split to the left and right when their commander-in-chief approached, echoing the first line of the 8th verse: "Break out of your confines, to the left and right."

Higale Na, by Shir Yaakov Feit

While Shir Yaakov Feit is not a formative figure in the development of this style of music, as Joey Weisenberg and Nava Tehilla are, he has written some wonderful and widely used melodies. *Higale Na* is a line from the beautiful poem of love between Israel and God, *Yedid Nefesh*.

Oseh Shalom, by Nava Tehilla

If you had to choose one piece of music as the breakout prayer-song of the style, and certainly the one that put Nava Tehilla on the map, it would be Yoel Sykes's *Oseh Shalom*. It is still a crowd pleaser.

Vahasheivota (Aleinu), by Shir Yaakov Feit

The upbeat, catchy setting of a few lines from the long *Aleinu* prayer, put Shir Yaakov Feit on the map as a force in Jewish music. It combines call-and-response, an uplifting original melody, and a fresh re-framing of the familiar "v'ne'emar" ending to *Aleinu*.



February 3rd 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).

We hope you can join us for a Potluck Dinner following the *Shabbat NaShirah* service. Please remember that dishes should be free of meat, chicken, shellfish, and all nuts. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share.

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: **a link will be in your weekly email.**

You'll Never Walk Alone at TCS

In addition, we are taught כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה (*Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Baze*), which means that all Israel is responsible for each other. As we emerge from the Covid pandemic and know the pressure on mental health that our families face, supporting our children in SULAM and Gesher in their social and emotional learning is one of our primary goals. Whether discussing the actions and feelings of our Biblical ancestors each week at *Ta-am Torah* (a Taste of Torah - our opening morning gathering at SULAM), breaking bread together at Gesher on Wednesday nights, or checking in with each other, being in community provides a powerful antidote for our children and teens to being alone.

Rabbi Mark Washofsky, a professor of Rabbinics and Talmud at HUC (Hebrew Union College) in Cincinnati, writes in his book *Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice*:

We live today in a time of intense individualism. Not only do we bowl alone [a reference to Robert Putnam's book *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*], but we listen to our own playlist of music and read our own individualized news feeds. This intense individualism can lead us to forget that we are part of a larger community. Yet the weight of Jewish tradition points towards seeing ourselves as part of a larger whole.

I once had the opportunity to officiate at the funeral of a man who had been killed by a car in a pedestrian accident. He suffered from mental illness and bouts of temper and he lived a pretty solitary existence, despite being one of four children. I was familiar with the family because I had officiated at the funeral of their mother a few years earlier. For her service, the family had asked me to sing, "You'll Never Walk Alone" from the musical *Carousel*. It was a sad juxtaposition to accompany this family as they buried their brother and son, in contrast to the loss of their mother. He was a troubled soul who largely did walk alone.

The words to the song, so beautifully articulated by lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein II, are powerful in their message:

When you walk through a storm,
Hold your head up high.
And, don't be afraid of the dark.
At the end of a storm,
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown.

Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And, you'll never walk alone.
You'll never walk alone.

In our Temple Chayai Shalom family at SULAM and Gesher, we can be the light at the end of the storm. If you are sick, if you've suffered a personal or a professional setback, if there has been a death in your family, we are here for you, just as we are when there is cause for celebration. As Jews, there are prayers that we can only say with a *minyan* (a group of ten people over the age of *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*). We know, inherently, the power of community to lift up and support one another.

In a November 2019 article in *Prevention* magazine titled "Loneliness Is the Quiet Health Epidemic Impacting Your Heart, Brain, and Longevity," author Jennifer Wolff reports that "loneliness is considered more dangerous than smoking 15 cigarettes a day and deadlier than obesity." Social connection and the ability to meet new people cycle at different points in our lives through school, through work, through our families, and through our faith community. The article concludes with six suggestions for ways to feel less lonely, including looking up old friends, talking to strangers, practicing gratitude, taking a class, and volunteering.

You can do all of those things at Temple Chayai Shalom! I encourage you to pick at least one to try in the coming months, whether it is attending a service or a Family Education program, joining the Education Committee or bringing food for an *oneg*. When you do, I can promise, "you'll never walk alone."

L'shalom / toward peace,
Jeri Robins

Sisterhood News...Save the Dates



Rabbi Sally Priesand Presentation: Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 pm

Did you know that 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of the first female ordained rabbi in the United States? Come celebrate with us as Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, America's first female rabbi, shares her story, as well as the story of Regina Jonas, who was ordained and served as a rabbi in Berlin in the 1930's and 40's. We will have time for questions and answers and conversation after the presentation. Rabbi Priesand will be joining us by Zoom. We invite you to join us at TCS for a watch party for this event, or to join the Zoom directly. [RSVP to tcssisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:tcssisterhood@gmail.com) by

Sunday, January 14th to let us know if you are able to participate in this exciting presentation. We will share the Zoom link as the date approaches. This event is sponsored by the Temple Chayai Shalom Sisterhood and is open to the entire community.

Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, America's first female rabbi, was ordained on June 3, 1972, by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon ordination, Rabbi Priesand served for 7 years at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City; she led congregations in New Jersey from 1979 until her retirement in 2006. She is committed to all things Jewish, to the cause of justice and peace, to equal opportunity for women, to the needs of the hungry and the homeless, and to the survival of Israel as reflected in her many organizational affiliations. Rabbi Priesand is the author of *Judaism and the New Woman* and a contributor to *Women Rabbis: Exploration and Celebration*. In 1993, she received the "Woman Who Dares Award" from the National Council of Jewish Women in celebration of its centennial. In 1997, her colleagues bestowed upon her Honorary Membership in the Central Conference of American Rabbis. In 2010, in honor of its 125th anniversary, *Good Housekeeping Magazine* named her one of 125 women who changed our lives and our world.



Cooking Lesson with Avi Shemtov of Chubby Chickpea: Thursday, February 2nd on Zoom, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Avi will teach us via Zoom a 30-minute meal that will wow. Attendees will get an ingredients list ahead of the event. We only have 10 spots reserved for this lesson at a cost of \$10 per person. If the demand for this event is more than 10 people, we will investigate booking more spots. Invitations will be sent as we get closer to this event.

Sisterhood Shabbat and Oneg: Friday, March 3rd

Sisterhood Game Day and Cookie/Hamantaschen Swap: Sunday, March 5th

Keep your eyes open for information about *Purim* bags!

Sisterhood Board Meetings: 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15 and 6/19

We've changed our monthly board meeting from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Monday of the month. If you have any questions or suggestions email us at tcssisterhood@gmail.com.



TCS Shoveltown 5K on Sunday, March 26th at 9:00 am



TCS Race Committee is excitedly planning and advertising for our 2023 road race. We are reaching out to past sponsors to ask for their continued support and are asking temple members to refer any new businesses that may want to sponsor our race. Here is list of last year's sponsors: Electrical Wholesalers, Inc-New England, Bracks Grill and Tap, Elliott Physical Therapy, Kempner Electric, LLC, Maplewood Country Day Camp, MG Enterprises Auto Service and Repair, E & T Construction, Central Auto Sales Team,

Halvorsen Orthodontics, Mercury International Trading Corporation, Red Ball Promotions, Deacon Plumbing and Heating Co. Inc., Inspired Technology and Communications, Weiss Sheet Metal Inc., Bank of Easton, Hingham Medical Aesthetics, Shovel Town Brewery, Audio Video Intelligence, Fernandes Lumber, Brown Chiropractic Center, Easton Country Club, Functional Fitness and Physical Therapy, LLC, Everwood Day Camp, Evolution Sport Performance, Keach Reality Group, Shoe City Auto Sales, Maguire's Bar and Grill, Mario's Quality Roofing, Siding and Windows, America's Best Defense Mansfield, and Be Inspired Counseling.

Thank you again to TCS Members that volunteer every year to help on race day. Your help is tremendous. We couldn't do this event without you! Please consider joining our race committee if you would like to help more!

[Please email Adam Kempner](mailto:adam.kempner@tcshome.org) with new sponsor contact information or if you want to join race committee.





Join us on the following Sundays for an exploration of Jewish topics through music, games, movement, and crafts. Young children make friends and have fun while exploring Jewish holidays and Bible stories.

January 22nd: Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors

February 12th: Ten Good Rules

March 26th: Preparing for *Passover*

May 7th: A Party to Celebrate Israel's 75th Birthday

\$20 per session per family

Parents are welcome to stay or drop off their children.

[Click here](#) to register.

Questions? Contact [Jeri Robins](#) Director of Education.

All families with kids ages 3 to 5 are invited!
9:00 am to 10:30 am at TCS
(Temple Chayai Shalom membership is not required.)



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Friday, January 20th
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featuring the Rockin' Shabbat Band!



Temple Chayai Shalom

Temple Chayai Shalom's 13th Annual Team Trivia Night and Dinner

**Saturday, February 4th
7:00 pm at TCS**

Bring your brain AND your stomach! Put together your own team of four, or we'll help place you with other couples or singles, and compete by answering questions in various categories including current events, sports, entertainment and more! Prizes for the winning team!

Entry fee for Brotherhood members is \$20/person or \$36/couple.

For non-members it is \$26/person or \$44/couple.

Your entry covers Dinner and the game.

We ask that each competitor bring either a non-alcoholic drink, dessert or appetizer.

You are also allowed to bring alcoholic beverages for your own table.

This event is hosted by the TCS Brotherhood
AND is open to all members of the congregation.

Detach the portion below & return with your entry fee by Friday January 27th to:
Temple Chayai Shalom, attn: Trivia Night, 239 Depot Street, South Easton, MA 02375

Temple Chayai Shalom Trivia Night & Potluck Dinner
Saturday, February 4th - 7:00 pm at TCS

You may use this form to register up to 4 people. If you do not have a specific group of 4, check here ____ and we will be happy to place you with other members to form a team.

Name	Phone	Bringing (Circle One)
_____	_____	DRINKS APPETIZER DESSERT
_____	_____	DRINKS APPETIZER DESSERT
_____	_____	DRINKS APPETIZER DESSERT
_____	_____	DRINKS APPETIZER DESSERT

Contact Email: _____

Number of Bridge Tables you can bring: _____

Total Brotherhood Entrants @ \$20: ____ Total Brotherhood Couples @ \$36: ____ = \$ ____
Total Non-Brotherhood Entrants @ \$26: ____ Total Non-Brotherhood Couples @ \$44: ____ = \$ ____

Enclosed Check payable to TEMPLE CHAYAI SHALOM BROTHERHOOD

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST!

January 19, 2023

David Rothberg

* Follow [The Jewish Voice Facebook Page](#)

David Rothberg will appear on The Jewish Voice, Thursday, January 19th, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are attending the Sisterhood event at that time, which we hope you are, you can view the interview with David at a later date on the [FaceBook page of The Jewish Voice](#).

The Jewish Voice is a Zoom to Facebook interview that started in 2021. It was created to spend some time with Jewish musicians from around the world and get to know them and share some of their music.

Families with Young Children...



Save the date for a *Tu bi-Sh'vat* Celebration
February 5th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us for a special snack, music, a story, and crafts, including seed planting. Watch for more information.





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Enjoy Shabbat dinner at TCS! Join us in celebration of family and community at our revamped Tot Shabbat. Rabbi Ken, Cantorial Soloist David Rothberg, and special guest Maya Emerson-White will lead kids in songs, stories, crafts, and a Shabbat candle-lighting. Be sure to invite your friends and family.

Come As You Are – Open To All

For more information, please email Rabbi Ken at rabbiken@templechayaishalom.org or call 508-238-6385.

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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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