



Temple Chayai Shalom



Speak Up!

Every year, as we sit at our Passover seders, we attempt to make the ancient master story of the Jewish people come alive in our own day. One way involves recognizing that Passover inspires much of the Jewish impulse for advocacy. Repeatedly, when the Torah commands us to speak up on behalf of those who are powerless or oppressed, we are exhorted, “Remember that you were a slave in Egypt.” Once, you suffered in bondage, with no one who would advocate on your behalf; now that you have power, use it to repair the broken places of the world. We have the right and the responsibility to call for change. [Read More](#)



“Your people are my people”: The Link between the Book of Ruth, *Shavuot* and Confirmation

Ruth said, “Don’t urge me to leave you, to turn back from following you, because where you go, I will go; where you live, I will live; your people are my people and your God is my God.” – Ruth 1:16

On the festival of *Shavuot*, we have two perhaps unexpected links: one to the Book of Ruth, which is traditionally read on the holiday; and one to Confirmation, the Reform movement’s post-*b’nai mitzvah* ceremony of commitment to Judaism, which is also placed on the holiday. What is the nature of the link between these? [Read More](#)



Another Successful Year in TCS’ Learning Programs

We are now rounding the bend on another successful year in SULAM and Gesher. How do I define success? Students who eagerly participate and know the answers to many of our questions about the Torah, holidays, and Jewish traditions. Teachers who create engaging lessons and think creatively about new ways to present the curriculum. Families who attend our programs and share with us that they made a friend or used our resource materials. [Read More](#)



This Saturday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm

This year we decided to do something a little less crazy but still something that can earn the temple a considerable amount of money. This is crucial to keep our expenses and ultimately dues down for us all. In the end that is what our fundraising is always for; it is to ensure as a community we do not have to pay any further costs. So, I ask one simple favor. Please go out and let your friends and families know about this fundraiser. We still have not broken even! This is the easiest fundraiser we do; all it takes is a few conversations and some social media posts. Can we please count on you and your family?

You may be asking yourself: “Can I really make a difference?” The answer is a resounding yes! If every temple family simply went out and

sold two tickets for the raffle and two for the comedy show, we would sell out almost immediately. Selling out, equates to nearly \$15,000 in profit to the temple! That is a lot of gelt!! This year we are only selling at \$60 each with just 250 total tickets to be sold. Someone is going to win \$5,000 and they could be someone you know!!!

Head to winthis.org and buy your own tickets and ask others to do the same. As a community I know we can do this. All you have to do now is to please tell someone else about this great fundraiser and ask them to support this even greater community.

Thank you,
David Jellenik, Raffle Chair

All are welcome
to join us for
**TCS
MITZVAH DAY**
SPONSORED BY TORCH

Sunday, May 7th
11:30am - 1:00pm

239 Depot Street • Easton



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

Programs start at 10:30 am with inspiration and songs from Rabbi Ken and David.
Join us in the following fun and easy tasks that will provide so much help to our neighbors in need.

This Weekend!!

NEW THIS YEAR!

**We will have the My Brother's Keeper
Donation Drive.**

**Visit TCS on any of the following days/times to
drop off your items.**

Friday, May 5th • 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday, May 6th • 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Sunday, May 7th • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

New or gently used items to be donated:

- Household linens (sheets, blankets, and comforters, sizes crib to queen)
- Personal hygiene (please no trial sizes or jumbo/wholesale sizes)
- Cleaning products (detergents, sponges, & disinfecting wipes)
- Baby items (diapers and wipes)

Activities at TCS this Sunday, May 7th

- Fill and decorate beautiful flower pots for our friends at the Residence of Five Corners.
- Pack up lunches for Father Bill's & MainSpring to help feed the homeless population in our area.
- Help assemble soup-in-a-bag for those in the Ukraine.
- Our annual Lemonade Stand will be raising money to donate to Boston Children's Hospital.

Activities in our Community:

- Spend some time with the wonderful residents of The Residence of Five Corners. Share stories, play games, and enjoy some snacks while making new friends.
- Come help put food on the shelves, sort, and organize at the Mansfield Food Pantry. Children 1st grade and over are welcome to attend with a parent.
(For children under 12, there must be one adult per child.)

[Space is limited for the above two activities: please sign up here!](#)

For more information contact [Adam Garber](#)

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with those in need!



T.O.R.C.H. Committee

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.



Sorry, no hard goods like small household items, toys, books, etc. for this drive.
Contact [Sandy Newfield](#) if you have questions.
You can drop items at TCS.

**HELP US RAISE FUNDS
BY DONATING
CLOTHES, SHOES & MORE!**



and will benefit:



Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children

"Tucci's Talky"

Join Rabbi Ken
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Private Room

Bertucci's
BRICK OVEN PIZZA & PASTA
Mansfield Crossing

Thursdays, May 4th and June 1st

Join Rabbi Ken for informal learning over lunch at Bertucci's in Mansfield Crossing. Each session is organized around a theme – something in the news or relevant on the Jewish calendar.

Brotherhood & Sisterhood Bowling Event

Spouses/significant others are welcome



Date: Sunday
05/21/2023
Time: 1:00pm
Westgate Lanes
Pub & Grill
65 Westgate Dr.
Brockton, MA 02301

\$20 per person includes: 2 strings of bowling, shoes, pizza, salad, and soda. Cash bar available.

RSVP by May 15th

Include names of those attending.

Pay Here or send a check payable to TCS c/o Bowling Event

Friday, May 12th at 6:30 pm**Please Note:**

Saturday, May 6th, *Havdalah* at 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 13th, *Havdalah* at 5:45 pm

Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:00 pm
Congregational Meeting

Friday, May 19th, at 5:45 pm
Tot *Shabbat*

Friday, May 19th, at 7:30 pm
Shabbat Service with Board Installation
and Volunteer Appreciation

**Friday, June 2nd, 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!

Speak Up (con't.)

Unlike in ancient Egypt, in America one of our great sources of power is our ability to petition the government. We can meet with our elected representatives and encourage them to take particular actions. We can inform them of our perspective on issues and urge them to vote a certain way. Especially on matters of social justice, Jewish tradition calls on us to speak up to repair the world.

At the end of February, seven of our high school students participated in the *L'Taken* Social Justice Seminar. *L'Taken* (the verb form of “*tikun olam*,” meaning “to repair the world”) is organized by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, DC. For 3 days, our students joined with over 400 other high schoolers from around the country, learning how Jewish values apply to contemporary social justice issues, exploring Washington, and socializing with their peers. The culmination of the weekend involved going to Capitol Hill to meet with staff members for our Senators and Representatives. Students worked together to prepare speeches to lobby congresspeople on an issue of personal concern. Watching these young adults take ownership of Jewish teachings, apply them to social policy challenges, and passionately advocate for their perspectives, was truly inspirational. Even beyond the specifics of their talks, they learned that they have the ability and the responsibility to speak up for what they believe. In the hopes that their words will remind the rest of us of that message as well, I'm honored to share their talks here:

(Shawn Kaufman, Dante Spivak, Solomon Zive, and Teddy Donnellan presented to a staff member of Senator Elizabeth Warren and to a staff member of Representative Jake Auchincloss)

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with us today. We are in Washington with hundreds of other teens from the Reform Jewish movement to participate in the *L'Taken* seminar, an intensive four-day program, focused on Jewish values and social justice, sponsored by the Religious Action Center, the RAC. The RAC is the legislative office of the Union for Reform Judaism, whose nearly 850 congregations across North America encompass 1.8 million Reform Jews, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose membership includes over 2000 Reform rabbis.

As we sit in class each day, questions flood our minds like “What’s for lunch? How much homework do I have? Where can I hide? How can I escape? What can I use as a weapon?” The latter few are not just bored intrusions, but questions that need to be answered. As students in America these are questions that need to be asked because it feels like every day we hear about another mass shooting: in schools, stores, parks, places of worship, to sadly name a few. According to the gun violence archive, there were 647 mass shootings last year. 647. Nearly two a day. In 2021, 49,000 Americans died from gun violence. On the news, their names fade into the background because the American public has become desensitized to these senseless acts of violence. Why should we care if shootings happen every day? If shootings have become as American as baseball and apple pie? It might be easy to resign into hopelessness, to accept that any action is futile, but it is not right. We have to fight with our greatest tool: legislation. Legislation that will require federal background checks so that people with malicious intent cannot acquire the means to cause harm. Legislation that will ban assault weapons because no citizen needs weapons of that power. Legislation that will help to end gun violence and start a new future for all Americans.

I never met my grandfather. In 1980, Leslie Allen Zive was murdered when my father was only seven. My grandfather owned and operated a pharmacy in Easthampton, Massachusetts, that was robbed. He was murdered by the robber who was able to get his hands on a gun that was illegally acquired. Because of this personal experience in my family's history, I have never experienced what every human should be able to experience and that is a grandfather to go to and ask for support when I need advice. I will never be able to light the menorah with him or share a Passover *seder* with him. Everybody should be able to experience the love of their grandfather, but I will not because a man was able to illegally obtain a gun and caused violence. Due to this tragedy in my father's life, we have always taken guns very seriously and will always advocate for tightening gun laws. As I get older, I worry for one day when I have children of my own that history will repeat itself, and I will lose my life to gun violence because there was no change in the legislation that would have been able to prevent life changing and tragic moments in someone's life.

This is a personal issue to all of us as Jews. During our Saturday morning *shabbat* service we heard from Rabbi Cytron-Walker and his experience with gun violence. On January 15th, 2022, the Jewish community held their breath as Rabbi Cytron-Walker and three other members of the Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, TX were held hostage for eleven hours as a man held them at gunpoint demanding the freedom of a convicted terrorist. Very fortunately, everyone got out without a shot being fired, but during the speech, he argued how “The fact this man could come from London, into the United States, then Texas, with the least of his problems being how to get a hold of a gun, is a crisis.” Although for me this isn't a first-hand experience, being part of a Jewish congregation myself, it creates frustration and fear because not only do I now have to question my protection in a school, but at this moment, the very place I seek worship and safety, my temple. This “crisis,” as Rabbi Cytron-Walker calls it, has been happening in other parts of the nation; Pittsburgh, PA, 2018, shooting in the *Or L'Simcha* congregation, eleven killed; San Diego, CA, Poway Congregation, one killed and three injured. I fear that my congregation could end up on a list like this at any given time. As our faith teaches in Leviticus, “Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed”. Our neighbor's blood is being shed every day and we must not stand idly by. We must act. We must create change.

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Speak Up (con't.)

Because of the information presented today and how I view my own safety as a student, I find it necessary to create change in my country.

- We appreciate Senator Warren's support for reinstating the Assault Weapons Ban (S. 25), which was reintroduced by Senator Feinstein in January. This bill would ban the sale of any assault rifles. If the bill is put in effect, it will forbid the importation, sale, trade, and possession of semiautomatic weapons on large capacity ammunition feeding devices. Buyback programs would be established and background checks would be mandatory for sale and transfers of assault weapons grandfathered in. These weapons have more downside than upside. They have no practical use for a citizen. We thank you for your time and the Senator's continued support.
- We appreciate Representative Auchincloss' support for the bipartisan background checks act (H.R. 715), which was reintroduced by representative Brian Fitzpatrick on February 1. This bill would require federal background checks for the sale or transfer of all firearms. This will also include exceptions of temporary possession of a firearm for events that include self-defense, transferring to law enforcement, temporarily providing guns for sporting events, and transferring a firearm as part of inheritance. Without background checks gun violence has a greater ability to spread throughout the country. This bill is necessary to curb gun violence and for the prosperity of all America. Thank you for your time and the Representative's continued support.

(Zoe Colchamiro, Maya Dancey, and Jillian Hanley presented to a staff member of Senator Edward Markey and to a staff member of Representative Jake Auchincloss)

Thank you so much for meeting with us today. We are here from Temple *Chayai Shalom* in Easton, Massachusetts to talk to you about the importance of mental healthcare.

Seth (name changed for privacy) became my friend in sixth grade. We stayed up on FaceTime, listening to music, laughing, and talking about the recent drama that sixth graders talk about. Through junior year, we would exchange hellos in the hallway, occasional lunch dates, and small talk throughout the day.

Walking into school on December 3rd, 2021, I never expected my relationship with Seth to change. The talk began in math class. "Seth was just in the hall screaming;" "Seth slammed into a snow bank in the middle of the night;" "Seth just gave me a hug and told me how much he loved me;" "Seth just came into my class last period and got kicked out." These words hurt. Throughout my time knowing Seth, I knew his anger and hurt that he felt within and especially about the school system. The whole school soon found out that Seth was under a very high dose of substance and experiencing a psychosis: a period where people may become paranoid, delusional, and perceive situations differently. His car accident that night was not an accident. The combination of substances and his anger for life led to his immediate removal from school and placement into a mental hospital for the next two months. Those in school and close to him were unsure of how to help and provide support.

After returning to school, he faced two months of makeup work, lack of understanding from teachers, judgment from most students, and just lack of support in general. Although my school has procedures in place to help students come back to school and multiple psychologists and counselors, they still failed to help Seth adjust to this thing that made him so angry in the first place: school. This lack of support and continued struggle has led Seth back to a mental hospital twice, continued challenges with substance abuse, and a possibility of not being able to graduate alongside me this year. Seeing one who I have grown up with, struggled with, and someone I connected deeply with about our frustration for the education system, end up in a place where he felt so helpless, was heartbreaking.

My story begins in 7th grade. Life began to get hard. School was harder. Connecting with others was even harder. One day, I was randomly chosen to speak with a guidance counselor after class. It was in that small office with no windows that I sat for the next two hours. Crying my heart out to a woman I had never met before, telling her my fears and frustrations. This conversation led to me getting a therapist and a long road of struggle with depression. Since that day, I have continued to struggle waking up each day with any bit of excitement. When I look back to that moment, I am appreciative of not only being randomly chosen, but the accessibility I had to speak to someone and the comfort I felt by this counselor.

As one who is not afraid to reach out and ask for support, I have built a strong relationship with my school counselor in high school. I am extremely grateful for her support and her guidance with struggles that I have faced in school. However, I am just one person. I am one of the few who found this strong support and strong connection. Many struggle to even remember their counselor's name. Many have never been to their office. Many are afraid of the consequences that may result in them asking for help or support.

So many teens and young children do not have this access to a safe space, a safe person, or a place to escape throughout the day. This is not okay.

Despite the fact that mental health is equally as important as physical health, it is often stigmatized and viewed as less important. Each year, millions of Americans, young and old, are affected by mental illnesses. It has become more prevalent since the Covid-19 pandemic began. One in six youths aged 6-17 experience a serious mental health disorder each year. It is deeply disturbing to come to understand that a 6 year old could be struggling so immensely, and not have the ability to display their feelings or gain access to help to get better. Almost 80% of children and adolescents with any type of mental health diagnosis have unmet mental health needs.

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Speak Up (con't.)

Even though mental illness affects people of all ages and backgrounds, schools are in a unique position to help provide mental health services for young people. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has stated that “schools are particularly critical in identifying and supporting students with mental health issues.” Although many teens are unable to receive care, 0-80% of students who do receive mental health services are only able to access these services from their schools.

Unfortunately, many schools lack both the resources and the training to identify and treat mental health problems among their students. 90% of public schools fail to meet professional staffing requirements for counselors, social workers, nurses, and psychologists.

In Judaism, we pray both for physical health and mental health. Through the prayers we have grown up reciting, such as the *Mi Sheh-beirach*, a prayer for healing, and the teachings of the Torah, we have learned to value both mental and physical health. Countless times have we recited the words “a healing of the body and spirit.” This lesson, which is immensely important to our lives as Jews, is continuously introduced in Jewish texts, as the topic of mental health is prominent in many Jewish stories we read in the Bible, from Kings Saul and David, to people like Jonah. As we learn about the biblical characters' experiences, we can relate their situations to ourselves, to our own experiences, and recognize that these negative emotions are a part of everyone. As Reform Jews we believe it is our job to ensure that whenever we see people struggling, whether we know them or not, we support them and get them help. Treatment for mental health is just as important as treatment for physical health.

The Mental Health Services for Students Act (H.R. 721 / S.1841 in the 117th Congress), would improve mental health care services in public schools by providing \$200 million in grant funding per year for five years to expand the Project Advancing Wellness and Resilience Education program. This legislation would allow the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to award individual grants of up to \$2 million to allow schools to partner with community mental health professionals to provide on-site care, train school personnel to recognize mental and behavioral health issues, facilitate community partnerships to improve mental health education, and establish mechanisms for students to report incidents or plans of violence by other students, adolescents, or adults.

Mental illness, which so many teens face today, is a struggle that can lead to death. That is serious. We need to bring resources to everyone. I am angry that someone like me who struggles with mental illness does not have the support that I have had. I am angry that my friend Seth has not had the support he has needed in school. I am angry that my friends in other towns do not have enough counselors or easy accessibility to see one or get help.

- We urge Senator Markey to cosponsor the Mental Health Services for Students Act (S.1841 in the 117th Congress when it is reintroduced in the 118th Congress.
- We thank Representative Auchincloss for voting for the Mental Health Services for Students Act, (H.R. 721 in the 117th Congress), and we urge him to support the bill again when it is reintroduced in the 118th Congress. Thank you again for speaking with us. We really appreciate your time.

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The committee for the Rabbi Levenson/Sol Krumins Youth Scholarship Funds is pleased to announce that Zoe Colchamiro is the latest recipient of a scholarship for participation in a summer Israel experience!

Zoe Colchamiro, daughter of Rachel and Dan Colchamiro, plans to participate in the BBYO Israel Journey this summer. Zoe is currently in 10th grade. She has long been active at TCS. She is currently in our Confirmation class and participates in TeCSY.

Zoe's application includes the following: “Last summer I went to Jewish overnight camp for the first time, and I was really sad when it was over because I loved living and spending so much time with other Jewish teens. I am really excited to go to Israel because I can spend time with lots of other Jewish youth who share my love of travel and exploration, while learning more about Judaism and the culture in Israel. From this trip, I hope to expand my knowledge of Israel and its history, while making many more memories with other Jewish teens.” TCS wishes her a memorable experience!!

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.

Donations to the fund are always welcome. [Applications for grants are available on the temple website.](#)

“Your people are my people”

Shavuot is the festival of the Jewish people’s receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. According to tradition, on the first day of Passover we left Egypt in the Exodus; on the seventh day of Passover, the *chag* (festival) at the end of Passover, we had the miracle of the splitting of the Red Sea; seven weeks after the beginning of Passover, on the festival of *Shavuot*, we have the revelation at Mount Sinai, where we receive the Ten Commandments and much of the Torah.

The Reform movement placed Confirmation on *Shavuot* to represent the idea that young adults, a bit older than the age of *b’nai mitzvah*, are choosing to accept Judaism, and thus the Torah, just as their ancestors chose to accept Torah at Mount Sinai. (How free a choice this was for the generation of the Exodus is a matter of dispute in Jewish tradition. We hope that it’s a more purely free choice for our young adults today.)

The link between the Book of Ruth and *Shavuot* is multifaceted, but the strongest link is Ruth’s choosing to leave her own people, the Moabites, and follow her mother-in-law, Naomi, to Israel, saying, “Your people are my people; your God is my God.” (Ruth 1:16) She did so even though the prospects were uncertain and, most likely, poor. The Rabbis of our tradition took this to be a conversion to Judaism, and while there was no such thing as formal conversion at that time, in the context of the time, they weren’t wrong. So just as the Israelites and our Confirmands accept Torah on *Shavuot*, so did Ruth.

I’ve written a song called “*Ameich Ami*,” which means “your people are my people,” that lays out these links. Our Confirmands sing it on *Shavuot* as part of their Confirmation ceremony. [Listen Here](#)

Ameich Ami

By David Rothberg

Hebrew text from Ruth 1:16

Ameich ami, Veilohayich Elohai

Your people are mine

Your God is my God

I stand before my community

To confirm this day:

Ameich ami

On this day, we relive our history

We stand at Mount Sinai, the Torah to receive

We have made our choice, with our people we will stand

Like Naomi and Ruth, we go forward hand in hand

Ameich ami, Veilohayich Elohai

Your people are mine

Your God is my God

I stand before my community

To confirm this day:

Ameich ami

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha’olam

Shehecheiyanu, v’kiyemanu, v’higi’anu lazman hazeh.

We confirm this day:

Ameich Ami

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Celebrate Shavuot at TCS
Come celebrate the Confirmation of our
TCS tenth-graders.

Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 pm

The Confirmation class will lead the service, including a Torah reading of the Ten Commandments to commemorate receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai. Our whole community rejoices in their commitment and accomplishments!

Another Successful Year (con't.)

Our Young Families programming included our second trip to Ward's Berry Farm to celebrate *Sukkot*; a mobile planetarium in December to "Light Up the Darkness" around *Chanukah*, the Festival of Lights; a family *Seder* for *TU Bi-Sh'vat*; and a "Magic of Passover" program featuring a performance by balloon artist and magician Jungle Jim. For the first time in three years, we've run Young Explorers, led by our own TCS member Aileen Newton. I am very grateful for her stewardship of this program.

Several of our high school students attended *L'Taken* (to repair) with Rabbi Ken; *L'Taken* is a program run through the Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement and it prepares students to advocate for important issues with congresspeople and other influential stakeholders. It was a pleasure to see video of their presentations and to beam with pride at how poised and articulate they are. Our teen programming is among the gems of our religious education and we really encourage our teens to stay involved, whether formally through Confirmation and Teen Oasis or informally with TeCSY, our youth group.

Looking ahead, I will be spending a part of the summer in Israel, studying at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies as part of Cohort 3 of the [Senior Educator Learning Fellowship](#). I did not have an Israel experience when I was getting my Master's in Jewish Education in cantorial school, so I am particularly grateful for this chance to study in an immersive setting. The program begins with a *Shabbaton* outside of Jerusalem and then we will have three weeks of studying together. Throughout the coming school year, I will participate in remote monthly meetings with the cohort, culminating with an in-person *siyyum* (concluding ritual) in May, when we will all gather together again.

The program includes a framework called *Mahloket Matters*. A *mahloket* is a principled debate that provides a context for how people interact with each other and with texts, ensuring that different voices and opinions can be heard. One exciting element of the learning is bringing it home and, as part of the fellowship, Temple Chayai Shalom will receive up to \$2,000 in seed money to fund a project that grows out of this opportunity. I look forward to sharing more about it with you when I return.

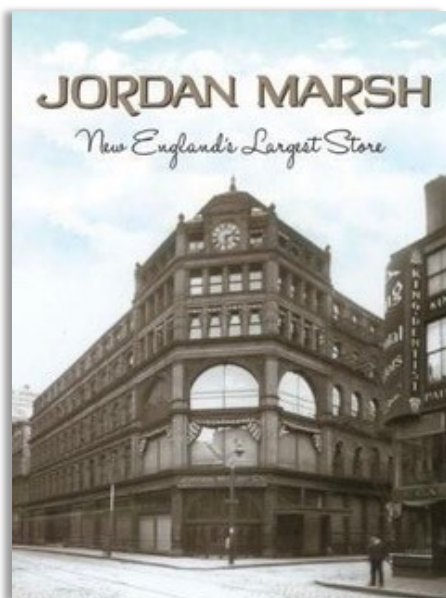


In this final bulletin article of this programming year, I want to express my appreciation to the teachers, Tammi Kassler, Karen Swartz, Julie Howard, Shari Spillane, and Ann Slovin for your dedication and commitment to our students. I also want to thank the members of the Education Committee, led by Alycia Dancey for the last three years. Finally, I want to acknowledge my colleagues on the staff, Rabbi Ken, David, Meryl, and Denise for your part in lightening the load.

May 21st is the last day of SULAM for the year. Registration for next year is now open and we encourage you to register your students as soon as possible. There are discounts on the registration fee by completing the process sooner rather than later. Please let me know if you have any questions and be sure to share the information with friends for whom TCS and SULAM could be a good fit! Wishing you a wonderful end to the school year!

Jeri

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A Historical Presentation on Jordan Marsh

Join us at Temple Chayai Shalom for a historical presentation on Boston's major department store, Jordan Marsh, by Steve Braidman, former Vice President and General Manager of Jordan Marsh Boston.

Sample the famous Jordan's blueberry muffins as you enjoy a discussion of this local historical landmark and reconnect with members of Senior *Chai* and the TCS community.

Watch for
Date & Time

General Giving Fund

Ruth Albert, in memory of Roger Jellenik
 Norm & Sharlene Azer, in memory of Peter Azer
 Norm & Sharlene Azer, in memory of Isadore Azer
 Craig & Elaine Barger, in memory of Roger Jellenik,
 father & father-in-law of David & Rhonda Jellenik
 Maxine Bloom, in memory of her father, Benjamin Clayman
 Maxine Bloom, in memory of her husband, Maurice Sonny Bloom
 Craig & Elaine Barger, in memory of Marilyn Hoffman, mother of Elissa Cohen
 Steve & Becky Braidman, in appreciation of *Mishloach Manot* from Chuck Reingold,
 Ruth Albert, the Bornsteins, Joni & Ross Mayer, Marjorie & Gary Fradin,
 David & Libby Reichman, Nancy Methelis, and Teresa & Adam Kempner
 Jane Dunlap, in memory of David Jellenik's father, Roger Jellenik
 Marjorie & Gary Fradin, in memory of Roger Jellenik
 Barry & Suzi Grunin, in memory of Roger Jellenik
 Stephen & Susan Kohn, in memory of Bob Hicks
 Ben & Denise Kravitz, in memory of Hal Goldman
 Ben & Denise Kravitz, wishing Marcia Hicks a speedy recovery
 Myra Lapides, in memory of Roger Jellenik
 Myra Lapides, in memory of Hannah Thomas' father, Ralph Goldberg
 Martin & Adele Miller, in loving memory of our beloved daughter, Lisa R. Vinocoor
 Jane & Justin Nash, in memory of Bob Hicks
 Donation from Network for Good
 Sara & Josh Parker, in memory of Marilyn Hoffman
 Tom & Nancy Peel, in memory of Roger Jellenik
 Ritland Family, thank you to the Brotherhood for sponsoring the *Purim* Carnival
 Rona & Richard Slotnick, in memory of Rona's beloved mother, Esther Goldman, and Richard's beloved father, Samuel Slotnick
 Marci & Josh Slovin, in memory of Bob Hicks
 Terry Starr Klein, in memory of Dr. Stuart Klein
 Terry Starr Klein, in memory of June Starr-Eden
 Cindy & John Thomas, in memory of Hannah Thomas' father
 Marty & Kathy Weiner, in memory of Roger Jellenik
 Marty & Kathy Weiner, in memory of Marilyn Hoffman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Elissa Cohen, and Jimmy & Steven Hoffman, in appreciation of Marilyn Hoffman's beautiful funeral service
 Myra Lapides, in memory of her sister, Isabelle Camenson
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