# Connections

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# Heritage & Heirlooms:

Personal Keepsakes of the Temple Chaverim Family

Our premier art exhibit, "Impressions of Israel" debuted in May and is already a traveling exhibit! Our next stop will be at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library in February, 2012. It was such a huge success that we are ready to create a new show – everyone at Temple Chaverim is invited to participate.

This spring, the Communications Committee presents "Heritage & Heirlooms: Personal Keepsakes of the Temple Chaverim Family." Every family has a story that is unique to its own family history. Often, there is an object that symbolizes that special story. There might be a vintage photograph from the old country, a Chanukah menorah or other precious item that has been passed down and treasured throughout the years. That beautiful piece of jewelry that belonged to your great-grandmother, an antique doll or toy that was cherished by many of your relatives when they were young or candlesticks that have been placed on holiday tables every year – all these objects represent your connection to your family. The objects can be of religious, historical or a personal theme – whatever tells your story. Since we at Temple Chaverim are a large family, we consider all of your stories a part of our story.

Since your family heirlooms are invaluable, we only require a photograph of them. Keep the original, but share the image for all to enjoy. We ask that with every object, you include a brief paragraph describing why it is special to you. Selected photos will be displayed in a professional gallery-style setting. Please complete the form in this newsletter to participate. The committee welcomes you to be a part of this project and help make this show a success. Please contact Debbie Wells, Communications Committee Chairperson at connections@templechaverim.org for more information.









# RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI JONATHAN L. HECHT, Ph.D.

A Rabbi's Rabbi... Rabbi Kay to be our Scholar in Residence November 18-19

There is a wonderful saying in our tradition: "Acquire a teacher ("a rabbi") and find a friend ("a chaver") you can study with ."

I love this saying, first of all, because it uses the Hebrew word "chaver," which, of course, relates to Temple Chaverim. Secondly, I love the the message of this teaching: We should all find for ourselves teachers and chaverim, friends.

Me, too! Rabbis need friends and rabbis, as well. That is why it is an honor for me that within our congregation we have a rabbi who is a chaver! You may not know it, but in addition to Rabbi Lobel and I, we are privileged to have, as a member of our synagogue, Rabbi Alan Kay, who was the Rabbi of Temple Beth Emeth in Mount Sinai, Long Island. Rabbi and Jo are not just members of our temple, but their children, Lisa and Oren Tzah, and grandchildren, Ariel and Jacob, are members, as well. Jo and Rabbi Kay have other children as well: Corinne and Chris, who live in Plainview with their children, Harrison, Alexander and Nicole, and Adina and Jonathan, who live in Brooklyn with their children, Avi and Maya.

Having an esteemed colleague worshipping with us and strengthening our community with his presence is very spiritually fulfilling for me. Rabbi Kay was the rabbi of Beth Emeth until his retirement. Before that, he was a professor of English at CUNY in downtown Brooklyn. His wife, Jo is a Jewish educator and the Director of the School of Education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for the past 10 years. Before that, she was the Director of Education at Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Manhattan for 20 years!

Our tradition says "Acquire a rabbi and find a friend to study with." If each of us takes this saying seriously it means that if we have a rabbi in our congregation, we have to learn from him! I am delighted to tell you that Rabbi Kay has agreed to teach us Torah as our Scholar In Residence the weekend of November 18-19.

Rabbi Kay's topic is "Sacred Aging." He will speak on Friday Night, at 8:00 services, on aging with grace and holiness, utilizing stories about his mother and from contemporary literature. On Saturday morning, at

9:30 AM, Rabbi Kay will teach us about aging utilizing sacred texts from our tradition.

Rabbi Lobel and I are privileged to have Rabbi Kay as a chaver and a teacher, and we look forward to his teaching all of us at Chaverim. Please join us!





# CANTOR'S CORNER

CANTOR BRADLEY HYMAN

More about Israel



It would be so easy to continue my discussion of my views on Israel by talking this issue about the delicate but joyous possibility of greeting P.O.C. ("Prisoner of Conflict;" a term I've coined) Gilad Shalit after over five years of being in the hands of his captors. No doubt, his story

will be the basis for many important lessons- learned by both sides of the cell. The Palestinian group, Hamas plans to release a documentary film shot while Shalit was imprisoned, to prove to the world that Shalit was cared for during his imprisonment. I am certain that Shalit will release a lengthy memoir to explain his version, as well. Stay tuned to see how the shoes fall.



I would rather spend a brief moment talking this edition about the artistic boom that Israel is experiencing, and how so many positive and lifelifting, creative individuals call Israel, "home." At the end of September, a video was released on YouTube by Israeli cinematographer, Eran Amit who is 24 and lives in Jerusalem. His video entitled, "500 People in 100 Seconds" takes seventeen hundred still shots of a second video, and has 500 individuals holding up- frame-by-frame what becomes a human flipbook of sorts. It is an amazing way to view the many beautiful people of Israel, all religions and races, together in a rapid fire way. It is easy to fall in love with the people, not simply the place, all over again. The frames are long enough to make out individuals, but quick enough to keep the secondary film moving. In just a few weeks, it has received nearly a million and a half 'hits.'



I am also very proud of one of my oldest and best friends, Michael HarPaz, who lives in Tel Aviv with his model/lawyer wife, Natalie and daughter, Hillel. Some of you may remember a few years back when I made sure that he sing with me from the bima during an all-too-brief

visit to Long Island. He rose to stardom very fast in Israel, amassing four gold albums with Israel's first (and only) boy band, HiFive. Since their break up, HarPaz has gone on to star in stage performances of The Jungle Book, has written and scored music for Israeli films and has created commercial spots for many products and IDF surveillance and intelligence groups. Most recently, HarPaz was one of the stars of the Israeli reality show, 'Hall of Fame' where former Israeli musical superstars lived and competed, away from friends and family, for three months in a small studio created for the show, ala 'Big Brother.' In the end, it was a showdown between Benny Elbaz and my friend, Michael. Elbaz took home the grand title, but I believe it was my youthful friend, Michael whose star shone brightest. I watched many of the episodes, live on the Internet over the summer and I remain amazed of his acceptance into Israeli musical culture.

Israel is not merely a place of conflict and controversy, but it is also the birthplace and inspiration of three major religions, and it is also the home to creative and talented artists who make our world so beautiful.







# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**DEBBYE BRANDELL** 

A Joint Message from Rabbi Lobel, Heather Gomberg and Me!

As many of you know, Connections articles are written well in advance of the date that you receive them. Today is a beautiful, sunny day during Sukkot. And we (Rabbi Lobel, Heather Gomberg, and I) are still kvelling every time we think of The Sukkot Spectacular. The Sukkot Spectacular was a different way of looking at Jewish education and a joint effort between the Religious School and the Youth Committee to give our 5th, 6th and 7th grade students an opportunity to learn about Sukkot in an informal way. All of the learning experiences were hands on, creative and fun. Let us share with you some of the details.

There were various learning activities taking place all over our building. In the Religious School wing, we discussed why ancient Jews needed the sukkah, what makes a sukkah a temporary dwelling place, and then built individual edible Sukkot (the plural of sukkah) out of graham crackers complete with schach and candy decorations. Our creations were both tasty and messy! Then in our Sanctuary lobby we learned about Ushpizin, the custom of inviting heroes into our sukkah. After the discussion, small groups of students determined the characteristics of heroes. In the Sanctuary, we examined Sukkot as our harvest holiday. We talked about the lulav and etrog, and then made the connection between Sukkot as a harvest holiday, and our tradition for fighting hunger. Teams of students constructed houses out of the canned foods donated for Project Replenish, which were judged by our teachers.

As you can tell this was not a typical day of Religious School!! There was so much excitement and learning going on in this experiential way. This program also gave our students a taste of a NFTY learning program and Youth Group. We hope to plan another day of learning

patterned after the Sukkot Spectacular for later in the year. We would like to thank Michelle and Justin Chalfen, Beth and Josh Tabak, and Jill S chwartz for helping at the Sukkot Spectacular. We look forward to sharing in more Jewish learning and fun with you and your children!



# Mazel Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

September - December 2011

Mitchell Birns, Brandon Ditchek, Adam Feldstein,
Alec Haber, Katie Horenstein, Ethan Katz,
Jason Kimmel, Ryan Kirschner, Matthew Klausner,
Steven Klausner, Matthew Kurtz, Jaide Lichtenstein,
Isabella Liebman, Samuel Markowitz,
Amanda Newman, Harrison Perlstein, Matthew Salkin, Andrew
Scalia, Alexandra Schear, Danielle Schear, Amanda Schechter,
Jordyn Schor, Daniel Schwartz,
Sofi Solomon, Jake Starr,
Simon Walter-Warner, and Talia Weiner



# COMMUNITY ACTION

**RHONDA GREEN** 

Get Involved during the Holiday Season

As we head into the holiday season it is important to keep in mind there are many people - right here in our community - who are not as fortunate as we are - and are not able to enjoy the holidays the same way many of us are accustomed to. As a Temple of Chaverim - and a community - we have plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and help make the holidays a real celebration for all! A few of the upcoming highlights are:

Campaign Against Hunger, Sunday November 13th: In conjunction with TANS (Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore) we will be participating with Midway Jewish Center, Mid-Island Y/JCC and UJA in our Third Annual Campaign Against Hunger Community

Outreach Program. We will meet in the morning at the MIY/JCC to sort donations, make sandwiches and pack everything up to be distributed at the site in Wyandanch. Donations of winter coats, boots, gloves, clothing, books, sleeping bags, blankets, and sheets will be collected in bins located by the front door of the Temple.



**Snowflake Gift Giving Campaign:** Beginning soon after Thanksgiving, we will once again be running our "Snowflake Wishes" campaign. The "Snowflake" board will be displayed at the main entrance of the Temple. The "snowflakes" are gift

wishes of teens who are in foster care with the Jewish Child Care Association of New York. Please stop by and select a "snowflake".

Mitzvah Day, Sunday June 10th: Back by popular demand we will be building on the success of our previous Mitzvah Days. Planning has begun for this exciting day and we are hoping Temple Chaverim can make a difference in the community with our donations of time and concern. Please contact us if you would like to get involved. We welcome all volunteers!

Collection Corner: Our committee works closely with various agencies that are always willing to accept donations of all kinds. If you have any items such as winter coats, sweatshirts, baby items, books, etc. there is always someplace or someone in need...just contact us and we can help direct you where the items can be donated.

Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in getting involved - at any level - and with any ideas. Together we can all make a difference! Shalom! Rhonda Green kov64@hotmail.com







# **RABBINIC RUMINATIONS**

RABBI JOSH LOBEL

Enjoy this multi-part series with me and learn about the Jewish classics and how they relate to modern life. Even though the series has already begun, there is always time to jump in and be a part of the class!

THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

### "Chamesh Megillot: the Five Scrolls"

Taught by Rabbi Josh Lobel



Rabbi Lobel will be teaching at the Adult Institute for Jewish Studies. Register for his class on October 24<sup>th\*</sup>, then get there early on Monday, October 31\* to make sure you have a seat as Rabbi Lobel begins teaching a Hebrew Bible class entitled "Chamesh Megillot: the Five Scrolls," which include the Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther.

Come and learn about these amazing, awe-inspiring Jewish classics and how they relate to life today!

This year Adult Institute is being held at the Jericho Jewish Center located at 430 North Broadway, Jericho (516-938-2540).

\*For further information, please contact Caryn at: caryn@templechaverim.org



# PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE**

ALLEN GREENBAUM

Sharing our Time Together

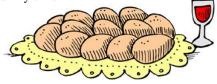
A recent New York Sunday Magazine (10/2/11) article reflected on families eating meals together. It is an article of American faith that family meals are important. Social science underscores our secular belief. Children who eat with their families have stronger vocabularies than those who do not. They do better in school. They are less likely to suffer from



obesity. Family meals prevent teenage pregnancy. They are a bulwark against depression. Those who eat chicken around a table with kin tend not to sneak off to the park later to huff paint.

Who knows if any of it will make our children smarter or keep them safe from illness or delinquency? The point of our faith is not the future but the present. We are simply together when we so often are not, enjoying domestic comfort and good food and the feeling that everything is going to be all right, if only for the moment.

To me it sounded a whole lot like Friday evening Shabbat dinner. After a long stressful week, lighting the candles, eating, sharing the adventures and disappoints, or just reviewing the week's activities can be valuable family time.



A wonderful follow-up is coming to Temple for our Friday evening services. There you can participate in the service, take in the soothing music of our cantor, receive some "food for thought," and then enjoy coffee, cake and friends at the oneg. It is a perfect way to center ourselves and transition to the weekend. I urge you to join us at these Shabbat services. Come, collect your breath, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. I look forward to seeing you there.



TEMPLE CHAVERIM WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS (SINCE SEPT. 22, 2011)

Warren & Michelle and Dawn Dank
Allan & Elyse, Melissa and Alex Fields
Glenn & Brett and Jake, Jesse, Sam & Lola Kushner
Jonathan & Jennifer and Olivia & Joshua Cohen
Rosalie Shaffer
Michael & Deirdre and Ori & Ella Milchan
Brian & Lisa and Ethan & Sydney Epstein
Craig & Jill and Ryan & Brandon Sheflin
Steven & Jodi and Josh & Matthew Rokito
Keith & Valerie and Gabrielle, Aidan, Aliyah & Gavin Berkowitz
Andrew & Emily and Cameron, Ryan & Jesse Love
Ms. Joyce Abrams



# **ADULT EDUCATION**

ANISSA WILENSKY

It's Time to Come Learn!



Are you eager to meet new people while learning fun and exciting things together? Have you ever wondered the meanings behind our holidays? Want to tap into the "secrets" behind why we do what we do? Looking to experience the Bible Stories like you never have before?

Do you want to learn simple ways to relax? Interested in finding out what is happening in Israel and in the US? Love to read exciting books and discuss with friends?

If you have answered yes (or even maybe) to any of the above, Temple Chaverim has many exciting opportunities just for you!

### TORAH LISHMA TUESDAYS!



This NEW and EXCITING program meets EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT! What better way to spend a Tuesday night than learning with Rabbi Hecht, Rabbi Lobel, Cantor Hyman and Debbye Brandell among other fine educators. The Tuesday program began in September with the "What if...." Series. This was a very interesting and interactive discussion about the Fall Holidays was taught by Debbye Brandell.

All Torah Lishma Tuesday classes begin at 7:30pm.

Each class is a stand-alone module,
so drop in for one class or several in the series!

Upcoming programs include:



The Jewish Stories in the Bible with Rabbi Hecht: Oct 4- Nov 8 Learn the Jewish Bible stories like you've never heard before. The class material will be colorful, intriguing compelling and exciting. Many of your questions will be answered!

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**Rituals & Religious Expression: The Choreography Behind What We Do** with Cantor Hyman: Nov 15- Dec 6

Ever wonder why we bow at certain words in the blessings, or why we light candles a particular direction? Want to know why some people eat dairy meals on some holidays, or when is the correct time to wear a tallit? Come and find out "What's Up with That!"

#### **BOOK REVIEW:**

Nov 2, 8:00 pm and every other month. Our first book this year is MISTRESS OF

THE ART OF DEATH by Arianna Franklin which is a riveting mystery with a Jewish twist. Join the discussion, led by Paula Lefkowitz. Bring your suggestions for future books to explore! Don't miss this!

**JEWISH CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION:** Dec 7, and every other month. 8:00 pm Interested in the Land of Israel, the People of Israel and the State of Israel? Share your thoughts!! Led by Marc Weiss and David Heymann, this guarantees to be an enlightening discussion!

**JEWISH MEDITATION:** Wednesdays at 10:30am and every other Thursdays at 7:30pm. Learn simple ways to relax, various breathing techniques through guided meditation. The class also covers Jewish perspectives toward meditation, healing and prayer. Instructor Donna Bloom gives a whole new meaning to Jewish spirituality!

WATCH FOR MORE GREAT EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! CHECK THE WEB SITE, FACEBOOK AND YOUR E-MAIL.

COME GET INVOLVED IN ALL THE GREAT THINGS TEMPLE CHAVERIM HAS TO OFFER.

Want to find out more? Check up to date information on the online calendar at www.templechaverim.org

We have a new way for you to respond to let us know you are attending our events!

RSVP to any or all of the above events or direct any questions you may have to learning@templechaverim.org.



# **SOCIABLE SENIORS**

ROCHELLE POTASH

Get Ready for Some Great Programs to Enjoy this Season





Our 7th season had a great start in October with a remarkable program by David Lawrence, Mind Reader, as we continue to bring interesting, entertaining and informative programs to Temple Chaverim.

On Thursday, November 3, Mitsue Endow Salador will present the story of Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. She will also tell the story of Chiune Sugihara who issued over 3000 visas to Jewish refugees without the permission of the Japanese government.

On Thursday, December 1, Jack Schnur will present Judy Garland, Part 1.



There are no programs for the months of January and February, 2012. Programs will resume on March 1, 2012 with Jack Schnur presenting Judy Garland, Part 2. As always, a delicious light lunch will be served. Join us for an entertaining afternoon.

Cost is \$9 for temple members, \$12 non-members. To make a reservation, call the Sociable Seniors RSVP line at 516-367-6100, ext 103.





# **SISTERHOOD**

ALYSSA FELLER

It's Your Sisterhood!



Sisterhood just held their first event of the season, the Sukkot Social. Thank you to Debbie Apfel and Linda Goldbaum for running such a successful evening. We had approximately 54 participants. Everyone looked like they were having a wonderful evening. Cocktails at one house, dinner at another and then we all met at our temple for desert. We would also like to thank all the host families for volunteering their homes and helping this event run so smoothly. Many thanks to our DJ of the evening, Cantor Hyman, for the music mix. We hope that next year, we will double the amount of families in attendance.

Our next upcoming event is the Shop and Schmooze on November 13th. Always a great event, with Hanukkah right around the corner, the Shop and Schmooze will be just in time to buy those special holiday gifts.

Hanukkah Hannah takes place on December 14th this year. We really do look forward to seeing some new faces at these fun events and meeting new congregants.

# judaicabeautiful

Shop online at http://templechaverim.judaicabeautiful.com/. Every purchase returns 25% to your Sisterhood!

If you haven't seen our Judaica Shop, the beautiful shop right inside the Temple lobby, stop in and discover what all the repeat clientele already love. Whether you're helping someone celebrate a new baby or a new home, a bar/bat mitzvah or passing the bar, or just want to add the beauty and warmth of Judaica to your home, our Judaica shop has distinctive gifts for all occasions. Shoppers can also feel great knowing their purchases support the worthy projects that Sisterhood undertakes to benefit the temple. And if you would like to volunteer your time working in the store, you can enjoy the mitzvah of helping others support the synagogue through Judaica shopping.



Temple Chaverim's Blood Drive will be held on December 11th from 8:15am to 2:30pm. Come on down to give the gift of life.



### **CHAVERIM TEMPLE YOUTH**



MICHELLE CHALFEN CO-CHAIR

Welcome to all CHATY members and future members! We have been planning some great events for this school year.

#### Club CHATY (5TH and 6th Graders)

November 7th - Social Action Project Dec 4th – Cradle of Aviation Museum Dec 12th – Chanukah Lounge Night & Latkes January 10th – Scavenger Hunt



#### **JCHATY (7TH and 8th Graders)**

November 15th – Social Action Project Dec 4th – Cradle of Aviation Museum Dec 13th - Chanukah Lounge Night & Latkes January 10th – Scavenger Hunt

### CHATY (9TH - 12TH Grade)

**BETH TABAK** November 9th – CHATY Social Action Day December 11th – NFTY Social Action Day December 19th - Latke Cook-Off Jan 3-5 – Winter Kallah at North Shore Synagogue



CO-CHAIR

HEATHER GOMBERG. SENIOR YOUTH ADVISOR

Remember to return your Membership Forms to the office. All Lounge Nights are FREE for members of the CHATY youth groups. We do not want your child(ren) to miss out on the fun this year! Parents, we can always use your help by chaperoning and publicizing the events.Our committee meets once a month and we are open to suggestions.

We would like to send a thank you those of you who helped Jr. Congregation go so smoothly: Todd Lustig, Shari Kurnit, Susan Epstein, Rhonda Green, Eric Powers, Jamie Ortsman, Amy Bloom, The Schwartz Family, Rick and Ariann Lewis; and to our CHATY Members: Emily Bloom, Benny Green, Adam Shnitkin, Brandon Ditchek, Josh Tabak and Justin Chalfen. A special thank you to Heather, the CHATY Youth Advisor, and her husband Trevor Gomberg, along with her "CHATY Team" that was also instrumental in assisting.

We look forward to having the children enjoy a FUN and SOCIAL year with their temple friends!! As always, feel free to contact us with any questions:

Rabbi Lobel rabbilobel@templechaverim.org

Heather Gomberg Senior Youth Group Advisor Heather@templechaverim.org

Michelle Chalfen michntodd@verizon.net Beth Tabak bethjon@optonline.net Youth Committee Co-Chairs







# **FUNDRAISING**

KAREN BRESSNER

Many Ways to Give

The Fundraising Committee was very busy over the High Holy Days. Our goal for this

year is to have half (50%) of the Temple families participate in the High Many years ago, Mayor Ed Koch famously asked "How'm I doing?" Holy Day Appeals including donations, the Circles of Giving Programs and the Book of Remembrance. Last year 43% of families participated

As of this writing, 42% of the congregation has generously donated above and beyond their dues. We are all doing a great job reaching our

> goal. It is not too late to donate and help to get us there, just contact the Temple office.

> We are in the process of enlisting families to join the Circles of Giving program. The generosity of our Circles members helps to fund services and programs that temple dues alone cannot support. Please consider joining this worthwhile program. Feel free to reach out to me at 516-692-0681 with any questions you might have regarding Circles of Giving.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. "We Live Forever Through What We Give"



ELIZABETH MAYER

Your Opinion Counts



Although the question could have seemed rhetorical--just a politician's catch-phrase, it is much more important. For what better way to asses if he was meeting his constituents needs than to ask? Right now, Temple Chaverim needs to know "How're we doing?" Are we meeting the

spiritual, social and educational needs of our community? How do we continue to do so into the future?

We need your help to answer these questions. Sometime within the next few weeks you will be receiving a survey by email. When you get it,

please take the time the fill it out and return it. Your opinion is important, and just a few moments of your time can provide the guidance needed to make this Jewish community more meaningful, more dynamic and more purposeful for you and your family.

For further information, or to join the Long Range Planning Committee contact Lise Mayer 516-931-0639 or emayer1008@gmail.com





## **MEN'S CLUB**

MEL POTASH

The Men's Club Moves Forward



As we head into the winter months Men's Club looks forward to warming the hearts and heads of its members. We had a great turn out for the building of the Sukkah, and an even better one afterward for lunch at the Main Event. This was followed by an even better event at the Sukkot BBQ; everyone who attended ate some of the best food ever prepared.

I am looking forward to more fun from our card games which continue on November 23rd at 7 pm. This is preceded by the Men's Club breakfast at 9:30 am on Nov. 20th, coordinated with Rabbi Alan Kay's Scholar-In-Residence Program immediately following the breakfast.

We are hoping to get a really special speaker for the 4th of December, but I won't reveal anything yet. Stay tuned for further bulletins. Well, that's all for now, but keep tuned for other special events and something new from Men's Club as the year moves forward.



### WANT TO BE A **MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR?**

Looking for a little commitment ... a little volunteer job? If your time is tight and you prefer short term tasks, have I got the committee for you!

The newly formed Congregant Relations committee is looking for a few temple members to assist with short term volunteer tasks such as Oneg Ambassador, Membership Mingler, Assistant Welcome Bag Deliverer.

Do as much or as little as fits your schedule. Contact Sheila Schroeder, Committee Chair, for more information -sweetsheila624@aol.com or 631-691-2095.



Circles of Giving is a vital pledge program whereby congregants voluntarily enhance their annual support to Temple Chaverim by a fixed amount. While our dues are in line with other local Reform synagogues, they do not completely cover the cost of running our temple. In fact, temple dues, tuitions and fees cover only 80% of our expense budget. The gap of \$500 per household must be made up through voluntary donations and fundraising efforts.

Temple Chaverim is committed to excellence in religious, educational and social programming and to outstanding professional leadership. Your gift will ensure that all children and adults in our congregation will continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership and to provide scholarship to those in need. To help strengthen our synagogue and secure our future of upholding Jewish values, please make your pledge to the Circles of Giving Program.

# Join or renew your participation in Circles today!

### CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

Basic Dues + \$1,500 or above.

Circle of Distinction recognition PLUS:

A special plaque for your home or office, Honorary Gala Committee member with recognition in the Gala Journal AND two non-transferable Gala Dinner tickets or other major fundraiser event tickets.

### CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION

Basic Dues + \$1,000 to \$1,499

Circle of Honor recognition PLUS:

A Shabbat dinner in your honor, Special honor at a Friday night service

### CIRCLE OF HONOR

Basic Dues + \$500 to \$999

Listing on "Circles" plaque displayed in the Temple Lobby, Listing in "Connections", the temple newsletter, throughout the program year, Certificate of Appreciation presented at a special "Circles" Oneg Wine & Cheese reception

## THANK YOU TO OUR **CIRCLES DONORS 5772!**

AS OF OCTOBER 17, 2011

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Thank you to our members for their generous donations for the period August 15, 2011 through October 17, 2011. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

#### Rabbi Hecht's Discretionary Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Edwin J. and Ethel Lokshin's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Lewis J. Katz The upcoming wedding of Marissa Felix to Jonathan Ohebsion Corey and Lori Fieland Rabbi Hecht and Sue Gold Michael and Lauren Giliof

#### IN MEMORY OF

Rose Neuman Sheldon and Cynthia Brown Estelle Neufeld Al and Faith Zubasky

# Rabbi Lobel's Discretionary Fund IN HONOR OF

The wedding of Robyn and Jason David and Robin Kreiner

#### IN MEMORY OF

Ilisa Goldklang Lupo Steven and Paula Lefkowitz Saul Kramer Marion Klein-Kramer

#### **Healing Fund**

Wishing Meryl
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August 17, 2011 to October 17, 2011

Carrie Liebman, wife of Glenn, mother of Isabella and Elizabeth, passed away on September 15, 2011.

George Mayerson, brother of Freda Frankel, passed away on September 16, 2011.

Jean Halper, grandmother of Heather Katz Gomberg, passed away on October 3, 2011.

Joseph Schechter, grandfather of Marc Schechter, passed away on October 5, 2011.

Lillian Natiss, grandmother of Stacey Gordon, passed away on October 7, 2011.

# "In loving tribute, the following names have been inscribed on our Memorial Wall"

Stuart L. Rubin - September 7, 2001

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Enjoy the lyrics to this year's High Holidays song!

with one of his clever and

entertaining musical speeches.







# WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING, MAN TO THE TUNE OF JOHNNY CASH'S "I'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE"

I was walkin' along that Washington Road
When along came a Rabbi who asked me where I was goin'....
"If you're goin' to Chaverim, Mack, with me you can ride"
So I followed him to temple and I settled down inside
I asked him if he knew a place with something for Jews
And he said "Listen, Bud, Chaverim has everything for you....."

#### **CHORUS**

We've got everything, man. We've got everything, man Stuff that is a scream, man, Stuff that is serene, man Wanna join the scene, man - Temple Chaverim

(we got) Bingo, book club, pizza in the Sukkah hut Purim Schpiel, candy apples, Haman is a real nut Meditation, Yom Ohm, sukkah social in the home Guitar, Tot Shabbat, Tu B'shevat is what we got Israeli dancing, can't miss with Gladys Really want to have some fun, Israel here we come

#### **CHORUS**

Committees, got some, join all, join one
Communications, Fundraising, Long Range Planning fun
Sociable Seniors, Social Activities
Adult-ed, Social action, everything for you and me
Youth group, Camp group, Membership to name a few
Bar-Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah what the heck we are Jews

#### **CHORUS**

Mahjong, Casino Night, win some money, yes you might Hebrew, learn to write, starting from the far right Movie night, Chocolate Seder, come on down, it's a date Thanksgiving, Interfaith, social don't be late Friday night, decompress, every week a Torah fest Join us, as you are, you can be an FNR

#### **CHORUS**

Men's Club, Sisterhood, wanna give, give blood
Card night, Shop & Schmooze coming to your neighborhood
Chanukah, no cost, see the dreidel get tossed
Latkas, vodkas, see the one who gets sauced
Raffle prize, Hebrew High, cookin' with the Rabbi
Food Drive, bring a can, we got everything, man



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