



TEMPLE SINAI

— WASHINGTON DC —

Winter Program Guide



January–March 2017
Tevet-Nisan 5777

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Rabbi Jonathan Roos
Senior Rabbi

Come to Shabbat service. I have not made service attendance a priority and failed to convey some important principles. First, our weekly Shabbat service is the cornerstone of everything else we do in any week. Shabbat has long been Judaism's top religious observance. But, as Ahad HaAm aptly noted, it's more than a ritual. "More than the Jewish people has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people."

Shabbat services are a weekly solidarity gathering. When events grab public attention, we use Shabbat services to offer a response: prayers for victims, an outlet for emotion, and a place for comfort. Shabbat is a time for community building. The heart of our community is the relationships that can only be built and sustained in person. Few things in our list of programs can do that as well as Shabbat services. Shabbat services are also a time for spirituality. We offer a sanctuary for quiet reflection, a chorus of voices lifted in song, and a pathway for opening your heart. Shabbat services are a time for learning. We share words of Torah and learn from Jewish history and culture. It is the best way to reinforce and practice lessons learned and to strengthen Jewish identity.

I hope you read this program guide and find many opportunities to engage in the community. I hope you will join us for programs that interest you. But if you do not read the program guide because you come regularly to Shabbat services, I would be satisfied in knowing that you are strengthening our community and being strengthened by it.

With my best wishes for health and happiness in 2017,

Rabbi Jonathan Roos

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tinyurl.com/TSDCLinkedIn

Mobile App
Look for "Temple Sinai DC" in your mobile app store for access on-the-go to the calendar, membership directory and temple contacts.

Eventbrite
templesinaiDC.eventbrite.com

Twitter
twitter.com/templesinaiDC

Facebook
facebook.com/TempleSinaiDC

Weekly E-mail
tinyurl.com/TSWeeklyEmail

Unity Shabbaton January 20-21

Temple Sinai is welcoming participants in the Women's March on Washington during this weekend. We are working with congregations from the Reform Movement to host those who need it and to enhance the experience of the weekend. We need Sinai members who are interested and able to offer free housing to individuals from partner congregations that weekend.

If you are interested in opening your home, register at templesinaidc.wufoo.com/forms/zgq38th06l622g/. You do not need to be attending the march to host visitors.

Programs planned for the weekend include:

Shabbat Unity Service

*featuring guest musicians and clergy,
Friday, January 20th at 6:30 PM*

We encourage anyone with guests in town for that weekend to join us for this special service. After the service will be a community Shabbat dinner. There will be opportunities for making signs for those attending the Women's March the next morning. We will also

have a mitzvah project to help feed the hungry.

Please register for Shabbat dinner at <https://jan20dinner.eventbrite.com>

The Women's March on Washington

**Saturday morning, January 21,
Busses depart from Sinai at 7:30 AM**

We do not yet know the official program for the march and rally and our return time will depend on that.

Please register for the busses in advance for yourself and guests at www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-march-on-washington-bus-sign-up-tickets-30339488226

Torah Study and Kehillat Shabbat Services

**Saturday, January 21, 9:15 AM
10:30 AM, Kehillat Shabbat service**

We will continue the Unity Shabbat theme combining the Shabbat morning liturgy with songs of hope and freedom, including melodies from the Civil Rights Movement. The service will be followed by a Kiddush lunch

Praying with Our Feet

Saturday, January 28 at 9:30 AM



Join us as celebrate Shabbat while "Praying With Our Feet" at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring, MD. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe Shabbat through *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Volunteers at A Wider Circle will help load furniture, restock household items, sort through donations, repair objects, and do whatever else may be needed. People will be broken up into small teams, and there will be projects for children of any age.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/act/praying-with-our-feet

Act

Friday, January 6

- 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service
Participatory Dinner to follow
- 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 7

- 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service
Kiddush Luncheon to follow
- 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Mintz
- 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah of Naomi Fry & Jacob Kolton

Friday, January 13

- 7:45 PM Shabbat Shira
Catered Dinner to follow

Saturday, January 14

- 10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service
Kiddush Luncheon to follow
- 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Joanna Chait

Friday, January 20

- 6:30 pm Shabbat Unity Service
Participatory Dinner to follow

Saturday, January 21

- 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion
Kiddush Luncheon to follow

Friday, January 27

- 6:30 PM Camp Shabbat Service
Catered Dinner to follow

Saturday, January 28

- 10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah of Andrew Lebowitz & Evan Levis

Friday, February 3

- 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service
Participatory Dinner to follow
- 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 4

- 10:30 AM Disability Awareness Kehillat Shabbat Service
Kiddush Luncheon to follow
- 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Shoham
- 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah of Gabrielle & Jesse Delinsky

Friday, February 10

- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service: Tu B'Shevat
Catered dinner to follow

Saturday, February 11

- 10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service with Participation by Wednesday Chug Ivrit Students
Kiddush Luncheon to follow
- 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Cynthia Jacobson
- 5:30 PM Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Kohn-Murphy

Friday, February 17

- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 18

- 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion
Kiddush Luncheon to follow
- 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Markarian

Friday, February 24

- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service
Catered Community Dinner to follow

Saturday, February 25

- 10:30 AM Shabbat Healing Service
- 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Lager
- 5:30 PM Bat Mitzvah of Leah Fitzpayne

Friday, March 3

- 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service
Participatory Dinner to follow
- 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

Worship

Shabbat Shira 2017 Hand in Hand



FEATURING

The Afro-Semitic Experience

Friday, Jan. 13, 2017

DINNER 6:00 PM SERVICE 7:45 PM shabbatshira2017.eventbrite.com

A jazz Shabbat service honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Tot Shabbat Services at 6:00 PM are preceded by a Prozdor (appetizers) at 5:30 PM

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Shabbat Services at 8:00 PM are followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Service descriptions and other information can be found at templesinaidc.org/worship

**Looking to sign up for a Shabbat dinner?
Visit templesinaidc.eventbrite.com**

Saturday, March 4

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service Kiddush Luncheon to follow

10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah of Elana Spector & Alexander Spiegel

Friday, March 10

6:30 pm Sinaites Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 11 | Erev Purim

10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service with Participation by Thursday Chug Ivrit & Private Tutoring Students
Kiddush Luncheon to follow

10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah of Leo Fraize & Benjamin Freedman

7:00 PM Megillah Reading & Adult Celebration

Sunday, March 12 | Purim

10:00 AM Megillah Reading & Family Purim Celebration

Friday, March 17

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 18

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion
Kiddush Luncheon to follow

10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah of Hayden Brooker & Abigail Kanter

5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Hallie & Jake Munsat

Friday, March 24

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 25

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Lily Freeman

5:30 PM Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Jenkins

Friday, March 31

6:30 PM Shabbat Service with 4th Grade Siddur Ceremony
Participatory Dinner to follow

**Camp Shabbat Service
& Catered BBQ Dinner**
Friday, January 27 at 6:30 PM



Dust off your summer Shabbat whites and remember your favorite camp melodies as we gather for a special camp-style Shabbat service and special dinner! Whether you're a camper from Summer 2016 or many years before, join us as we celebrate Jewish summer camping on this

special Shabbat. Joined by our friends from URJ Camp Harlam, in Kunkletown, PA, we'll break out the guitars and sing our hearts out!

Join us for a Tu Bish'vat (New Year of the Trees) Celebration

On Friday, February 10, at a 6:30 Shabbat service

Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, the new Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (and a new member of our congregation) will speak on "Fulfilling our Commandment 'to Till and to Tend' by Confronting the Catastrophic Climate Crisis." Afterwards at a creative, vegetarian feast we will continue the discussion and ask what we can do on individual, congregational, local, national, and global levels. To quote Rabbi Pesner, "Given the uncertainty in the wake of the recent election, it is more important than ever for the faith community to speak loudly and clearly in our sacred role as stewards of God's creation."

Sponsored by the Temple Sinai Green-Team and the Social Action Committee. For further information, contact Regina Ziegler or Robyn Miller-Tarnoff, co-chairs of the TS Green Team. Dinner Sign Up link: <https://feb10dinner.eventbrite.com>



Monthly Tot Shabbat Services & Participatory Dinners
1st Friday of the month at 6 PM

A Shabbat experience designed for families with infants through pre-K children. Services are followed by participatory dinners with kids' activities and time for parents to chat.

Shabbat Service with 4th Grade Siddur Ceremony & Participatory Dinner

Friday March 31 at 6:30 PM

Join together to celebrate Shabbat with our 4th grade students as they receive their own siddurim (prayerbooks) for the 1st time! And continue the Shabbat celebration with us after services at a festive dinner in celebration of this milestone in the lives of our 4th graders.

Adult Celebration**Saturday, March 11 at 7 PM**

Join us for a rollicking evening of frivolity, merriment, and fun. Yummy food and an open bar will be on hand to help your spirits soar. Purim at Temple Sinai isn't just for kids!

**Family Celebration— Register: sinaipurimcarnival17.eventbrite.com****Sunday, March 12 at 10 AM**

Join us for a festive morning of spieling, singing and playing at the Purim Carnival!

Sinaites Annual Hamentaschen Sale! Pre-orders recommended, as we cannot guarantee availability the day of the Purim Carnival.

Pre-sales Deadline: March 5th! Pick up is at our annual Purim carnival, Sunday March 12th from 10 AM - 1PM!

Learn more at sinaiteshamantaschen.eventbrite.com templesinaidc.org/purim

Support the Annual Campaign

The Annual Campaign is an important part of what makes Temple Sinai a place that “meets every member where they are” and directly supports the temple’s mission. Donations to the Annual Campaign support programming, ritual, and member services throughout the year.

Give now at templesinaidc.org/donate



Worship

Shabbat Healing Service
Saturday, February 25 at 10:30 AM

Please join us at a Shabbat morning services focused on healing our bodies, our souls and our spirits. All are welcome at this contemplative, relaxing and rejuvenating service.

Shalach Manot Deliveries

One of the mitzvot of the holiday of Purim is to deliver shalach manot (also called mishloach manot) to our friends and neighbors. These gifts are usually small baskets filled with hamantashen, fruits, nuts, sweets, and other treats. We do this in order to celebrate the victory of the Jews over the evil Haman and to strengthen our community. This Purim, SinaiCares will participate in this mitzvah by preparing and delivering shalach manot to people in the Sinai community. If you are interested in helping out, contact Karen Auerbach at kauerbach@templesinaidc.org.

About SinaiCares

SinaiCares connects TS members for friendly visits for those who have been ill or just need some extra support and companionship, provides rides to TS services and events, and delivers challah and meals for those who have experienced a loss or hardship, or who are ill or convalescing.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity or in need of care, please contact the SinaiCares Program Coordinator, Karen Auerbach, at kauerbach@templesinaidc.org.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/care

**YAWS Group
(Parents of Young Adults
Who Struggle)**

*Thursdays, January 29, February
16, and March 23 at 7:15 PM*

All parents of “young adults” ages 14–30+ who struggle are welcome for support and resource-sharing at the temple.

No need to RSVP; confidentiality assured. For more information, contact Cantor Laura Croen at lcroen@templesinaidc.org.

**Jewish Disability Awareness
& Inclusion Kehillat Shabbat
followed by a Kiddush Luncheon**
Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 AM

This Shabbat is a joyful and thought-provoking celebration of the value of full access and inclusion of people with disabilities and special needs in Jewish and American life. Steve Rakitt, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, will be our honored guest.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/care/access-inclusion

Care



Join us for a Virtual Tour of the new museum with Temple Sinai member Dr. Jacquelyn D. Serwer

Chief Curator, Office of Curatorial Affairs

Sunday, January 8th, 2017, 3:00-5:00 pm

The talk will provide an overview of the museum with a focus on the individual exhibitions that cover African American History, Community, and Culture

Please RSVP to Sally Kranz, sallygkranz@aol.com, or Debra Eichenbaum, debragolden.eich@gmail.com by Jan. 4 so that we have enough refreshments for all.



**Join Us for a Temple Sinai Private Tour
Wednesday, January 11 from 9:00–11:00 AM**

Led by Chief curator and Temple Sinai member
Dr. Jacquelyn Serwer

This tour is sold out!

Use the link below to put your name on the waiting list.

www.eventbrite.com/e/national-museum-of-african-american-history-tour-tickets-30252813981

Complimentary round-trip bus transportation will be provided to the museum from Temple Sinai

- 8:00 AM Departure from Temple Sinai
- 11:00–
- 11:45 AM Additional time to visit exhibits, grab a quick lunch or visit the gift shop.
- 12 Noon Departure from the Museum

Space on the bus is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis so please register soon!

This event is being sponsored by Temple Sinai's Social Action committee with the support of the Gendler Grapevine Foundation, and is one of several special opportunities for our community to come together as we remember and honor the legacy of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.



Gather

Hoedown & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, January 30 at 7:30 PM

Join the Bros for a Texas-style hoedown! We'll have line dancing lessons, Ben's Chili Bowl, and a taco bar. There will also be a chili cook-off with prizes, so bring a batch of your own! This will be a great time for your family (and your friends) to put on your cowboy boots, have fun, and get hot on a cold night in January.



Purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/ts-mrj-hoedown2017



Wine Tasting

Sunday, March 26 at 7 PM

Just in time for Passover! Join us for our annual wine tasting.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/gather/tsmrj



Theater Outing: Caroline, Or Change

Saturday, February 11 at 7 PM

Join us as we head to Round House Theatre in Bethesda! *Caroline* features a virtuosic score that blends blues, gospel, and traditional Jewish melodies into a magical, show-stopping musical masterpiece.

RSVP at february11theater.eventbrite.com

Community Dinner

Friday, February 24 following a 6:30 PM Shabbat Service



Celebrate Shabbat with an early service followed by relaxed catered dinner and good conversation.

RSVP at templesinaidc.eventbrite.com

Sinai Single Seniors

Sinai Single Seniors is a group for people in our community who identify as single. We meet for walks, come to events at Sinai together and also plan programs and outings in the greater Washington area (eg: plays, movies, opera, dinner). If you have ideas or would like to get involved, contact Sheila Cohen at shecohen@aol.com.

Gather

Mishpacha is Temple Sinai's family fun group! Join Mishpacha throughout the year for family outings with other Temple Sinai families with children in Grades K-6. (older and younger siblings welcome!) Meet new friends, hang out with old friends, and enjoy great activities organized by Temple Sinai!



Game Night

Saturday, January 21 at 5 PM

Come to Temple Sinai for a great evening of games, socializing, and dinner! There will be all types of games including board games, cards, and much more!



Mishpacha Goes Bowling

Saturday, March 18 at 3 PM

More information will be available shortly!

Learn more and RSVP at templesinaidc.eventbrite.com

College Connection Brunch

Tuesday, January 3, 11 AM–1 PM

A chance for current college students to reconnect, reminisce, and eat while on Winter Break.

Register now: <https://templesinaidc.wufoo.com/forms/z198h3p41v9zmn2/>

Israel Trip 2017

June 21-July 3

Learn, think, talk and eat your way through Israel with Rabbi Goldstein and other TS members.

Register at tinyurl.com/TSIsrael2017

NFTY-MAR MAJYK Jr. Youth Kallah

January 27-29

6th-8th Graders head to Temple Emanuel in Kensington, MD.

NFTY Convention

February 17-20

Teens from across the country head to Chicago, IL for NFTY's biggest event of the year!

NFTY-MAR's TheVent

March 24-26

8th-12th Graders join together for an awesome weekend of learning, laughing, and praying at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA.

For more information, contact Sinai's Youth Engagement Specialist, Kelly Whitehead at kwhitehead@templesinaidc.org



Join Rabbi Goldstein for a Bagel Breakfast and Book Discussion Sunday, March 19 from 9:00–10:30 AM
Temple-wide read co-sponsored by TSWRJ



Rabbi Goldstein will lead a discussion of Michael Chabon's new book,

Moonglow. An elegant pseudo-memoir, *Moonglow* captures the memories of a man on his deathbed, taking the reader through military service in World War II, courtship and crime in Baltimore, and a fascination with the emergence of the US Space Program in Florida. According to the *New York Times*, *Moonglow* captures "the magic powers of storytelling to provide both solace and transcendence."

Authors' Roundtable Sponsored by TSWRJ
Saturday, March 25 from 9 AM to 1 PM

Join us for a Shabbat service followed by a panel presentation and small-group discussions with lunch. This year, we welcome



Ruth Franklin, author of *Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life*



Jane Mayer: *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*



Claudia Kalb: *Andy Warhol Was a Hoarder: Inside the Minds of History's Great Personalities*



Lynn Povich: *The Good Girls Revolt: How the Women of Newsweek Sued their Bosses and Changed the Workplace*



Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 21. Cost: \$20.00

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj



TSWRJ Weekly Mah Jongg
Join us for a friendly game.
Wednesday night, 7:30 pm
All levels welcome.
For more information contact Ilana Gordon,
ilana@wordwizardsinc.com

Gather

Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Every Saturday at 9:15 AM



A wonderful educational opportunity awaits all who attend weekly Torah Study on Saturday mornings, beginning at 9:15 AM in the Bet Am. The classes, led by our clergy, focus on the Torah reading for the week.

Rabbi's Class: What's Jewish?
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10 AM



This ongoing class explores changing ideas about Jewish identity over the course of Jewish history. The Reform Movement's decision to accept patrilineal descent for Jewish status was radical but hardly the first major shift in how Jews were identified. From the Torah, which barely seems concerned about the Jewish lineage of the earliest biblical characters, to current television shows like "Transparent," there is a broad and every changing set of ideas about what makes somebody Jewish and who gets to decide their identify status. This class is led by Rabbi Roos and sponsored by the TSWRJ. New students of all ages and genders are welcome.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/learn/adult-education



Sixth Grade Ellis Island Simulation
Sunday, February 5, 9 AM-12 PM

Join us as our social hall is transformed and we experience what immigration to America through Ellis Island was like!

Learn

DAYTIMERS

These monthly brown-bag lunch programs are designed to be both social and educational. Everyone is welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch and visit with your friends before the program. Fruit, cookies, coffee and tea will be provided. A contribution of \$3.00 per person is requested to cover other costs.



Alan Eisner
Special Advisor to the President of J Street
The Trump Challenge: How will Israel and American Jews respond?

Monday, January 9 at 12:45 PM

RSVP: Contact Libby and Ron Merrill at 301-365-0894 or e-mail RNLMEERRILL@MSN.COM with your name and the names of persons attending with you by Friday, January 6, 2017.

If you need a ride, call the Temple office at 202-363-6394

Mark your calendars for Mondays, February 13 and March 13 for our other events this Winter.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/learn/adult-education

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

#israel and the bds movement
Sunday, January 8 at 4 PM

This two hour workshop will educate teens in 9th-12th grade and their parents about all things Israel, preparing them to have conversations about Israel on college campuses that are based in fact. The workshop will offer a space for teens and their parents to talk about Israel and ask tough questions.

RSVP at bit.ly/2fiN4o7

#socialjustice
Sunday, March 19 at 4 PM

This two hour workshop will educate teens in 9th-12th grade and their parents about advocacy and issues pertinent to society. Refreshments will be served.

Fourth Grade Students & Parents

Death and Its Rituals: Funerals and Mourning in Jewish Tradition
 Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 & 11:45 AM

Join Rabbi Roos, Cantor Croen and Cantor Robins in an experience and exploration of funerals and mourning in our Jewish tradition.

First Grade Students & Parents

Havdallah Family Learning
 Saturday, January 28 at 5 PM

Join us for a night of learning, fun and community. We'll come together to enjoy dinner, learning and the beautiful ritual of havdallah together.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/1stgradelearning

**Nursery School Auction**

Saturday, March 4

Mark your calendars for the party of the year as we celebrate Temple Sinai Nursery School's 25th Anniversary! Join us on Saturday, March 4, 2017 for our annual Spring Auction, or visit our auction website to participate in other ways. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate this special anniversary year, reconnect with alumni families and support our beloved school. Check out www.501auctions.com/tsns2017auction for more information.

Learn more at templesinaidc.org/learn/nursery-school

2019 B'nai Mitzvah Logistics Info Sessions

Sunday, March 5 at 9:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Families celebrating B'nai Mitzvahs in 2019 are invited to an information session to review options for holding a kiddush luncheon or celebration at Temple Sinai on the day of your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. This is also a great opportunity to meet other families and ask questions as you begin to think about the planning process. No RSVP necessary.

Learn

GET INVOLVED

Temple Sinai is a community that values the active engagement of members in leadership and community-building. Committees, Task Forces, and Program Groups work in partnership with staff to help shape the direction of temple life and to engage members with particular interests and skills. Contact a liaison below to learn about how you can get involved:

LIAISON

PROGRAM

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Access & Inclusion We focus on ensuring access and participation in temple life for people with disabilities and other special needs and their families.

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Administration We provide guidance regarding office functions and general management of the congregation working in close coordination with the Executive Director.

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Archives We preserve the history of Temple Sinai by collecting and organizing its documents and photographs, enlivening the story through an Oral History project that records on video the memories of its congregants.

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Art We coordinate donation, placement, and maintenance of art work throughout the temple.

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Building & Grounds We oversee the repair and maintenance of the physical plant and grounds, and ensure adherence to environmental "green" principles.

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Get Involved

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Cemetery We coordinate the sale and marketing of Temple Sinai section at Garden of Remembrance Cemetery.

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Daytimers We plan monthly lunch-time programs and speakers, giving congregants opportunities for socializing and providing them with new insights on topics of general interest.

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Development We work closely with the Director of Development, the Clergy and the Executive Director to create and oversee a plan for raising needed funds for temple operations and designated strategic priorities through philanthropic contributions and support.

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Finance, Audit & Investment We act on behalf of the Board of Trustees to oversee management of temple finances, including the annual audit and investment decisions, making regular reports to the board to support the Board's fiduciary responsibilities.

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Green Team We help develop environmentally conscious improvements at Temple Sinai and encourage, through education and action, similar commitments on the individual, community, national, and global level. We are currently focusing on reducing stormwater runoff and waterway pollution, but continue to work on solar energy and recycling.

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Israel Affairs We help Temple Sinai engage in dialogue about Israeli current events in ways that reflect and respect the diverse perspectives within the congregation while also affirming Reform Judaism's position of support for the ideals upon which Israel was founded.

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Library We work to maintain and expand our collection of Jewish materials for congregants of all ages, assisting in strengthening and enhancing our Jewish knowledge and identity.

LIAISON

PROGRAM

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Membership We celebrate new members and honor long-time members at our Member Celebration Shabbat each year. We personally deliver new members a Shabbat welcome bag, plan and organize small group gatherings throughout the year, and provide outreach to prospective members.

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TSMRJ We coordinate a variety of activities designed to serve Jewish men and the temple community, including educational events, social events, and support for temple holiday services.

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Music We work with Senior Cantor Laura Croen to bring a wide range of vibrant musical programs, along with related festive dinners and onegs, to our community.

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Nursery School We work with the Nursery School Director to review and establish policy, support the Nursery School and the Nursery School Parent Association.

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Religious School We work with the Director of the Religious School to review and establish school policies and support the educational program, teaching staff, and Director.

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Ritual We work with clergy to review ritual policies and practices for Shabbat, High Holy Day and festival services, and life cycle events.

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SinaiCares We facilitate visits by trained volunteers in the home, at a senior residence, or at a care facility at times of illness, loss, hardship, or convalescence.

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Sinai House We oversee the work of Sinai House, which provides housing at Sinai House for four homeless families, including children. Located in NW Washington, DC, Sinai House was purchased by the Temple Sinai Assisted Housing Foundation.

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Social Action We coordinate community-based social action programming, and make grants through the Rabbi Eugene Lipman Social Action and Tzedakah Fund to Washington DC area non-profit organizations. We also formulate positions on critical social justice issues (e.g. DC Voting Rights, Darfur) for Temple Sinai and work toward achieving them.

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TSWRJ We sponsor educational, social action and study programs on topics of interest to Temple Sinai families, and support TS youth through scholarships and gifts to students. We also operate the congregation's Judaica Shop and the yearly Chanukah Mart and organize the community's Second Seder.

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