

# Temple Sinai News



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## Shabbat & Holiday Services

### Friday, March 4

- 5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbi Roos followed by a Participatory Dinner
- 6:00 PM Sinaites Shabbat Dinner
- 8:00 PM Sinaites Shabbat Service with Rabbi Roos followed by an Oneg Shabbat

### Saturday, March 5

- Torah Reading: Vayak'heil (Exodus 35:1-38:20)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Goldstein
  - 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
  - 10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Nathaniel Belman & Peter Coviello

### Friday, March 11

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:30 PM Gendler Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Sister Norma Pimentel followed by a Community Dinner

### Saturday, March 12

- Torah Reading: P'kudei (Exodus 38:21-40:38)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Sister Normal Pimentel
  - 10:15 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Teller
  - 10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service with Chug Ivrit Participation & Kiddush Luncheon
  - 1:00 PM Praying With Our Feet

### Friday, March 18

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Roos featuring BCC Band followed by a Participatory Dinner

### Saturday, March 19

- Torah Reading: Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1-5:26)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
  - 10:30 AM TSMRJ Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon

### Wednesday, March 23 | Erev Purim

- 7:00 PM Erev Purim Service & Adult Celebration

### Thursday, March 24 | Purim

### Friday, March 25

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Goldstein

### Saturday, March 26

- Torah Reading: Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-8:36)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
  - 10:30 AM Shabbat Healing Service

### Friday, April 1

- 5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbis Rosenwasser & Goldstein
- 8:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosenwasser followed by an Oneg Shabbat

### Saturday, April 2

- Torah Reading: Sh'mini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
  - 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
  - 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – B'not Mitzvah of Allison & Lindsay Kaplan

### Friday, April 8

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:30 PM TSWRJ Shabbat Service followed by a Catered Dinner

### Saturday, April 9

- Torah Reading: Tazria (Leviticus 12:1-13:59)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Goldstein
  - 10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Max Regardie & Livia Sanchez
  - 10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon
  - 5:30 PM Shabbat Afternoon Service & Havdallah – B'not Mitzvah of Samantha Heberlee & Mia Friedman at Washington Hebrew Congregation

### Friday, April 15

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbis Roos & Rosenwasser

### Saturday, April 16

- Torah Reading: M'tzora (Leviticus 14:1-15:33)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
  - 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon
  - 10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bar Mitzvah of Aidan McKenna
  - 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Zachary McLish

### Friday, April 22 | Erev Pesach

NO SERVICES

### Saturday, April 23 | 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Pesach

- Torah Reading: Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10*
- 9:30 AM Clergy Cook-Off Breakfast at Temple Shalom
  - 10:30 AM Passover First Morning Community Festival Service at Temple Shalom
  - 6:00 PM TSWRJ Second Seder at Temple Sinai

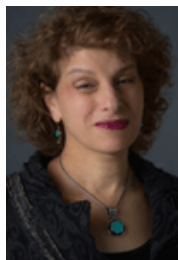
### Friday, April 29 | 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesach

- Torah Reading: Exodus 14:30-15:21*
- 10:00 AM Community Passover Concluding Festival & Yizkor Service at Temple Sinai
  - 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
  - 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosenwasser

### Saturday, April 30

- Torah Reading: Acharei Mot (Leviticus 16:1-17:16)*
- 9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Goldstein
  - 10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Ringel & Eli Blanks
  - 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Eli Brotman

# From Our Clergy



**Laura Croen**  
Senior Cantor

“Oh – Once there was a wicked, wicked man and Haman was his name-sir!”

This month on the eve of March 23 (Adar 14), Purim arrives! I love Purim. I love the excitement and fun it brings to our community, young and old. I love the costumes, the Hamantaschen, and all of the “feasting and merrymaking”. But there is an important and serious side to the mitzvah of celebrating Purim as well. There are four commandments that we are asked to observe as part of our celebration. They are:

1. **Hear a reading of the Megillah** (the book of Esther) - the story of the Jews, led by Queen Esther, winning the battle against anti-Semitism and foiling the evil intentions of Haman. The character we actively “boo, hiss and shake noisemakers” at.
2. **Give to the Needy (Matanot La’evyonim)** – caring for the less fortunate. It is a holiday of building community and reaching out to those in need.
3. **Send food and gifts to friends (Mishloach Manot)** - This reminds us of the importance of friendship and community.
4. **Feast** – How could it be a Jewish holiday without a festive meal? Of course, an important highlight of the feasting is the eating of Hamantaschen, those three-cornered cookies filled with poppy seed or prune or apricot or even chocolate filling. I’m not one for some of those new-fangled flavors, but I do love Hamantaschen.

Well, you might ask, how can Temple Sinai assist in fulfilling these important Purim Mitzvot? Hmm...let’s see...

First, Hamantaschen will once again be sold by our Temple Sinai Youth group, the “Sinaites”. It is a wonderful way to support the youth of our congregation while purchasing a special treat that is tasty and unique to Purim. Order yours here: [templesinai.org/forms/sinaites-annual-hamentaschen-sale](http://templesinai.org/forms/sinaites-annual-hamentaschen-sale). Be forewarned that to be assured of your favorite Hamantaschen flavors, you will need to pre-order them by March 10!

Second, on the Sunday morning before Purim (3/20) at 10 AM, we will once again present a family-friendly Purim Shpiel, a parody of the Purim story, starring our Temple Sinai Ritual and Directors staff along with the Religious School teaching faculty. It will be filled with music and laughs, and give us all a chance to sound the groggers when Haman’s name is said! Following the Sunday morning Shpiel, will be the our annual Temple Sinai Purim Carnival filled with games, prizes and fun especially appropriate for elementary age students.

Then on the evening of Purim, Wednesday night, March 23, we will revel in an Adult Purim celebration. This will include the reading of the Megillah, festive songs that highlight important details of the Esther story and a fabulous Adult Purim Shpiel written by our very own “Shpielmaster”, Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser. The Shpiel will star our Ritual and Directors staff once again, but this time the parody content will be directed towards adults. For those who attended our Shpiel last year, using the music from the show “A Chorus Line”, you know what I am talking about. Our exact Shpiel and costuming is always a deep and guarded secret until the night of Purim. So you need to be here to be “in the know”. The evening begins at 7 PM with an “open bar” courtesy of our MRJ with drinks and snacks to help us get into the spirit of the holiday. At 7:30 PM will be our lively Megillah reading which is then followed immediately by the 2016 Temple Sinai “mystery” Shpiel.

Finally, we will offer the opportunity to give Tzedakah to a worthy cause during the evening. So please remember to bring your ‘shekels’ (\$) to be able to participate in Matanot La’evyonim, gifts for the needy. A cause important to our community will be chosen for the night of Purim to be the recipient of our donations. We step back from our celebration to acknowledge the importance of continually working towards Tikkun Olam , repairing our broken world.

And so we say, “Be happy, it is Adar (the month of Purim)”. When Adar arrives, the Talmud tells us that we increase our joy, to welcome a season of miracles. This year, being the Jewish leap year, we have two months of Adar. So, all the more reason to, “Be happy, it is Adar.” I look forward to seeing you during our Purim celebrations!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Sarah Bryer & Evan Gottesman and their daughter, Sasha
- Patricia Lawson and her son, Skyler
- Tim Shovers & Kira Doar
- Adam Kettler & Elis Rosa
- Elia Powers & Mara Gandal-Powers and their son, Jonah
- Eric Yaary & Sharon Oegerle

# From Our Leadership



**Andrew Engel**  
President

March sweeps in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. Spring is upon us. The Hebrew month of Adar, this being a leap year, Adar 2 brings Purim. Followed by Nisan highlighted by Pesach. The sun sets later. The leaves appear on the trees. The birds return and sing to the dawn. Pesach is "late" this year, uncoupled from Easter. Easter is the only Christian holiday celebrated on a lunar basis. Our school calendars all have spring breaks not including Pesach this year.

Leap years in the Jewish calendar, a lunar based system, occur as follows. Solar years are 365 days long, lunar are 354. Given the 11 day difference, in three years time Nisan traditions arrive in Adar, one month earlier. To combat this we follow a 19 year cycle that includes 7 leap years which add an additional month, Adar 2. This is one of those years. The Muslim calendar is lunar based also but without any corrections. That is why Ramadan has slipped through the summer months over the past 5 years.

Purim is a costume party celebration filled with young Mordechais and Queen Esthers and groggers making noise. My mother used to describe it as Excedrin Headache number one. Join us for a Megillah reading with your children or dress up yourself and come to the adult Purim Shpiel later that night, March 23.

Reform Jews celebrate one seder, many of us grew up celebrating two. The second was a chance to share the joy with the other family, different friends or as we do here at Temple Sinai with our fellow congregants courtesy of our WRJ on April 23. Chag sameach!

# Member News



## **Mazel Tov to...**

...Susan Berger on the birth of her grandson, Jacob Samuel Berger; Timothy Davis on the marriage of his son, Benjamin, to Veronica Gonzales Stuva; Wayne and Jennifer Hausfeld on the birth of their daughter, Shira, sister of Lillian; and Lester and Joyce Scall on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabelle Rose Scall.



## **We mourn the deaths of...**

...Jacqueline "Jacqui" Russler; Homer Lowenberg, husband of Rita Lowenberg; Lewis Battist, husband of Ruth Baker Battist; Norman Schwartz; Paul Mannes, husband of Karen, father of Andrew (Julie), brother of John (Nancy), uncle of Kathryn (Mark Moskovitz), grandfather of Paul, David, Madison, and Benjamin Mannes, great-uncle of Alexandra and Jillian Moskovitz; Ann Kolker, wife of Peter Kolker; and Charles Bartfeld, husband of Ruth Bartfeld.

## **We extend condolences to...**

... Richard Ades (Claudia) on the death of his mother, Paulette Ades; Jeffrey Wagner (Nancy Leopold) on the death of his father, Charles Wagner, grandparent of Julie and Sam; Joseph Chachkin (Margaret) on the death of his sister, Martha Pearlman; Rebecca Perry on the death of her mother's partner, Todd Blumenfeld; Lauren Regardie (Marc) on the death of her grandmother, Hilda Salmanson; Tali Levine on the death of her father, Marvin Levine; Andrea Harnett (Ben Fisherow) on the death of her mother, Ruth Harnett; Scott Gordon (Ilana) on the death of his mother, Nanette Lhormer Gordon; Cheryl Kurss on the

death of her mother, Alice Kurss; Richard Binder (Elaine) on the death of his brother, Fred Binder, uncle of Jonathan Berlowe Binder (Andrea), great-uncle of Rachel and Susannah Berlowe Binder; Robert Leibenluft (Ellen) on the death of his sister-in-law, Lori Luft; Lori Whitstock (Paul) on the death of her mother, Naomi "Nickie" Ellen Zucker; Pam Brown (Stan Crock) on the death of her mother, Peggy Brown; Lisa Bleckner (Steven) on the death of her mother, Linda Lederberg; Sharon Bennett (Marc) on the death of her father, Jack Markowitz, grandfather of Gabrielle and Andrew Bennett; Richard Levie (Sally) on the death of his mother, Eunice Levie; Jeff Walker (Andrea) on the death of his great-aunt Rhea Mittman, great-great-aunt of Maxwell and Chloe; Mary Burfisher (Bruce Jacobs) on the death of her mother, Eloise Gingras Burfisher Hoffman; Ginny Levin (Bruce Vinik) on the death of her mother, Sonia Atlas Levin, grandmother of Annie Vinik (Jamie Lawrence) and Jessie Vinik (Drew Sunderland), great-grandmother of Perry, Reed, and Eleanor; Marjorie Geldon (Gilbert) on the death of her mother, Marilyn Black, grandmother of Ben Geldon and Dan Geldon (Heather), great-grandmother of Zoe Geldon; and Stephen Heyman (Susan Steinman) on the death of his mother, Barbara Heyman, grandmother of Madeline Heyman.

# Celebrate Purim



## ADULT PURIM CELEBRATION

Wednesday, March 23 beginning at 7 PM

7:00 PM      Cocktails  
7:30 PM      Megillah Reading  
                 followed by Purim Shpiel

Join us for a rollicking evening of frivolity, merriment, and fun. Your fabulous Temple Sinai clergy will lead us in a not to be believed holiday celebration with a crazy reading of the megillah to be followed by an original Purim Spiel written, directed, and performed by your staff. Yummy food and an open bar will be on hand to help your spirits soar. Purim at Temple Sinai isn't just for kids!

*Special Thanks to the TSMRJ for bartending.*

## FAMILY PURIM CELEBRATION

*for children ages 3-12 and their families*

Sunday March 20  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## Megillah Reading, Spiel & Carnival



\$15 per child (all-inclusive!) with lunch includes: all games & prizes, art project, pizza lunch, hamentashen, balloon animals and tons of fun!

\$5 for lunch only

[purimcarnival16.eventbrite.com](http://purimcarnival16.eventbrite.com)  
online ticket sales only

*Sinaites (Temple Sinai's 9th-12th grade Youth Group) Presents*

## TEMPLE SINAI'S ANNUAL HAMENTASHEN SALE



ONLY \$1.50 per cookie! These hamentashen are delicious and HUGE!

**APPLE, APRICOT, RASPBERRY, CHOCOLATE, POPPY, PRUNE, CHERRY**

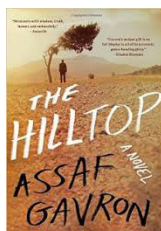
Pre-orders due by March 10, pick-up at the Purim Carnival, March 20!  
Visit [templesinai.org/forms/sinaites-annual-hamentaschen-sale](http://templesinai.org/forms/sinaites-annual-hamentaschen-sale)

Apricot, Chocolate & Raspberry Hamentaschen will be available for purchase for \$2.00/ cookie at the Purim Carnival on March 20.



# In Our Community

## LIBRARY NEWS



Start your month off with a stimulating discussion of Assaf Gavron's latest novel *The Hilltop*, which will be at 10 AM on Tuesday, March 8. Rabbi Hannah Goldstein will once again be our discussant of this funny, sharp, probing look at a small illegal settlement and its place in wider Israeli life. Attendees at her discussion of Etgar Keret's *Seven Good Years* appreciated a stimulating, fun morning.

Perhaps you've read about the banning of Dorit Rabinyan's novel *Borderlife* from use in the advanced classes of Israel's high schools, because it features love between an Israeli Jew and an Arab. Amidst vigorous opposition to the move, the book itself has been selling so well that an additional printing has been needed. While it is not yet available in English translation, the TS Library has two other of Rabinyan's novels, *Persian Bride* and *Strand of a Thousand Pearls*.

The library kiosk will feature Purim in March and Passover in April, as well as many new fiction books. New non-fiction is

also available in cases next to the librarian's desk. Shelves to the left of the entry feature special displays, currently Israeli authors and books used in Limmudei Sinai adult classes. Also, multiple copies of a variety of Passover Hagaddahs will be available for check-out for home use.

A complete bibliography of books on Disabilities and Inclusion has been prepared. This special new collection, which has been sponsored by the Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism, offers a wide variety of books to help families who have loved ones struggling with differences. A cart of these books was available at the Disabilities Shabbat in February. The bibliography is available on the library page of the Temple Sinai website: [www.templestinaidc.org/learn/library](http://www.templestinaidc.org/learn/library). If you are not on the email list for Check It Out, which features books from the collection, contact the temple office to have your name added.

If you would like to volunteer in the Library, please contact Ruth Polk, Librarian, [rpolk@templestinaidc.org](mailto:rpolk@templestinaidc.org). We also welcome you to make suggestions of books.

## SINAI CARES SPOTLIGHT: THE FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM

The Kathie Rabinovitz SinaiCares Program is designed to enrich the relationships between members of Temple Sinai. To help facilitate these relationships, the SinaiCares Friendly Visitor Program matches SinaiCares volunteers with members who would benefit from extra support or companionship. Flo Rosenblum and Barbara Dresner are two Temple Sinai members who have developed a meaningful relationship through this program. Both have been members of Temple Sinai for over 50 years, but had not met until six months ago when Flo started making weekly visits to Barbara.

Flo volunteers as a SinaiCares friendly visitor because she enjoys reaching out to others in helpful ways. A retired teacher/librarian, she likes to encourage others to share their stories and is an enthusiastic listener. Barbara grew up Methodist in a small town in Pennsylvania. In 1944, after college, she came to Washington, DC to work as a secretary at the Carnegie Institution. She soon became the lead secretary in the Office of Scientific Research and Development, which oversaw the Manhattan Project. Barbara met both Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and future President Dwight Eisenhower; she opened the safe for Dr. Oppenheimer and other scientists on the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. After the war, she married Allan Dresner, a fighter pilot in the war and a member of Temple Sinai. She converted to Judaism with the help of Rabbi Balfour Brickner. She and Allan raised four sons in Chevy Chase, DC. Now a widow dependent on others for transportation, Barbara is involved with many community activities. Recently, she turned to SinaiCares to strengthen her connection with Temple Sinai and the Jewish community.

"I love hearing Barbara's intriguing stories and she enjoys sharing them with me," observes Flo. Barbara comments that she and Flo "liked each other right away and have become close friends." Both like to read, so they have visited the Temple Sinai library to check out books. The two plan to attend the WRJ Authors' Roundtable together. Flo is also looking for other ways to help Barbara connect with Temple Sinai.

As SinaiCares grows and becomes an integral part of Temple Sinai, we hope to forge more meaningful connections between members. If you would like to become a Friendly Visitor, or if you know someone who you think might benefit from having one, please contact Karen Auerbach, SinaiCares Program Coordinator, at [kauerbach@templestinaidc.org](mailto:kauerbach@templestinaidc.org).

### PASSOVER SEDER MATCH

Friday, April 22

Let all who are hungry come and eat is one of the mitzvot of Passover. For the second year, Temple Sinai will be holding a seder match program for the first night of Passover, Friday, April 22. If you have a few extra places at your seder table and you would like to host one or more Temple Sinai members, or if you are looking for a place to attend a seder, please contact Karen Auerbach, SinaiCares Program Coordinator, at [kauerbach@templestinaidc.org](mailto:kauerbach@templestinaidc.org).

# Men & Women of Reform Judaism



**A TOAST TO FREEDOM:  
PASSOVER WINE TASTING**  
Sunday, April 3 at 7 PM



Join the Temple Sinai Brotherhood for a lively discussion of chametz and the tasting of Passover-friendly wine. Learn how to make and enjoy three Temple Sinai-original cocktails themed to enhance Passover's seder meal - the French 5776, the Negev Negroni, and the Sabresso. Cap the evening toasting Israel's modern-day independence with take-home recipes symbolizing the Ten Plagues and our struggle for freedom.

The event is free, but please let us know you are coming. To make reservations or for more information, contact us at [Brotherhood-MRJ@templesinaidc.org](mailto:Brotherhood-MRJ@templesinaidc.org).

**SUKKOT IN SPRING**  
Sunday, May 1

Volunteers from Temple Sinai will join with members of Temple Michah to work on a Sukkot in Spring project. Sukkot in Spring is a program organized by Yachad to make much needed repairs on single-family homes whose owners cannot afford to pay contractors. Work usually involves painting, plastering, plumbing, minor electrical improvements, and some carpentry. The more volunteers we have, the more work we can complete in a day. Experience (and your own tools) is a plus but not a necessity. Projects generally include tasks that can be done by children over 10 years old and thus are ideal as a family volunteer activity. Plan to stay all day or just a few hours.

Stay tuned for more details at [www.templesinaidc.org/gather/tsmrj](http://www.templesinaidc.org/gather/tsmrj).



**Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism**  
Invite All to Celebrate  
**Spring Shabbat at Temple Sinai**  
Friday, April 8th, 2016

6 pm – Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 pm – Shabbat Service  
(immediately followed by dinner)

\$28 per person, \$18 special rate (high school and younger)

**Featured Speaker: Isabel “Liz” Dunst**

Chair of the Religious Action Center's Commission on Social Action; Board Member, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion; past president, Temple Sinai, will speak about the work of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, including its major social justice initiatives and programs for 2016, and how members of Temple Sinai can become partners in its work to promote social justice.



To reserve your place for dinner, go to [www.templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj](http://www.templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj). Or, to avoid the credit card charge, you may send your check, payable to TSWRJ, to Bobbe Mintz, 7805 Hidden Meadow Terrace, Potomac, MD 20854.  
**Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, April 5.**

**No reservation is required for the Shabbat Service, which begins at 6:30 pm.**

Please participate in our tzedakah project of contributing to the Religious Action Center.



Look for the special tzedakah box at Temple Sinai.

Let us know if we can make the event more accessible for you.



Visit the TSWRJ Shop for all your Pesach Items



- Seder Plates
- Charoset dishes
- Mazah Covers
- Candlesticks
- Tzedakah boxes
- Mezuzahs
- Judaica Gifts for family and friends

Or, contact Meg Seldin for an appointment:

Phone: 301-654-7874 Email: [megseldin@gmail.com](mailto:megseldin@gmail.com)

# Second Seder



## COME CELEBRATE SECOND SEDER at Temple Sinai

Coordinated by Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism

**Saturday, April 23, 2016: 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm**

Check reservation deadline: Friday, April 15th

Online/Credit Card reservation deadline: Monday, April 18th, 12 noon

**Make your reservations now for Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism's Second Seder.**  
Rabbi Jonathan Roos and Cantor Laura Croen will lead us through the reading of the Passover Story and singing of festive holiday songs.

**RESERVE ONLINE: [www.templestsinaiwrjsecondseeder4-23-16.eventbrite.com](http://www.templestsinaiwrjsecondseeder4-23-16.eventbrite.com)**

or via check (MADE PAYABLE TO TSWRJ) sent to:

Celia Josephs, 6820 Wisconsin Avenue, #8012, Chevy Chase MD 20815,

[celia.josephs@gmail.com](mailto:celia.josephs@gmail.com), (202) 997 0381

### SECOND SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

TEL \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** If you prefer seating with specific guests, please list their names:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Temple Members</u>		Number	Cost	No. of guests choosing Vegetarian Option
Adults	\$45 each	___	___	___
Children 6-12 yrs	\$22 each	___	___	___
Children under 6	\$12 each	___	___	___
<u>Non-Members</u>				
Adults	\$55 each	___	___	___
Children 6-12 yrs	\$27 each	___	___	___
Children under 6	\$15 each	___	___	___
<b>TOTALS</b>		___	___	___

**Please bring your own Haggadahs.** We use the Baskin Haggadah. You may order Haggadahs below at the special price of \$16.00 inc. tax. Haggadah pick-up at 6.00pm on Saturday, April 23rd.

Haggadahs # \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:** If you need transportation, please contact Karen Auerbach at [kauerbach@templestsinai.org](mailto:kauerbach@templestsinai.org) or (202) 363 6394

**IF YOU ARE SENDING A CHECK, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE IT!**

**This a wonderful and popular community event – please reserve early.**



# Sinai Stories

Story telling is a part of our Jewish tradition—it connects us with each other and our shared history, and binds us together for the future. Sinai Stories is a series about our own connections to one another, Temple Sinai, and the larger Jewish community. If you are interested in sharing your story, please email coordinator Marcie Solomon at [marcie.solomon@gmail.com](mailto:marcie.solomon@gmail.com).

## L'DOR VA DOR -- BUILDING OUR FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Michael Baratz



My connection with Temple Sinai began nearly 20 years ago. Before starting college at GW, I worked at Camp Harlam. There, I met Rabbi Reiner who was on staff for a two week rotation. After working together on a few programs, he encouraged me to visit Temple Sinai if I needed anything while in DC. Shortly thereafter, Rabbi Reiner introduced me to Marilyn Goldhammer and I started teaching Sunday school to fifth graders. I enjoyed teaching and I earned enough money to cover my entertainment expenses (including taking my then girlfriend, now wife, Raanan, on dates).

Being involved in a synagogue was not new to me. I am a third generation Reform Jew. My maternal grandparents were founding members of my childhood synagogue, Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. My first Jewish memories are of the old Union prayer book -- it could fit in your hand and was filled with enough "thou" "shalt" and "thy" that reading Shakespeare was never an issue. My Jewish identity, centered around my Temple, was a vital part of my life: all four grandparents were members as well as uncles, aunts, and cousins; my father was a congregational President; I was a local and regional youth group president; I went to Camp Harlam; traveled to Israel for six weeks at 16 years old; and most of my friends were from the Temple. I left for college with a strong Jewish foundation.

Much to my parents' delight that foundation continued. I met my wife at GW Hillel. We became members of Temple Sinai shortly after we married and before having children. Both of our families still live up north, so we go to New Jersey for the High Holidays. For all other occasions, we are at Temple Sinai. Our children went to Temple Sinai nursery school and now to Sunday school. I am privileged to serve on a few Temple Sinai committees.

The challenge now is how to provide our children the solid foundation our parents provided us. My parents made it look so easy to do. They made the Temple be a central part of my life. My aim is to do the same for my children.

Temple Sinai's vision is precisely what we are looking for our family: "[A] congregation where members feel a strong sense of Jewish community; enjoy a personal connection with the Temple and their clergy; are intellectually and spiritually engaged; are inspired, stimulated and challenged by the Reform Jewish tradition; and are building a strong foundation for the future." That's exactly what we have at Temple Sinai. The proof is how enthusiastic our children are about Temple Sinai. It reminds me of how I felt about my Temple growing up.

It is my sincere hope that if my children are asked one day to write a note in their synagogue's newsletter, they will be able to write something similar. That will be at least one sign that I was as successful as my parents in providing them with a strong Jewish foundation for the future.

### BOYS IN THE HOOD



Left to right: Gene Bardach, Marvin Kranz, Ed Ehrenberg, and Irving Kaminsky bonded as they studied for a 2nd Bar Mitzvah together in 2013. They gather monthly for lunch and enjoy bumping into each other at other TS programs.

### DEDICATED STAFF



A very special thanks to Diego Enriquez (above) along with Armando, Benjamin, Carlos, Enrique, Flor, Guy, and Jose for digging Temple Sinai out after the snowstorm in mid-January.



# We Remember

## NORMAN DION SCHWARTZ

1928 - 2016



**Norman  
Schwartz**

Temple Sinai and the Jewish world lost a distinguished leader and a devoted Jew on January 10, 2016. Norman Schwartz was born in Boston on July 10, 1928, into a family dedicated to synagogue life and Jewish education. His father, a prominent lawyer in Lawrence, Massachusetts, was also the principal of their religious school. His mother was a Jewish educator, founded and ran a summer camp in New Hampshire, and published works in English and Yiddish. Norman's sister, Ivah-Lee Berns, taught religious school at Temple Sinai, and elsewhere, for over forty years.

After Norman graduated from Norwich University and Boston University Law School, he accepted a position as an attorney with the federal government and moved to Washington with his wife, Lynore, in 1955. They joined Temple Sinai in 1961, when their children, Karyn and Neil, were four and two years old.

From the beginning of their membership, Norman and Lynore wanted to be involved in the work of our social action committee, our community relations committee, and our youth committee. They helped organize our youth groups and strengthened our social action committee.

Norman was elected to the Temple Sinai Board of Trustees and soon served as president of the congregation from 1969 to 1971. He went on to become the president of the Mid-Atlantic Council, the regional organization of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He went on to serve nationally as vice-chair of the UAHC (two terms), Associate Treasurer, chair of the budget committee, and was named an Honorary Life Trustee (1993). Even with his ascension to regional and national service in the Jewish community, Norman continued to serve as Temple Sinai's parliamentarian each year at our annual meeting. And he always remained devoted to Temple Sinai, his congregation.

Norman was a deeply committed Zionist, as were his parents. For many years, he served as a leader of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, where he was national president 1989-1993, the first non-rabbi to lead the organization. He helped to shape the ARZA chapter at Temple Sinai and the regional ARZA organization in the Baltimore-Washington area. He went to become chair of the American Zionist Movement (AZM). He was one of the founders of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington and the Israel Religious Action Center in Jerusalem.

He served on the Board of Governors of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the Jewish National Fund, the executive committee of AIPAC, and as treasurer of ARZENU, the international arm of the Reform/Progressive Zionist movement. He served four times as a delegate to the World Zionist Congress in Israel and to a host of American Zionist conferences in the United States and around the world.

All of this he did in his spare time, in addition to his thirty-year legal career with the federal government. He worked for several different agencies, such as the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Communications Commission, and the U.S. Postal Service. He was an expert in antitrust law and worked in the Justice Department on the dissolution of AT&T.

In 2004, when Norman and Lynore were honored by ARZA and the World Union, I said in my tribute to them: "When we need someone with wisdom and clear thinking, who can sort out a difficult problem, we turn to you, Norman... How blessed we are: How fortunate to have had your wisdom, your strength, your dedication for these years to strengthen all of us and to sustain our people.

Norman's family includes his wife, Lynore, his daughter, Rabbi Karyn Kedar (Ezra) of Deerfield, Illinois; his late son, Neil Dion Schwartz; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral was held in Deerfield, Illinois, outside Chicago, on January 12, 2016.

Norman left behind a legacy of devoted service to his congregation, to Israel, and to the Jewish people. We have all benefited from his wisdom and dedication.

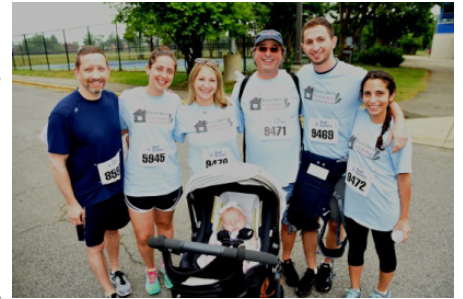
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# Sinai House



**SUNDAY, MAY 22 AT 8 AM**  
**Rock Creek Park, Grove 24**  
**[sinaihousedc5k.com](http://sinaihousedc5k.com)**

Time to start training! The second annual Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run for Sinai House is Sunday morning, May 22nd in Rock Creek Park. Proceeds from this event directly benefits Sinai House in its mission to enable families to move from homelessness to independence by providing safe and affordable housing, comprehensive social services, and financial support.



We run, walk, and celebrate to honor the memory of Tricia Davis, who was a founder and early supporter of Sinai House. Tricia brought energy, excitement, and passion to everything that she did, and Sinai House was no exception. Tricia's family (pictured above at the inaugural Tricia Davis 5K with Rabbis Roos and Goldstein) are the lead sponsors of the event again this year.

Last year's event was a huge success, raising over \$70,000 with more than 60 sponsors and more than 400 registered runners. Photos from last year's race, taken by Jeffrey Baker, may be viewed at <http://www.jdbakerphotography.com>. Please help us to make this year's event even more successful! Become a \$500-sponsor this year to get your name and/or logo included on the race t-shirts and webpage.



Register as a runner, walker, or a virtual runner (donate without racing). There will be a fun run and activities for young children. Strollers and dogs on non-extendible, 3' leashes are welcome. Plus, this year's award ceremony and party will take place in Rock Creek Park immediately following the race. You can even create your own campaign page so family and friends can support your fundraising goal. Also, there will be training runs again this year. Check the race website ([sinaihousedc5k.com](http://sinaihousedc5k.com)) and upcoming Temple Sinai weekly emails for the Walk/Run schedule and updates.

To register, donate, sponsor, or volunteer, visit the Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run website at [sinaihousedc5k.com](http://sinaihousedc5k.com). Stop by the Temple Sinai office and pick up a yard sign to help spread the word. Find out more about sponsorship opportunities by sending an e-mail to [development@templesinaidc.org](mailto:development@templesinaidc.org) or by calling Mark Spira, Director of Development, at (202) 363-6394 x233.

2015 Race photos by [jdbaker photography](http://jdbakerphotography.com)

## NEW "BRIGHT SPACE" FOR SINAI HOUSE



Sinai House has partnered with Bright Horizons Foundation for Children ([www.brighthorizonsfoundation.org](http://www.brighthorizonsfoundation.org)) to create a "Bright Space" in the basement of Sinai House. Through "Bright Spaces," the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children partners with agencies across the country to create and support warm, safe, enriching spaces for children to build caring relationships, heal from trauma through play, and experience the joy of childhood.

The children of Sinai House will get a new playroom with new furniture, an art center, new bookshelves, and much more. To support our Sinai House Bright Space, visit [www.sinaihouse.org](http://www.sinaihouse.org).

# Social Action

## THE OPEN DOOR: HELPING REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS



### Gendler Grapevine Shabbat Teach-In Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12

Join us for the Gendler Grapevine Shabbat Teach-in with Guest Scholar, Sister Norma Pimentel, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. Sister Norma has become well known across the world for almost single-handedly addressing the humanitarian needs of thousands of Central Americans who began streaming across the Texas-Mexico border in the summer of 2014. Sister Norma created a respite center for the refugees which continues its operations today and has helped up to 400 refugees daily.

Sister Norma will speak at services on Friday night. On Saturday morning she will lead Torah study and participate in a panel discussion including Royce Bernstein Murray, Director of Policy at the National Immigrant Justice Center and others.

**Services on Friday evening will be followed by a relaxing, catered Community Dinner. RSVP at [www.mar11dinner.eventbrite.com](http://www.mar11dinner.eventbrite.com).**



*Sister Norma (far right) with TS members on the 2014 trip to McAllen.*

### Mission to McAllen, Texas

Friday, March 25-Wednesday, March 30

Join Rabbi Roos in McAllen, where we will learn first-hand about the situation on the US-Mexico border and offer direct support to refugees at the Sacred Heart Refugee Relief Center. We will celebrate Shabbat with Temple Emanuel of McAllen and work alongside volunteers from across the country at the Center. This trip is appropriate for those aged 14 and up. Interested in joining or want more information? Visit [www.templestinaidc.org/act](http://www.templestinaidc.org/act).

*The Open Door is supported by a grant from The Gendler Grapevine Project and by Temple Sinai's Rabbi Eugene Lipman Social Justice Fund.*

### PRAYING WITH OUR FEET

Saturday, March 12 at 1 PM



This is a wonderful opportunity to observe Shabbat by engaging in tikkun olam, repairing the world. Volunteers will head to A Wider Circle in Silver Spring to help load furniture, restock household items, sort through donations, repair objects, and whatever else may be needed. People will be broken up into small teams, and there will be projects for children of any age. RSVP at [www.mar12pwof.eventbrite.com](http://www.mar12pwof.eventbrite.com).

### SOCIAL ACTION SNAPSHOTS



*Rabbi Hannah Goldstein and a group of 11th and 12th grade students from Temple Sinai participated in a Civil Rights Journey to the South for MLK Weekend.*



*TS members took part in a rally to demand more accountability from gun manufacturers outside the Realco Guns Store in District Heights, MD on February 2.*



# Religious & Nursery Schools

## TSNS NEWS

In recent months, the Nursery School has been focusing on the ways in which we are a learning community of teachers as well as students. We have enjoyed learning from speakers such as Ann Caspari from the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, who introduced new ways of thinking about block play, and we have sent teachers to conferences including one at the Opal School, an innovative program situated within the Portland Children's Museum that utilizes playful inquiry to guide curriculum. We have also hosted groups of teachers from area Jewish early childhood programs who are learning about best practices from our talented faculty.

Another session of our Magical Mornings program has begun, run by Nancy Golding, who brings her lens as a social worker and educator to her work with young children and their caregivers in this special first encounter with school. A parent of a child in the first graduating class at TSNS, Nancy has shared how she finds her work as a Magical Mornings teacher particularly invigorating and fascinating, as children are gently introduced to the world outside of their families and homes while learning about the safety of routines, the joy of becoming a member of a community of peers and the love of a teacher in our rich indoor and outdoor environments.



### #healthyrelationships

*An Evening for Teens and Parents with JCADA (Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse)*  
Sunday March 6, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

#healthyrelationships is an experiential program for 9th-12th graders and their parents. It is an in-depth and critical look at what makes a relationship healthy, and how teens and their parents can share language, dialogue, and attitude towards healthy friendships, family relationships, dating relationships, and more. The goal of this unique workshop is to create a safe and open environment for discussion. Participants learn to identify signs of unhealthy relationships and to use tools to help themselves, their children or friends.

This program will be facilitated by JCADA staff educators and Sinai teens. For more information, email Cantor Rebecca Robins [rrobins@templesinaidc.org](mailto:rrobins@templesinaidc.org).

*Sponsored by the Reiner Lifelong Learning Fund*

### SINAITES EVENTS: For 8th-12th Graders

#### Sinaites Night Out

California Tortilla,  
Bethesda  
March 3, 6:30-8 PM

#### Sinaites Shabbat

March 4, 8 PM

#### NFTY-MAR TheVent

Virginia Beach, VA  
March 11-13

#### Foodaism: A Night of Cross-Cultural Jewish Cooking

March 19 6-8 PM

#### Sinaites Night Out

Don Pollo, Bethesda  
April 6, 6:30-8 PM

#### NFTY-MAR Spring Kallah

Camp Harlam  
Kunkletown, PA  
April 14-17

#### Sinaites at SkyZone

April 30 (tentative date)

To learn more, contact  
Youth Engagement  
Specialist Kelly Whitehead  
at [kwhitehead@templesinaidc.org](mailto:kwhitehead@templesinaidc.org).



### SECOND GRADE JOINS GOOD DEEDS DAY

*Experiencing the Mitzvah of  
Hiddur P'nai Zaken (Esteeming the Elderly)*  
Sunday, April 10

2nd Graders will explore what it means to esteem the elderly in Jewish tradition in preparation for their visit to the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington from 8:30–9:45 AM. Then we will board a bus and head for the Hebrew Home. Students will sing songs, and then interview a few of the residents, hopefully bringing a bit of sunshine into the room.

Register at:  
[www.doinggood.wufoo.com/forms/temple-sinai](http://www.doinggood.wufoo.com/forms/temple-sinai).

### SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP PHILADELPHIA & ELLIS ISLAND

Saturday, April 16 – Sunday, April 17



6th Graders will tour the National Museum of American Jewish History, explore Jewish Philadelphia, spend the night at Temple Emanu-el in Westfield NJ and then on Sunday morning explore the stories of their ancestors at Ellis Island.

Register at:  
[www.templesinaidc.wufoo.com/forms/6th-grade-philadelphia-ellis-island-trip](http://www.templesinaidc.wufoo.com/forms/6th-grade-philadelphia-ellis-island-trip)

# In Our Community



## BUILDING PLURALISTIC AND REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL

Wednesday, March 9 at 7 PM  
*Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres Reception followed by program with Rabbi Meir Azari at 7:30 PM*

The Israel Affairs Committee hosts a discussion, led by Meir Azari, Senior Rabbi at Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv, on how and why the Reform Movement's message of pluralism and tolerance is essential to Israel's future.

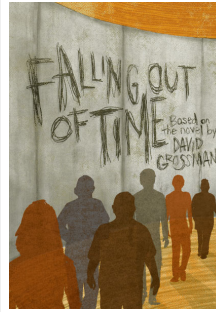
Celebrating the 25th year of his rabbinate and one of the first Israelis to be ordained by the HUC, Rabbi Azari will discuss the reasons the Reform message is increasingly resonating among Israel's population. Learn more at [www.templestinaidc.org/learn/adult-ed/israel](http://www.templestinaidc.org/learn/adult-ed/israel).

No RSVP necessary.

## "FALLING OUT OF TIME" AT THEATER J

Saturday, April 16 at 7 PM

Join us for our next Temple Sinai theater event! There will be a special pre-reception at 7 PM to meet Theater J's new artistic director Adam Immerwahr and learn about his vision for the theater. (Light refreshments to be served.)



Play synopsis: After losing his son in the Israel-Lebanon conflict of 2006, David Grossman wrote his stunning masterpiece. Now, Derek Goldman (Our Class) adapts this haunting tale of loss, solace, and hope into a world premiere stage production. In this incandescent fable, a grief-stricken man takes leave of his bewildered wife to embark on a beautiful and poetic journey that will change him forever.

RSVP at [www.apr16theaterouting.eventbrite.com](http://www.apr16theaterouting.eventbrite.com).

## DAYTIMERS

Israel: How Jewish is the Jewish State?  
Guest Speaker: Michael Brenner, Ph.D.  
Monday, March 14 at 12:45 PM



In 2014, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu proposed a new basic law that would declare Israel a national state of the Jewish People, precipitating a breakdown of the government. The political center and left argued Israel already is a Jewish state and does not need such a Basic Law, while the Arab population in Israel demanded a state for all its citizens irrespective of religious affiliation rather than an explicitly Jewish state. One of the sources of disagreement in these recent debates is the dissent over the definition of what a "Jewish state" actually means in reality. This presentation will provide an overview of the various concepts of a "Jewish state" in the past and present and how Israeli culture is changing for the future. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers following the presentation.

Michael Brenner is the Seymour and Lillian Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies and directs AU's Center for Israel Studies. He received his PhD at Columbia University and taught previously at Indiana and Brandeis Universities.

*Everyone is welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch and visit with your friends before the program. Cookies, fruit, coffee and tea are provided. A contribution of \$3 per person is requested to cover basic costs. Please let us know if you will attend, and bring friends. If you need a ride, call the temple office at (202) 363-6394.*

*For reservations, please contact Libby and Ron Merrill at (301) 365-0894 or email [rlmerrill@msn.com](mailto:rlmerrill@msn.com) with your name and the names of persons attending with you by Friday, March 10.*

**Stay Tuned: Information about our April 11 session will be announced at a later date.**



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We take this opportunity to specially recognize those we have lost recently who have helped plant the seeds for a vibrant future and sustained us with their generous legacy support.

**Renee Borden** (Temple Sinai Endowment)  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2016</h1>		<b>1</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i> <i>Noar</i>  10:00 AM Rabbi's Class  2:00 PM Green Team Meeting  7:30 PM Social Action Committee Meeting	<b>2</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Librarian Available</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  6:30 PM Sinaites Night Out 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>3</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:00 PM Social Action - Small Shelters Info Meeting 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet	<b>4</b> <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i>  5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:00 PM Sinaites Shabbat Dinner 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service 6:45 PM Participatory Dinner 8:00 PM Sinaites Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg Shabbat	<b>5</b> 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Nathaniel Belman and Peter Coviello  6:00 PM Nursery School Auction
		<b>6</b> <i>Religious School with Shame-Free Jewish Learning, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai &amp; Adult Hebrew Classes</i>  4:30 PM #healthyrelationships	<b>7</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Librarian Available</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>8</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i> <i>Noar</i>  10:00 AM Book Discussion: Assaf Gavron's <i>The Hilltop</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Librarian Available</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  7:00 PM Israel Affairs Program: Building Pluralistic & Reform Judaism in Israel 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>10</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet
<b>13</b> <i>NFTY-MAR's TheVent (offsite)</i> <i>Religious School with Purim Extravaganza, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai &amp; Adult Hebrew Classes</i>  9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting	<b>14</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Librarian Available</i>  12:45 PM Daytimers  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>15</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i> <i>Noar</i>  10:00 AM Rabbi's Class	<b>16</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Librarian Available</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM Nursery School Committee Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>17</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet	<b>18</b> <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i>  6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Band 7:30 PM Participatory Dinner	<b>19</b> 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM TSMRJ Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon  5:00 PM Sinaites Global Cook Out
<b>20</b> <i>Purim Carnival, Adult Hebrew Classes</i>  9:30 AM WRJ Board Meeting	<b>21</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Librarian Available</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>22</b> <i>Nursery School</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i> <i>Noar</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting	<b>23</b> <i>Erev Purim</i> <i>Nursery School with Purim Parades</i> <i>Librarian Available</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  7:00 PM Erev Purim Service, Shpiel, and Adult Celebration	<b>24</b> <i>Purim</i> <i>Nursery School with Purim Parades</i> <i>Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM YAWS Meeting	<b>25</b> <i>Mission Trip to McAllen, TX</i> <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i>  6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> <i>Mission Trip to McAllen, TX</i>  9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Healing Service
<b>27</b> <b>Temple Closed</b> <i>Mission Trip to McAllen, TX</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Mission Trip to McAllen, TX</i> <i>Librarian Available</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>29</b> <i>Mission Trip to McAllen, TX</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Mission Trip to McAllen, TX</i> <i>Librarian Available</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>31</b>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet		

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>April 2016</b>						<b>1</b> 5:30PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:00PM Tot Shabbat Service 6:45PM Participatory Dinner 8:00PM Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg Shabbat	<b>2</b> 9:15AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon  5:30PM Shabbat Mincha Service- B'not Mitzvah of Allison and Lindsay Kaplan
<b>3</b> <i>Limmudei Sinai &amp; Adult Hebrew Classes</i>  9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM MRJ Wine Tasting	<b>4</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>5</b> <i>Nursery School</i>  10:00 AM Rabbi's Class	<b>6</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>7</b> <i>Nursery School</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet	<b>8</b> <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i>  6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM WRJ Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Catered Dinner	<b>9</b> 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Max Regardie and Livia Sanchez 10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon	
<b>10</b> <i>Religious School with 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip, Shame-Free Jewish Learning, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai &amp; Adult Hebrew Classes</i>  9:00 AM Taste of Temple Sinai 9:30 AM WRJ Board Meeting 2:00 PM Genizah Ceremony at the Temple Sinai Cemetery 4:00 PM Nursery School Winter Concert	<b>11</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i>  12:45 PM Daytimers  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>12</b> <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit Noar</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  7:00 PM Leadership Development Program 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>14</b> <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet	<b>15</b> <i>Nursery School with Model Seder</i>  6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	<b>16</b> 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Aidan McKenna 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bar Mitzvah of Zachary McLish  7:00 PM Theatre Outing: Falling Out of Time at Theater J	
<b>17</b> <i>Religious School with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Learning, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai &amp; Adult Hebrew Classes</i>  8:30 AM Coffee with Todd Rosentover, Religious School Committee Chair and Cantor Robins	<b>18</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>19</b> <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit Noar</i>  10:00 AM Rabbi's Class  7:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting  7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM Nursery School Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Sinai House Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>21</b> <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>22</b> <b>Erev Passover Offices Closed at 12 PM No Shabbat Service</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Passover Day 1</b>  9:00 AM Passover First Morning Matzoh Brei Cookoff at Temple Shalom 10:00 AM Passover First Morning - Community Festival Service at Temple Shalom  6:00 PM WRJ Second Seder	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics	<b>26</b> <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit Noar</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i>  1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	<b>28</b> <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i>  6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM YAWS Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>Passover Day 7 Office Closed</b>  10:00 AM Community Passover Concluding Festival and Yizkor Service at Temple Sinai  6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	<b>30</b> <b>Passover Day 8</b>  9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Ringel and Eli Blanks  5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bar Mitzvah of Eli Brotman	

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