

Temple Sinai News



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Shabbat & Holiday Services

Wednesday, May 4 | Erev Yom HaShoah

8:00 PM Yom HaShoah Service

Thursday, May 5 | Yom HaShoah

Friday, May 6

5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosenwasser and Goldstein
6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner
8:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Goldstein followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, May 7

Torah Reading: Acharei Mot (Leviticus 18:1-30)
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Lonker
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Usher

Wednesday, May 11 | Yom HaZikaron

Thursday, May 12 | Yom Ha-Atzmaut

Friday, May 13

6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Shabbat Service honoring Leadership Development Program Graduates with Rabbi Roos

Saturday, May 14

Torah Reading: K'doshim (Leviticus 19:1-20:27)
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Eisenberg
10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service with Chug Ivrit Participation & Kiddush Luncheon

Friday, May 20

6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Confirmation Class Dinner
8:00 PM Confirmation Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 21

Torah Reading: Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Metzger
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Maxwell and Judith Oshman

Thursday, May 26 | Lag B'Omer

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

Torah Reading: B'har (Leviticus 25:1-26:2)
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Goldstein
10:30 AM Shabbat Healing Service
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Harkins

Friday, June 3

5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbi Roos
6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner
8:00 PM Shabbat Service with Board Installation with Rabbi Roos followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 4 – Erev Yom Yerushalayim

Torah Reading: B'chukotai (Leviticus 26:3-27:34)
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'not Mitzvah of Adele Rudnick and Sydney Greenberger
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Emily Fagell and Douglas Cohen

Sunday, June 5 | Yom Yerushalayim Friday, June 10

6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Shabbat Service Honoring Nina Merrick with Rabbi Rosenwasser followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 11 | Erev Shavuot Torah Reading: B'midbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)

9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Samuel Shapiro and Rosalie Raibman
3:00 PM Praying With Our Feet: Pride (Reform Action Center)

Sunday, June 12 - Shavuot

10:00 AM Shavuot Festival Service

Friday, June 17

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

Saturday, June 18

Torah Reading: Naso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)
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 Ezra Shapiro
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bat Mitzvah of Kaya Ginsky

Friday, June 24

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

Saturday, June 25

Torah Reading: B'haalot'cha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Goldstein
10:30 AM Informal Shabbat Service

From Our Clergy



Jonathan Roos
Senior Rabbi

I admit to confirmation bias. This usually means a cognitive tendency to interpret events as supporting already held beliefs. I am talking about something else: my belief that Confirmation is an important part of any person's Jewish life.

Confirmation is the year-long seminar and culminating ceremony for tenth graders at Temple Sinai. Once upon a time in the Reform movement, confirmation replaced bar mitzvah as the primary coming of age ritual. Recognizing that thirteen year olds were not intellectually or emotionally developed enough to embrace Jewish adulthood meaningfully, the Reform movement pushed the adult-level engagement with Jewish identity to the middle of high school. Back then, Confirmation was a big deal and more students were confirmed than celebrated bar or bat mitzvah. Today the dynamic has shifted and many more students become bar and bat mitzvah (over 70 this year) than continue through Confirmation (20 this year).

I do not lament the strength of bar mitzvah or its tenacity in our ritual life. Bar and bat mitzvah are powerful moments in the life of a family and formative points in the development of an individual's Jewish identity. There is no better process than bar mitzvah for learning the basic skills for Jewish literacy and solidifying the transmission of Judaism l'dor va'dor – from one generation to the next.

Nothing is better than Confirmation, however, for an individual's spiritual formation and personal understanding of Judaism's role in his or her life. I am biased. I teach the Confirmation class and feel proud of the large number of students who complete the year. I am concerned about Jewish continuity when more students and their families choose more activities and exclude this year of Jewish learning.

Confirmation builds on bat or bar mitzvah in more personalized ways. The entire seminar is based on answering a single question: What do you positively confirm about Judaism in your life? Each student answers the question with a personal statement that we publish and distribute at the Confirmation service. The only requirement for the statement is that it be based on a real encounter with and understanding of Jewish sources, traditions and practice. We study theology, Torah, interpretations, current events, culture and more. Some students express their disbelief in God and others question whether they will automatically join a temple as adults. I publish and celebrate them all so long as they reflect a genuine engagement with Jewish learning and not just a personal intuition or uninformed feeling.

All of us need the process of spiritual formation and clarification throughout our lives. Confirmation is a ceremony and course of study specifically for our high school students to complete before entering that true world of adulthood that comes with college, work and beyond. The process of confirmation and its core dynamic, however, are open to all of us at any age.

I have confirmation bias. I always sense that I am changing and growing and therefore need to take time occasionally to confirm that I am not thoughtlessly going through the motions of my Jewish life. I invite you to join me at our Confirmation service on May 20 at 8 PM to start your own process of self-examination and confirmation and to encourage the students in your family to join formally in the program of Confirmation that starts every fall.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 25. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

2016
Annual Meeting

We will vote for temple leadership (see page 3 for more information), approve bylaws updates, honor volunteer leaders, and learn about the new strategic plan for Temple Sinai.

Watch for an email with links to Annual Meeting materials posted to the temple website in early May. If you would like print copies mailed to you, please call the temple office at (202) 363-6394.

Staff contracts are available for review by appointment with Executive Director Ellen Agler on May 18, 23 & 24.

Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the By-Laws of Temple Sinai, the Nominating Committee hereby submits the following nominees to fill the positions indicated:

Officers

President – Andrew Engel
Executive Vice President – Gary Friend
Vice President – Jill Chenok
Vice President – John Hellerman
Vice President – Barry Wides
Treasurer – Liz Dunst
Associate Treasurer – Nancy Golding
Secretary – Marcie Solomon
Assistant Secretary – Deborah Lewis*

Board of Trustees

Matt Pachman*
Liz Rose*
Laura Steel*

**indicates new officer or trustee in 2016;
all new trustees would be serving their
1st 3-year term ending May 2019*

2017 Nominating Committee

Presented by the 2016 Nominating Committee:

Debra Berlyn (returning member)
Sherry Ettleson
Matthew Frumin (returning member)
Ellen Kurlansky (returning member)
Anthony Murphy
Peter Winkler

Presented by the Board of Trustees:

Katie Herman
Hunter Hogewood

2018 Nominating Committee

Debra Berlyn
Elaine Binder
Matthew Frumin
Lisa Greenman
Laura Kumin
Ellen Kurlansky
Steve Messner (immediate Past President)
Ted Rosen
Esther Schrader
Deborah Smolover
Lafe Solomon
Ronny Tabeka

Submitted by
Steve Messner
Chair, 2016 Nominating Committee

TEMPLE SINAI BY-LAWS; ARTICLE V- NOMINATIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of thirteen members of whom one shall be the most immediate past president of the Congregation, who is still a member of the Congregation and a member of the immediately past Nominating Committee, selected by that Committee as its representative. Neither of these two members shall be eligible to act as chairperson of the Committee. The remaining eleven shall be elected by the members of the Congregation by a plurality vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting. Six candidates for the next year's nominating committee shall be submitted by the existing nominating committee and five candidates shall be submitted by the Board of Trustees. Additional nominations for the next year's nominating committee may be made at the Annual Meeting. All candidates must indicate a willingness to serve on the nominating committee either in writing or at the Annual Meeting. The President shall convene the Nominating Committee and act as its temporary chairperson. The committee shall select its own chair person.

Section 2. Seven members of the Nominating Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Except for the most immediate past president and the designated representative of the immediate past Nominating Committee, incoming and outgoing officers or members of the Board of Trustees, or members of the outgoing Nominating Committee, shall be ineligible for election to service on the next Nominating Committee.

Section 4. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination as an officer or member of the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. An elected member of the Nominating Committee who is unable to serve or is no longer a member of the Temple in good standing may be replaced by the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall submit in writing to the Board of Trustees not less than 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting at least one nominee for each office and each vacancy on the Board of Trustees and their slate of six candidates for the succeeding Nominating Committee. The nominees so designated shall not be subject to revision by the Board. The report of the Nominating Committee, a copy of this article of the By-Laws, and the Board's selection of their five candidates for the Nominating Committee for the succeeding year shall be mailed to the membership of the Congregation not later than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Additional nominations for officers and the Board may be submitted by written communications signed by at least twenty members to the President at least fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting. All nominations shall be listed alphabetically for each position in the notice of the Annual Meeting to the membership of the Congregation. No further nominations for officer or member of the Board shall be considered at the Annual Meeting.

In Our Community

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



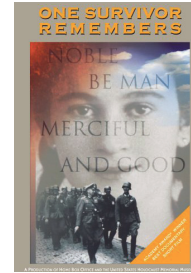
Andrew Engel
President

The months of May and June are Temple Sinai's other "Rosh Hashanah." We bring our fiscal year to a close. Hold our Annual Meeting. Approve our balanced budget for the incoming year. Elect our new Board members and officers. Say good bye to those who have served us well. We run in the Tricia Davis 5K to support Sinai House. We are thankful for a year of holidays, services, social action programs, Religious School classes, Nursery School and Adult Ed. We don't atone. In our secular lives the school year winds down. May is full of year end performances, tournaments and celebrations. June is the transition to the summer and begins the flurry of building oriented activities best done with a quieter temple. For your Board of Trustees the new year begins with orientation, a rededication and purpose. The graduates of our Leadership Development program will fan out into various committees and task forces. We in the lay leadership will endeavor to become ambassadors of the temple. We are a community of Engaging Jews, engaging Jews. We will roll out our new three year Strategic Plan, as will Temple Sinai Nursery School and Sinai House. We will continue building a culture of philanthropy.

As I write this I have just returned from the Scheidt Seminar, a leadership training institute for temple presidents. I met more than one hundred kindred souls leading a hundred temples across the US. We had more in common than our geographic differences. Many are facing clergy transitions or shifts in their membership. I came away quietly thankful for our fabulous clergy team and loyal membership. We on the Board will continue to maintain this wonderful temple community of which you a part and guide it into a new year.

EREV YOM HASHOAH SERVICE

Wednesday, May 4 at 8 PM



During the service, we will screen the Academy Award winning documentary *One Survivor Remembers*. The film depicts the story of Gerda Weissman Klein's survival. Her son, Jim Klein, will be with us to introduce the film and to answer questions.

If you would like us to include the names of your family members who perished in the Holocaust on our memorial list for that service, please send those names to Adrian Graham at agraham@templesinai.org by Monday, May 2.

FRIENDLY VISITOR TRAINING

Sunday, May 15 at 11 AM

SinaiCares volunteers visit members who have been ill, experienced a loss, or just need some extra support or companionship. If you are interested in becoming a friendly visitor with SinaiCares or if you want to learn more about the program, then please join us for a training session. Leslie Kessler, a social worker at JSSA, will facilitate the training and give you the tools you need to feel comfortable in your role as a visitor.

Brunch will be served. RSVP at may15training.eventbrite.com. Questions? Contact SinaiCares Coordinator Karen Auerbach at kauerbach@templesinai.org.

SHABBAT CELEBRATION FOR NINA MERRICK

Friday, June 10



6 PM Special Prozdor Hor D'oeuvres
7 PM Shabbat Service
8 PM Celebratory Oneg Shabbat

Join us as we honor Nina Merrick, our longtime teacher, tutor, and friend, for her years of dedication.

If you have photos of yourself or your children with Nina, please send them to Susan Baer at susan.baer@gmail.com by Monday, May 16. We will be creating a special book and montage for Nina of the many lives she has touched.

PRAYING WITH OUR FEET: PRIDE

Saturday, June 11 at 3 PM



March with the Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities as we share our pride! Rabbi Adam will be leading a brief prayer rally at the Religious Action Center at 3 PM where we will create signs and posters in preparation for the parade, which kicks off at 4:30 PM. Come march with the greater Jewish community through the streets of DC! RSVP at pwofpride.eventbrite.com.

Member News

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.

“Community & Home” by Carolyn Gruber



About nine months after my husband died I went up to Smith College to teach in the school of social work. I lived in a faculty dorm and ate and had dialogues and drank wine with some very nice and interesting people. It felt like the switch from black and white to color in *The Wizard of Oz*. The following fall I was going to a professional meeting with Marcie Solomon and Janis Colton. I told them about that experience and said that it made me wonder if I should move to somewhere like Riderwood to have that feeling of community that helped so much with my loss and loneliness. They told me I was too young for that and that I could stay right where I was on Willard Avenue but join them at Temple Sinai for that same sense of community and connection. So I started going to events at the temple. It felt like a place where I might feel at home. I finally joined. I signed up for some committee work. I met welcoming people with whom I felt comfortable. They shared my values, interests, and sense of humor. I am so glad they invited me. I have found my community and a home for my soul.

MEMBER NEWS



Mazel Tov to...

...Rabbi Fred N. Reiner and Susan Liss on their engagement; Gayle and Larry Klein on the engagement of their daughter, Marni, to Daniel Nicotera; Jim Pavle and Nancy Wolf on the birth of their second grandson, Owen Henry Mixer; Doug Greenfield and Elaine Quintana on the engagement of their daughter, Gabrielle, to Danny Kedem; Stephen Zuckerman and Andrea Stone Zuckerman on the engagement of their son, Alex, to Erika Hanson; Rachel and Evan Mendeslon on the birth of their daughter, Claire Violet Mendelson; Laura Tyler and Michael Cherry on their marriage; Joe Godles & Nancy Liebermann on the engagement of their daughter Lauren Godles to Andy Milgroom. Lauren is the granddaughter of Frank & Marianne Liebermann; and Gerry Daniel, father of Miriam Daniel and father-in law of Larry Wolff, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 6.



We mourn the deaths of...

... J. Eugene Marans, uncle of Beth Marans (Brett Lonker), great-uncle of Rachel and Jonah Lonker.

We extend condolences to...

...David Moss (Ashley) on the death of his grandmother, Dolores Himoff, great-grandmother of Ella, Hannah, and Benjamin Moss; Andrea Travis (Harry) and Joshua Leifer (Elizabeth Brenner-Leifer) on the death of their mother, Sheila Leifer, grandmother of Rebecca Travis and Sasha Leifer; David Kaufman (Jan) on the death of his father, Benjamin Kaufman; Adam and Johanna Kreisel on the death of their niece, Logan Kreisel; Ilana Gordon (Scott) on the death of her mother, Victoria Gruber; Suzanne Eichhorn (Rabbi Jonathan Eichhorn) on the death of her sister, Elaine Hammond, aunt of Deborah Eichhorn (Steven Snyder), great-aunt of Ari and Rebecca Snyder; Ken Jaffe (Debbie) on the death of his father, Herbert Jaffe, grandfather of Eric and Matthew Jaffe; Samuel Blum (Phyllis) on the death of his brother, Royal Isaac Blum; Steven Schiffman (Susan) on the death of his mother, Carol Schiffman, grandmother of Rebecca and Julia Schiffman; Steven Asin (Paula Sweeney) on the death of his mother, Betty Shilman Asin; and Mark Cohen (Holly Rosenkrantz) on the death of his father, Ken Cohen, grandfather of Doug and Charles Cohen.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Matthew & Jena Carr and their son, Finn Bear
- Drew Dallas & Carla Medalia and their daughter, Annika
- Jennifer Fedder & Alicia Deeny and their son, Santiago
- Ari Fisher & Mara Bralove and their sons, Elie & Felix
- Ethan & Anne Glass and their daughters, Libby & Sammy
- Andrew Goldsmith & Miriam Fishman and their sons, Jake & Alex
- James & Amy Heltzer and their daughters, Ella & Lucy
- Rob Hendin & Lauren Aronson and their children, Matty & Sarah
- Michael Isenman & Allison Mostow and their daughters, Kira & Harper
- Glenn & Jennifer Leon and their children, Jack & Anna
- Jeffrey & Jennifer Lerner and their sons, Benjamin & Samuel
- Jonathan Lopez & Kimberly Gahan and their children, Hannah & Samuel
- Leigh Marcus and her daughters, Talia & Caroline
- David Nathan & Nora Abramson and their son, Gabriel
- Adam Perlman & Amy Goldfrank and their sons, Nate & Josh
- Dan Stoll and his children, Ethan, Jason, & Maggie
- Michael & Yael Summerfield and their children, Ava & Jack
- Julie & Ed Walters and their son, Miles
- Matt & Becky Wexler and their daughter, Hannah

Sinai House



SUNDAY, MAY 22 AT 8 AM
Rock Creek Park, Grove 24
sinaihousedc5k.com

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 at right 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) 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. 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 or by calling Mark Spira, Director of Development, at (202) 363-6394 x233.

2015 race photos by jdbaker photography

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT GENERATION HOPE

Saturday, May 14

www.supportgenerationhope.org



Elizabeth Workman and family (former TSNS family, current TSNS Committee member and current temple members) will be holding a yard sale to benefit Generation Hope (supportgenerationhope.org), a community-based nonprofit organization focused on reducing poverty one family at a time in the DC area. If you would like to contribute your stuff for us to sell towards this cause, please contact Elizabeth by May 10th at workmanelizabethm@gmail.com.

Everything in good condition is welcome (no huge furniture please; unsold things will be donated to A Wider Circle which helps furnish the homes of families in need).

This is a terrific opportunity to clean out your house and know that your "junk" will benefit others.

In Our Community

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOK FAIR AT WHEATLEY

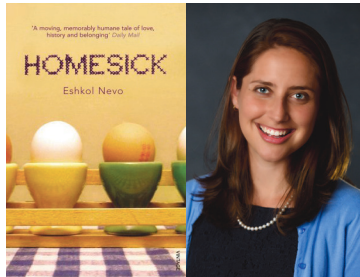
May 16, 17, & 18

Volunteer “book whisperers” are needed to help with the third annual Temple Sinai sponsored book fair at Wheatley Education Campus. The Book Fair will take place Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday May 16th, 17th, & 18th from 8:30 AM -12:00 PM each day. We need volunteers to help the children in Grades 2, 3, and 4 choose books they will read for pleasure over the summer. Volunteers do not need to come for all three days, or even all morning. Just 90 minutes will be a big help.

Please contact Debby Litt at d.debo@verizon.net or (301) 652-8562 to volunteer or with questions.



LIBRARY NEWS



Homesick, by Eshkol Nevo, will be reviewed by Rabbi Hannah Goldstein in the next of the enthusiastically received Temple Library Series on **Tuesday, June 14 from 10 to 11:30 AM**. Nevo is internationally acclaimed, said to be taking his place with Amos Oz and A.B. Yehoshuah. Although the book describes the political and conflictual climate just after the assassination of Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, it is an especially

compelling read because its true focus is the everyday of Israeli life. Set in a small town, funny, poignant and deeply humane, it explores the relationships of a wide variety of residents. It is “a beautiful and moving story about history, love, family and the true meaning of home.” All are welcome to participate, whether or not you have been able to finish the book.

Over these two months, many lesser known holidays occur: June 5 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day); June 11 Yom Hazikaron (Israel's Memorial Day); June 12 Yom Ha-atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day), May 26 Lag B' Omer (33rd day of the counting of the Omer - a minor but fun, festive day); and June 5 Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day). A major holiday is Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, on which we celebrate the giving of the Torah. Books on each of these holidays will be featured on the library kiosk and can enrich your understanding and enjoyment of this time of year.

As always, there will be interesting displays on the shelves to the left of the library entrance, as well as new fiction on the kiosk and new non-fiction on the shelves to the side of the librarian's desk. Be sure to also check out the DVD's just to the right of the entrance.

If you are not receiving the email “Check It Out,” call the temple and ask to be added to the list. It includes many reviews, both of current books and of interesting older books, for adults and children. It's a great way to expand your list of good books to read.

The library welcomes volunteers. It's fun to work together making sure the library functions smoothly. Call the librarian, Ruth Polk, (202) 363-6394, or email her at rpolk@templesinai.org. You are also welcome to be part of the Library Committee. Email Janis Colton, jrcolton@aol.com or Herb Mintz, mintzh@comcast.net.

TSWRJ MULTIFAITH PROGRAM

Thursday, May 26 at 10:00 AM

Now in Our Fourth Decade!



Join members from area congregations at Temple Sinai for

Conversations on Contemporary Islam

with Hamza Kahn, political consultant, President of the Muslim Democratic Club of Montgomery County, and interfaith facilitator

This event is free, but we ask you to RSVP.

To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Andrea Harnett (202) 244-7654, aharnett123@gmail.com or Laura Govoni-Sibarium (301) 588-4435, lgovsib@comcast.net.



TSMRJ & TSWRJ



ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS ANOTHER EXCITING EVENT SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2016

Sponsored By Temple Sinai's Sisterhood (TSWRJ)

WHAT: Rabbi Goldstein will be leading a discussion of stories from the new book, *The Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari.

The discussion will cover 3 stories:
Tikkun
The Poets in the Kitchen Window
Below Sea Level



WHERE: The Bet Am

WHEN: 3 – 5 p.m.

Come and share your views and insights, enjoy some light refreshments and, best of all, gather with old friends and make some new ones.

Call Politics and Prose to order your copy. 202-364.1919

And/or call

Ilana Gordon 240.413.0342 or
Sally Kranz 202.363.1904
for more information.



Celebrating a Sweet Year with TSWRJ, including Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm

Desserts, Wine, Fun, and Music with our special guest,
Middle Matzah Conspiracy

Come share a special night as we celebrate our accomplishments of the past year, elect and install our officers, and honor

**Michelle Engelmann as
Woman of the Year.**

Enjoy a delicious nosh and nibble on some delectable sweets while mingling with new and old friends.

Price: \$14 per person.

RSVP by Friday, May 13 to say you will join the celebration!

To register online go to: www.templestinaidc.org/gather/tswrj
To avoid the credit card fee, send your check for \$14 per person, payable to TSWRJ, to:

Beth Plotkins, 10908 Jolly Way, Kensington, MD 20895.

Checks should be received by May 13.

Your payment is your reservation.

Questions: Please contact Michelle Engelmann (rjh500@aol.com) or Beth Plotkins (rsplotkins@verizon.net)

TSWRJ's Tzedakah Project: Capital Area Food Bank
Please contribute a can or box (or more) of nutritious food.
Monetary donations are welcome as well.

SUKKOT IN SPRING Sunday, May 1



Volunteers from Temple Sinai will join with members of Temple Micah 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. (Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

This year, we will work on a home at 5126 Kansas Ave. NW. from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Plan to stay all day or just a few hours. (If necessary, we will do follow-up work at the site on May 15.)

Yachad is also considering assigning us a second home that day, belonging to the same owner's family, but it is still assessing the work needed there.

Temple Sinai's involvement in Sukkot in Spring is sponsored by the Men of Reform Judaism in partnership with the Social Actions Committee. If you are interested in joining us or for more information, contact us at Brotherhood-MRJ@templestinaidc.org.

TSMRJ BASEBALL OUTING Sunday, June 12 at 4:05 PM



Join the Brotherhood for our 7th annual outing to Nationals Park. The Nats face NL East rivals Philadelphia Phillies, with the first pitch at 4:05 PM. Temple members and their friends are welcome to be part of what each year has been a fun event.

Tickets are \$35 each and must be ordered by June 8 or while our allocation of tickets lasts. (Transportation and food are NOT included.) RSVP at <https://templestinaidc.wufoo.com/forms/tsmrj-nationalsphillies-game-2016>.

Lifelong Learning

BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, SANCTIONS (B.D.S.) MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Tuesday, May 17 at 7 PM



What do we know? What do we understand? Why do we care so much? Marvin Kalb and Natan Sachs, distinguished Fellows at the Brookings Institution, will address B.D.S. concerns and queries in an open, informational conversation, followed by a Q & A session. There will be a reception with nosh following the program.

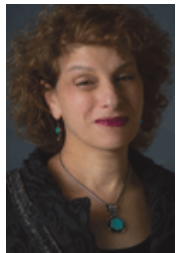
Mr. Kalb, a renowned journalist, is a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution and Senior Advisor at the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. He focuses on the impact of media on public policy and politics. Mr. Kalb is also a national security expert focused on U.S. relations with Russia, Europe, and the Middle East. His new book is "Imperial Gamble: Putin, Ukraine and the New Cold War" (Brookings Institution Press, 2015).

Mr. Sachs is a fellow in Brookings' Center for Middle East Policy. His work focuses on Israeli foreign policy, domestic politics, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and U.S.-Israeli relations. He is currently writing a book on Israeli grand strategy and its domestic origins.

Temple Sinai's Israel Affairs Committee promotes temple engagement with and dialogue about Israel, including its commitments to Reform Judaism and social justice. Committee programming reflects and respects diverse perspectives within the temple and the American Jewish community.

RSVP at may17israelaffairs.eventbrite.com.

DAYTIMERS



Monday, May 9 at 12:45 PM

We are pleased to welcome Cantor Laura Croen for "Women of the Bible Sing Out" with other area cantors. The program will present biblical characters as cabaret singers with their own version of their stories.



Monday, June 20 at 12:45 PM

We are pleased to welcome Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner for a conversation about her recent Jewish Heritage Trip to China.

**Note: Our June Meeting is on the 3rd Monday due to Shavuot.*

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 with your name and the names of persons attending with you by Friday, May 6 for the May program and Friday, June 17 for the June Program.



CALLING ALL ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH GRADUATES AND LIMMUDEI SINAI STUDENTS!

Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 AM



Rabbi Rosenwasser invites all Adult B'nai Mitzvah graduates and Limmudei Sinai students to the 3rd Annual Lunch and Learn session. Members of the Hatzon, Kedem, Yovel, Tamid, B'not Bar, Midbar, Dibrot, Yad, Kerem Dror, Brachot and Mi'Sinai classes, as well as our current Lifelong Learning students are invited to attend.

We begin at 10:30 AM in the Bet Am with a spirited Kehillat Shabbat service. An engaging "Lunch and Learn" session follows at noon. The in-depth study session concludes by 1:30 PM. Spouses and friends of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah graduates and Limmudei Sinai students are also encouraged to attend.

This event is free, but we ask you to RSVP at june4lunchandlearn.eventbrite.com.

Family & Youth

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1

5th Grade Field Trip: Choices and Challenges at The Edge

May 8

3rd Grade Field Trip: Blessings at the National Zoo

May 2

Registration for 2016-2017 opens for current TS members at 11 AM

May 15

Last Day of Sunday classes

May 20

Confirmation Shabbat Service



NOAR'S LAST NIGHT

Tuesday May 10 at 7 PM

Join you Noar friends, staff and leaders for a fun-filled celebration of the end of a year of learning together. From 7:00 – 8:30, enjoy a pizza dinner, bowling and fun

RSVP at noaratbowlmor16.eventbrite.com

SINAITES HAPPENINGS

Field Trip to Harper's Ferry

Saturday, May 21



Celebrate the end of the school year with 8th-12th graders for a day of hiking, bonding, and White Water Rafting.

RSVP at sinaiharpersferry.eventbrite.com.

Board Elections

Thursday, May 26 at 6 PM

Participate in the most talked-about election of 2016. 8th-12th graders can lend their voice to the leadership of Temple Sinai by voting for the 2016-2017 Sinaites Board. Dinner is included.

Questions? Contact Youth Engagement Specialist Kelly Whitehead at kwhitehead@templesinai.org.

JOIN MISHPACHA AT THE FREDERICK KEYS!

Saturday, June 18 at 5 PM



Meet us before the game for a picnic dinner (BYO) and Havdallah, followed by the game at 6 PM. Afterwards, stay for fireworks and a base-run for the kiddos! This event has limited availability.

Stay tuned to TS weekly emails for more details.

JOIN CANTORIAL SOLOIST ROBYN HELZNER ON A JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR TO SPAIN!

November 6 – November 17, 2016

- Visit: Madrid, Toledo, Segovia, El Escorial, Córdoba, Seville, Granada, Barcelona, Girona, Besalú;
- Tour the historic Jewish quarters and explore Spain's top attractions;
- Celebrate Shabbat with the Beit Rambam Progressive community in Seville;
- Attend a Ladino concert and a Flamenco performance;
- Enjoy lectures presented by our expert tour educator;
- Learn Sephardic songs!

Space is limited. For more information, e-mail robyn@helzner.com.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Religious School with 5th Grade Field Trip, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i> 9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 AM TSMRJ Sukkot in Spring 11:15 AM Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:15 AM Israel Affairs Committee Meeting 11:45 AM Green Team Meeting 3:00 PM WRJ Book Club	2 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics	3 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit & Noar</i> 10:00 AM Rabbi's Class	4 Erev Yom HaShoah <i>Nursery School with Art Show Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 6:00 PM TSNS Parents' Evening Special Visitor's Day / Art Show 8:00 PM Yom HaShoah Service	5 Yom HaShoah <i>Nursery School with Art Show Chug Ivrit</i> 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet	6 <i>Nursery School & Shabbat Sing</i> 5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service 6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner 8:00 PM Shabbat Services followed by Oneg Shabbat	7 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Lonker 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Usher
8 <i>Religious School with 3rd Grade Field Trip, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i>	9 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 12:45 PM Daytimers 6:45 PM Aerobics	10 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i>	11 Yom HaZikaron <i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 5:00 PM TSNS Megalim Class Picnic 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	12 Yom HaAtzmaut <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics 7:00 PM Ritual Committee Meeting 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet	13 <i>Nursery School & Shabbat Sing</i> 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service honoring Leadership Development Program Graduates	14 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Eisenberg 10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon
15 <i>Religious School, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i> 11:00 AM SinaiCares Friendly Visitor Training	16 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics	17 <i>Nursery School</i> 10:00 AM Rabbi's Class 7:00 PM Israel Affairs Program: BDS Movements Against the State of Israel 7:30 PM Music Committee Meeting	18 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Nursery School Committee Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Annual Meeting	19 <i>Nursery School</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet 7:15 PM YAWS Meeting	20 5:30 PM Tricia Davis 5k Run/Walk for Sinai House Packet Pick Up 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Confirmation Class Dinner 8:00 PM Confirmation Shabbat Service	21 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Metzger 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Maxwell and Judith Oshman
22 8:00 AM Tricia Davis 5k Run/Walk for Sinai House in Rock Creek Park 8:30 AM Limmudei Sinai	23 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics	24 <i>Nursery School</i>	25 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Annual Meeting	26 Lag B'Omer <i>Nursery School</i> 10:00 AM WRJ Multifaith Roundtable 6:45 PM Aerobics	27 <i>Nursery School & Shabbat Sing</i> 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	28 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Healing Service 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Harkins
29 Temple Closed	30 Memorial Day Temple Closed	31 <i>Nursery School</i>	May 2016			

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">June 2016</p>			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Officers' Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p><i>Last Day of Nursery School</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)</p> <p>6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service</p> <p>6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner</p> <p>8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Board Installation followed by a Festive Oneg Shabbat</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>9:15 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'not Mitzvah of Adele Rudnick and Sydney Greenberger</p> <p>12:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Lunch & Learn</p> <p>5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Emily Fagell and Douglas Cohen</p>
			<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Yom Yerushalayim</p> <p>9:30 AM WRJ Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p><i>Nursery School</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Final Rabbi's Class & Lunch</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p><i>Librarian Available</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Nursery School Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Religious School Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Shavuot</p> <p>10:00 AM Shavuot Festival Service & Kiddush Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p><i>Librarian Available</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p><i>Librarian Available</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Board of Trustees Retreat</p> <p>7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>4:00 PM SinaiCares Meeting</p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p> <p>7:30 PM Sinai House Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)</p> <p>6:30 PM Shabbat Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>9:15 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Ezra Shapiro</p> <p>5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bat Mitzvah of Kaya Ginsky</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p><i>Librarian Available</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p><i>Librarian Available</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>		

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