

Temple Sinai News



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Shabbat & Holiday Services

Friday, November 6

- 5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosenwasser
6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner
7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner for 20's & 30's with Rabbi Goldstein at Star & Shamrock
8:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosenwasser followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, November 7

- Torah Reading: Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)*
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Brickman
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Blake Layman

Friday, November 13

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Guest Rabbi Miri Gold
7:30 PM Community Dinner

Saturday, November 14

- Torah Reading: Tol'dot (Genesis 25:19-28:9)*
9:15 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'not Mitzvah of Abigail Hogewood & Olivia Roark
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Prill

Friday, November 20

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Camp Shabbat Service with Rabbi Roos
7:30 PM Congregational Dinner for Camp Shabbat

Saturday, November 21

- Torah Reading: Vayeitzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3)*
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Natalya England

Friday, November 27

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

Saturday, November 28

- Torah Reading: Vayishlach (Genesis 32:4-36:43)*
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa West

Friday, December 4

- 5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbi Goldstein
6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner
8:00 PM Homes & Hearts Shabbat Service for Sinai House with Rabbi Goldstein
9:00 PM Festive Homes & Hearts Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, December 5

- Torah Reading: Vayeishev (Genesis 37:1-40:23)*
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenwasser
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Rosentover & Delilah Seaman
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – B'not Mitzvah of Rebecca Meroney & Mara Jaffe

Friday, December 11 - Chanukah

- 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Chanukah Shabbat Service with Rabbi Roos
7:30 PM Congregational Dinner for Chanukah Shabbat

Saturday, December 12 - Chanukah

- Torah Reading: Mikeitz (Genesis 41:1-44:17)*
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
10:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon with Rabbi Roos
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nai Mitzvah of Jordan Bell & Jonah Wilker Weiner

Friday, December 18

- 5:00 PM Kindergarten Shabbat Service & Dinner
6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Goldstein

Saturday, December 19

- Torah Reading: Vayigash (Genesis 44:18-47:27)*
9:15 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Roos
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Cichy

Friday, December 25

- 6:00 PM Community Shabbat Service at Adas Israel

Saturday, December 26

- Torah Reading: Va-y'chi (Genesis 47:28-50:26)*
9:15 AM Torah Study & Informal Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosenwasser
11:00 AM Praying With Our Feet (A Wider Circle)

From Our Clergy



Rebecca Robins
Cantor Educator



Hannah Goldstein
Assistant Rabbi

We begin our Jewish year by making commitments, and then we spend the remainder of the year trying to live up to those commitments. Some of those commitments relate to how we can better ourselves, and some require us to look outward and work to improve the world. No matter the service you attended this past Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, each of the rabbis spoke about how our community is engaging in social action in 5776. From the youngest children in the religious school to our founding members, our Temple Sinai community is committed to working together to engage in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Every summer, a part of our religious school curriculum is scrutinized, and revised or rewritten to match our congregation's educational goals. This summer, our clergy and educational leadership gathered together for a meaningful look at how we teach about and educate our students in *tzedakah*, in social justice. We engaged in a Backwards Design process that would enable us to meet the needs of students, families and our congregation during the years we have students in our formal religious learning programs, Kindergarten through 10th grade. We wrestled with what children needed to know, feel, and experience, and we explored the lifelong values of *tzedakah* that we wanted our students and their families to know, believe and own.

The Enduring Understandings we created are a statement of both what we aim to teach our children during their time in religious school and an articulation of the values that drive our congregation as a whole. They are:

- Engaging in *tzedakah* is our Reform Jewish obligation.
- Understanding *tzedakah* as a positive responsibility can help us make a meaningful difference in our world.
- The pursuit of justice is an ancient Jewish value that we can make real in our world every day.

These enduring understandings are not just limited to TSRS curriculum. It is our hope that our students and their families, as well as members of all ages and life stages will embrace these values and join us in our ongoing social justice work at Sinai. Here is just a snapshot of how our entire community is busy in the pursuit of justice:

For over 20 years, Temple Sinai members have sustained Sinai House, which provides housing and social services for four families at a time, nearly all of them single mothers with children. With a generous grant from the local Meyer Foundation, Sinai House is currently working on developing a long-range plan to decide how best to nurture, improve and possibly expand the program. To learn more, join us at the annual Homes & Heart Shabbat, Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. Stay tuned for this year's Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run which will be held on May 22nd in Rock Creek Park.

Temple Sinai's involvement with Washington Interfaith Network continues as we prepare for an upcoming action with Mayor Bowser on November 19 at Covenant Baptist UCC. There will be a bus from Temple Sinai to the church that we hope to fill! We will join together with congregation from across Washington D.C. to help set a positive course for our city and advocate for more jobs and opportunities for all of DC's residents.

Rabbi Roos spoke on Rosh Hashanah morning about our work to support refugees in our city. There were two events in October on the topic of refugees and what we can be doing to help. If you are interested in learning more, contact Rabbi Roos directly.

Our partnership with the Wheatley Education Campus remains strong. We have volunteers visiting regularly and we hosted a successful summer reading book fair last spring. Through Project Mensch, our community continues to help provide students with the supplies that they need to be successful. To get involved with Project Mensch email projectmenschts@gmail.com.

At the end of October, Sinai will send volunteers of all ages to A Wider Circle and Berry Farm for a morning of service. Though an "unorthodox" Shabbat observance, working together with members of our community to repair the world truly feel like holy work. Stay tuned for sign ups for our next Praying with our Feet on December 26th.

We read in Deuteronomy 16:20 "*tzedek tzedek tirdof*- justice justice you shall pursue." Whether beginning to learn the definition of a *mitzvah* in kindergarten, or lobbying Congress in 10th grade, attending a WIN rally or sending art supplies to Wheatley, our congregation is coming together to pursue justice. Join us in this work as we come together as Temple Sinai community to ensure that we are making a difference in 5776.

From Our Leadership



Andrew Engel
President

The leaves are turning. The days are cooler, the nights longer. We finished celebrating Simchat Torah, dismantled the Sukkah and slid into Heshvan the second Hebrew month. It is the only month without a holiday or fast day. Rabbis see it as a respite from the packed month of Tishrei which begins with Rosh Hashanah. If our observances takes a break, our programming kicks into gear. Religious School began in early October. Chug Ivrit and NOAR followed along. Our Leadership Training seminar series began October 14, our Listening Sessions are taking place, finishing up by early November. The Men and Women of Reform Judaism kick off their programming calendar. Did you miss Sushi and Sake in the Sukkah? What about Mah Jong with the Women of Reform Judaism? Our solar panel installation is completed and we are waiting for Pepco to hook the panels into the grid. Our temple is busy with activity.

November brings the URJ Biennial in Orlando. A number of us are attending the main event or the parallel meetings of National Association of Temple Administrators, NFTY and Women of Reform Judaism. The TSWRJ Chanukah Mart occurs November 22 in time for Chanukah, which begins the night of Dec 6. Before you know it we will be in January and the days will be getting longer.

Let me focus on the Leadership Training seminars for a moment. In the past we had a robust committee structure and would hopefully recognize those active members by encouraging them into positions of greater responsibility. We still have a committee structure that brings member volunteers into the lay leadership but people are busier and our lay led committees can seem daunting to join. Members interested in a committee have been waiting for an invitation. A few years ago Lisa Greenman presented a Leadership Development plan to the officers that was well received but needed time to launch. This summer John Helleman gathered a few volunteers to craft a syllabus for 5 evenings of temple-oriented education finishing with a celebratory Shabbat service in May. We invited over 75 members from all ages and a broad range of activities. This list was constructed from suggestions by our clergy and board. More than 25 of our invited plus a few self nominated members said yes. Some said not this year but perhaps next year. Our first meeting occurred in October. The goal is to bring a cadre of members into committees and leadership positions to then have a feeder for Board and Officer positions.

I believe there is something for everyone. Check out the Fall Program Guide for the next few months of activities: www.tinyurl.com/TSFallGuide.

GET TO KNOW THE TEMPLE SINAI FACILITIES & SECURITY STAFF

Members and guests are greeted at Temple Sinai by a dedicated group of facilities and security staff. Our security team cares for the safety of our children when they attend school, monitor and assist at entrances, patrol the grounds and direct traffic in the parking lot. The facilities staff are often behind-the-scenes keeping our building looking good and functioning smoothly. Our multi-talented staff can be found serving at temple dinners, monitoring the sound and web streaming systems, setting-up classrooms and function spaces, and lending support to our members and clergy in many other ways. We are fortunate to have a caring and capable core group supporting our facilities, security, services and programs.



Diego Enriquez
Building Manager



Flor Paz-Pacheco
Facilities Team Lead



Benjamin Pena
Facilities Team Lead



Guy Waynes
Facilities Team Lead



Armando Aguilar
Facilities Team



Carlos Castillo
Facilities Team



Enrique Enriquez
Facilities Team



Jose Marquez
Facilities Team



Edgar Castillo
Security Team



Steve Combs
Security Team



John Mitchell
Security Team



Da'Lon Scott
Security Team



Anthony Wright
Security Team

Member News

WELCOME TO OUR NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

- David Baime & Sarah Batcheler and their son, Daniel
- Jodi & Josh Barr and their children, Sasha and Chelsey
- Troy & Sonja Barsky and their children, Alana and Ryan
- Adam & Emily Berman and their children, Zev and Jesse
- Steven & Lauren Boyle and their children, Lila and Sadie
- Isaac & Holly Brown and their children, Oliver and Jack
- Josh & Courtney Corn and their children, Jesse and Wyatt
- John & Heather Cumings and their children, Chloe and Eva
- Monica & Jason Firestone Cowin
- Jana & Mark Greenblatt and their children, Levi and Micah
- Shana & Daniel Hattis and their daughter, Julia
- Emily Hitt and her son, Benjamin
- Shai & Melissa Ingber and their children, Maya, Sasha, and Zack
- Bert Kaufman & Zoe Friedland
- Gregory & Jennifer Kaufmann and their children, Lilly, Gracie, and Miles
- Kenneth & Audrey Kramer
- Jacob Leibenluft
- Michael Leibenluft
- Adam & Olga Lurie and his children, Atticus and Liv
- Matthew Marcus & Sofia Medina
- Myron Marlin & Ilyse Veron and their children, Daniel and Michelle
- Adrienne Moss
- Stephen & Lisa Pendleton and their son, Ethan
- David Satter
- Laurie Sternberg & Joshua Sherwin and their daughter, Claire
- Laura Tyler & Michael Cherry
- Amanda & Nelson Wagner and their son, Mitchell
- Alexander & Alexandra Zwerdling



Mazel Tov to...

...Linda and Ted Rosen on the birth of their grandson, Logan William Martin; Benjamin and Christine Lourie on the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanor Cecelia Lourie; Simon Limage and Julia Brown on their recent marriage; Bobby Gottfried & Kimberly Kramer on their recent marriage. Bobby is the son of Philip & Margery Gottfried; and Adam Lurie & Olga Osorio on their recent marriage.



We send Well Wishes to...

...Beth Mauser, mother of Amy Mauser, grandmother of Dana and Emily Mauser; Phyllis Dobin; Nina Merrick (Leon); and Nancy Wolf (Jim Pavle).



We mourn the deaths of...

...Ed Adelson (Lois), father of Andrew (Linda), Nancy, and Steve; and Margo Kranz Gottesman, daughter of Marvin & Sally Kranz.

We extend condolences to...

...Paul Patton on the death of his mother, Ella Elizabeth Patton; Barry Wides (Gail) on the death of his aunt, Elizabeth Lieberman; Darrell Tanno (Deborah) on the death of his father, Donald J. Tanno; Deborah Smolover (Eric Bord) on the death of her father, Cantor Raymond Smolover, grandfather of Liana and Aydin Smolover-Bord; David Brill (Anne) on the death of his father, Warren Daniel Brill, grandfather of Adam, Daniel, and Rebecca; Clarke Camper (Naomi) on the death of his mother, Jean Camper, grandmother of Phineas, Julius, and Alida; Sumner Myers (Phyllis) on the death of his cousin, Hertz Henkoff; Robert Molofsky (Anne) on the death of his father, Nathan Molofsky; Kit Gage (Steve Metalitz) on the death of her mother, Nancy Gage; Joan Hankin (Jeffrey Hacker) on the death of her mother, Jeanette Hankin; Syma Mendelsohn (Martin) on the death of her aunt, Jeanette Goldweit; Andrea Harnett (Benjamin Fisherow) on the death of her father, Bertram Harnett; Robert Hazan (Jill) on the death of his father, Joseph Hazan, grandfather of Rachel and Danielle Hazan; and Marla Romash (Marc Alexander) on the death of her mother, Sonia Romash, grandmother of Jacob and Robert O'Hara.

Our Heartfelt Thanks...

We are so grateful to all our friends at Temple Sinai who gave us and our family their support and love during the darkest moments of our lives. They embraced us in so many ways with their presence, their kind expressions of sympathy and by sharing wonderful memories of our beloved Margo. How fortunate we are to be a part of this caring community.

Sally & Marvin Kranz

Adult Education

LIBRARY NEWS

New Israeli Fiction - or New to Us! Meet Our Library's Selection is the program to be presented at the Daytimers meeting on Monday, November 9 at 12:45 PM, sponsored by the Library Committee. Please plan to join us!



Rabbi Hannah Goldstein will lead a follow-up session at a morning meeting on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:30 AM to discuss Etgar Keret's new collection of essays, *The Seven Good Years*. His title comes from the biblical story of the Pharaoh's dream. "The seven good years were the years in which I was able to be both son to my father and father to my son," explains Keret. This, his first book of non-fiction, follows collections of "surreal" short stories, which, while sometimes weird, are gripping, funny, and satisfying to read.

Hanukkah is just around the corner. Be sure to check the kiosk in the library for holiday books. We have a huge selection of books for children, so bring your little ones in to read a story or take a few books home. Also, if you are looking for something new and interesting to make for your Thanksgiving or Hanukkah meals, look through the large selection of cookbooks.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the postcards and returned over-due books. This keeps replacement costs down, allowing for purchase of other new books.

For more information about the library, to request or suggest a book, or to volunteer, please contact Ruth Polk, librarian, rpolk@templesinaidc.org, (202) 363-6394, or Janis Colton jrcolton@aol.com and Herb Mintz, mintzh@comcast.net, Library Committee co-chairs.



**New Israeli Fiction
(or New to Us!):
Meet Our Library's Book
Selection**
Monday, November 9 at 12:45 PM

**Special Guests: Janis Colton & Herb Mintz,
Co-chairs, Temple Sinai Library Committee;
and Ruth Polk, Temple Sinai Librarian**

Contemporary Israeli literature offers a broad look at what Israelis are reading and thinking, often with insights into trends, both intellectual and political.

Janis and Herb will shine a spotlight on selected Israeli authors, as well as recent trends. Herb will acquaint you with intriguing mystery selections. Janis will focus on novelists who have been especially popular in Israel. Ruth Polk, librarian, will demonstrate how to use the online catalog.

A cart of books will be available for you to browse and borrow, with library volunteers to assist you.

DAYTIMERS

**Three Waves of Jewish Immigration to
China: 1845-1941**

Monday, December 14 at 12:45 PM

**Special Guest: Dr. Liliane Willens, author of
*Stateless in Shanghai***



Sephardim merchants from the Middle East arrived in China in the mid-19th century. In the 1920s, Russian Ashkenazic Jews fleeing the Bolshevik Revolution arrived in China. And in the 1930s, Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe found refuge in China. Dr. Willens will discuss the fate of these communities over time along with her book, *Stateless in Shanghai*.

Liliane Willens was born of Russian Jewish parents in the former French Concession of Shanghai, China. She experienced World War II under the Japanese military occupation, and lived under the People's Republic of China before immigrating to the United States.

She received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in French Language and Literature from Boston University and taught at Boston College and MIT. After moving to Washington, DC, she worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Peace Corps.

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, November 6 for our November event and Friday, December 11 for our December event.

In Our Community

SHABBAT SERVICE WITH GUEST SPEAKER RABBI MIRI GOLD & A COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, November 13 at 6:30 PM



We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Miri Gold, who will be discussing the place of liberal Judaism in Israel along with sharing her remarkable story.

Rabbi Gold grew up in Detroit, attended the University of Michigan, and then made aliyah in 1977. She moved to Kibbutz Gezer, a picturesque kibbutz situated between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Rabbi Gold then attended Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and was ordained in 1999. In 2005, she petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to have her salary paid by the state of Israel and in 2012, Israel's attorney general granted her request and Rabbi Gold became the first non-Orthodox Rabbi to be paid by the state.

Join us for a remarkable evening and plan to stay after for a Catered Community Dinner. As the fall races by, this is a chance to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones within the Temple Sinai community. Dinner will be catered, but you may bring a bottle of wine to share. Come alone, with your spouse or partner, or with a friend.

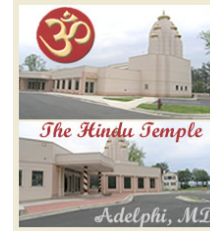


RSVP for dinner at nov13dinner.eventbrite.com.

TSWRJ MULTIFAITH PROGRAM

Now in our 5th decade!

Tour of the Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington



Guest speaker and tour guide: Dr. R.S. Dwivedi, Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington

When: Thursday, November 19. 11:00 AM tour followed by presentation on Hindu Dharma

Where: Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington
1001 Riggs Rd, Adelphi, Maryland

To RSVP or for questions please contact:

Andrea Harnett: (202) 244-7654,
aharnett123@gmail.com

or

Laura Govoni-Sibarium: (301) 588-4435,
lgovsib@comcast.net

RSVP is required*

*when responding, please let us know if you are in need of a car pool.

MUSIC NOTES

December 12th and 13th: A weekend with contemporary Jewish recording artist and singer/composer Noam Katz! Noam infuses his music with high-flying energy and soulful melodies.

Youth Choral Festival
Saturday, December 12 at 4:30 PM

Temple Sinai proudly presents the Greater Washington Jewish Youth Choral Festival Chanukah concert! This concert is free and open to the public, and features Noam Katz. Come enjoy his music as Noam joins forces with an inspiring and beautiful array of over 200 young singers from congregations in Washington, Virginia and Maryland.

**Chanukah Extravaganza with
Noam Katz LIVE in Concert!**
Sunday December 13, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

In place of regularly scheduled TSRS classes, join us for a morning of fun games, prizes, and music in celebration of Chanukah! We'll have games at 9:30 followed by Noam Katz LIVE in Concert at 10:45. (Good for all ages!) FREE tickets at chanukahextravaganza2015.eventbrite.com.



Take Note: Shabbat Shira 2016 with Six13!
Friday, February 19 at 6:30 PM

Temple Sinai hosts award-winning Jewish a cappella group **Six13** in an intergenerational special music Shabbat. You've seen their viral videos ("Uptown Passover, Chozen"); now welcome them in person to our bimah as they bring their unprecedented style of Jewish worship through music. Plan to stay for the festive Shabbat dinner - stay "tuned" for more details!

TSWRJ Chanukah Mart



Temple Sinai

2015 Holiday Mart

Sunday, November 22, 9 am–3 pm

SHOPPING

Women's Clothing, Outerwear and Accessories

Ibhana Creations
Arts of Asia
Platinum Alpacas
Zermatt Outerwear
Blu Gnu

Jewelry

Linda Lumbert
Divya Ahuja
Arts of Asia
Hilary Rednor
Joyce Scall
Cara Jablon
Erin Markowitz
Laughing Glass Studio
Miriam Weintraub
Jamie Agins Art Glass

Glass Art

Jill Tanenbaum
Jamie Agins Art Glass
Laughing Glass Studio

Art

Floris Flam - quilts
Jane McDonald - art

Household Decorative Objects and Gifts

Amelia Broderick – African crafts
The EGlobe – Peruvian crafts
Buldano – Turkish bath towels
Swirl – Decorated serving items
Allison Dodge – Pillows and bags
Instant Garden – Artificial botanicals

Pottery

Moon O'Connor
Karen Blynn

Children's Clothing, Accessories and Toys

The EGlobe – Peruvian crafts
Linda Lambert – Stuffed animals
Ellen Rubinson – Hair accessories
Blu Gnu – Straw animals

Wooden Bowls

Mark Moxley

Journals, Baby Books and

Photo Albums

Katie Wagner

Chocolate

Peruvian Chocolate

Wool

Kiparoo Farm

Customized Haggadahs

Andrea Dettelbach

Activities

Wine Tasting (11 am – 2 pm)

Sample delicious wines to drink during Chanukkah and year-round.

Especially for Children

Reading by Rabbis and Cantors (for parents and young children)

10:45 am - 1 pm

Crafts—Kids will enjoy making fun crafts allowing parents the freedom to shop!

To volunteer at the Chanukah Mart, sign up now at www.templeinai.org/gather/tswrj

To volunteer for the bake sale, contact Catherine Ribnick at cribnick@verizon.net

We need teens to work with young children/children's activities.

Eating *Eat-In or Carry Home*

Share a meal with family and friends at the Temple or take home delicious treats prepared by Temple Cooking Mavens!



Questions? Contact Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net or 301-657-2547

***TSWRJ gets a percentage of vendor sales and proceeds from the Mart support important Sisterhood programs and Temple Sinai.**

Please Join Us!

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.

IT'S NOT JUST A BUILDING, IT'S OUR HOME

Syma Mendelsohn



In 1991 my husband and I signed a contract to renovate our home. It was a huge project with a significant price tag that would disrupt our life for months. When all was finished, it was so wonderful, we no longer remember the pain of living with contractors, waiting for deliveries and wondering which would end first, the project or our patience.

At just about the same time, I became President of Temple Sinai and our congregation began a two year renovation project that remade our building and remade our congregation. Like almost everything worthwhile, it didn't happen easily.

Our building had been through many years of “deferred maintenance.” There just wasn't enough money to do what needed to be done and eventually we got to a state when everything needed serious work. Our home was falling apart and we all knew it. The question was how could we decide what to do and how could we ever pay for it. A group of dedicated volunteers under Ed Cohen's leadership poured over every detail of the building, architects and engineers were consulted, plans were drawn and redrawn. Controversies erupted, ongoing debate. Task forces considered the kitchen, the sanctuary, the library, accessibility issues and shared their recommendations. It was all good, a family discussion about what we should do.

Place is important. It provides focus, common space, shared experience. It helps builds our community the same way your home helps build your family. It's where we come together to study, pray and celebrate.

At the same time the discussions about what to do were taking place, a parallel debate was underway over funding. How could we – a congregation that had never raised more than \$500,000 – possibly pay for a \$3.5 million renovation and expansion? I believed with all my heart that we absolutely had to do this, that raising the funds to protect and sustain the building would have an enormous effect on our congregation, that we would be protecting and sustaining our congregation – and preserving it as a gift for the next generation. But it was a huge risk. And it was such a big decision that everyone needed to agree. Not just the Board, but the whole congregation. Once we agreed to go ahead, could we raise the money to pay the mortgage?

One Friday night a huge thunderstorm broke just as services began. The rain pounded the roof and the windows, and the congregation started to become uncomfortable. Everyone knew the roof leaked. As the storm progressed, people fidgeted in their seats, looked up at the roof and over at the windows. Were we about to experience a Noah-like deluge? A former President of Temple Sinai, John Ingram, leaned over to me smiling broadly and said, “Now, Syma, would be a good time to ask for the money.”

We all know the end of the story. We raised the funds (over 60% of the congregation contributed), we endured two years of the mess of construction, and every time I walked into the Temple building during those years I smiled and smiled. That was almost 25 years ago and I'm grateful I was part of this important work and privileged to have served our holy congregation.

Going Green with Temple Sinai

SOLAR POWER AND BEYOND: GO GREEN WITH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP, THE GREEN TEAM



Solar panels installed on racks on the temple roof

If you were a bird flying over Temple Sinai in October, you would have noticed some exciting changes. Solar panels were installed on the roof that will save an estimated \$10,000 per year in electricity. By partially switching to clean, renewable energy, Temple Sinai will reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 121 tons/year, equivalent to planting 2806 trees or taking 23 cars off the road.

Although the solar panels were officially dedicated during Sukkot, the Green Team will continue to focus on renewable energy throughout the year. We hope to distribute informational material to the congregation and introduce solar to the nursery school. In addition, stay tuned for a congregational celebration of our solar panels during Chanukah, the Festival of Lights.

Temple Sinai is not the only building in our community going solar this fall! More than 50 households have signed up to participate in the Temple Sinai (residential) Solar Co-op. Throughout the fall, Direct Energy, the solar installer selected by the co-op in cooperation with DC SUN and MD SUN, will be visiting members' homes and preparing individualized proposals that reflect our bulk purchase discount.

If you are interested in joining the residential co-op, there is still time. Please visit www.dcsun.org/templestinai to learn more and sign up. In addition to reducing your family's environmental footprint, the co-op offers a great opportunity to take advantage of the federal renewable energy tax credit before it expires at the end of 2016. The deadline to sign up for the co-op is November 30, 2015.



Inverters on the temple roof that connects our solar power with the PEPCO energy grid.

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM! Sunday, November 22, at 9:30 AM

Check out the next Green Team meeting to find out how you can help with these and other green initiatives at the temple and in our community.

Whether you are interested in improving our recycling, planting a butterfly garden, or other green activities, we welcome your ideas and energy! Please contact Regina Ziegler at zieglerrg@gmail.com to learn more.

Social Action

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT

Sunday, November 15 at 2 or 3 PM



Temple Sinai will again be preparing holiday food to package and give to a variety of organizations, including S.O.M.E., Sinai House, Wheatley Elementary and Roosevelt High Schools. We put together some holiday non perishable food as well as include a gift certificate so that recipients can purchase a turkey or other holiday food.

We need a few people with SUVs or vans than can help transport the food from the Safeway on Connecticut Avenue to Temple Sinai at 2 PM. At 3 PM, we need volunteers to help assemble the bags. We especially welcome families with children, who can help us decorate cards and bags.

Please contact Ellen Croog if you can take part at ellencroog@gmail.com or (301) 215-7852.

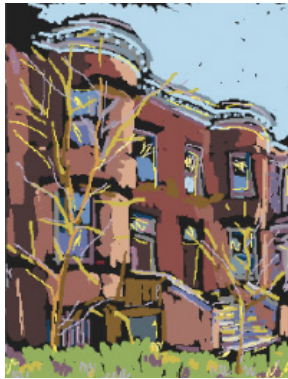


PRAYING WITH OUR FEET

Saturday, December 26

Save the date for a special holiday season opportunity to observe Shabbat through tikkun olam, repairing the world. Learn more and sign up at templesinai.org/act/praying-with-our-feet.

SINAI HOUSE



Located in DC's Shaw/Bloomingdale neighborhood, Sinai House provides transitional housing and comprehensive social services to families that would otherwise be homeless. Since its founding in 1992, Sinai House has been home to more than 70 families.

Engagement between Sinai House residents and Temple Sinai congregants is what distinguishes Sinai House from other transitional housing programs. Temple Sinai members of all ages provide residents with resources, training, activities, and friendship. This support supplements the critical wrap-around services that Sinai House offers its residents. It also nurtures a sense of connectedness to a larger, caring community. For more information about Sinai House and how to get involved and make a difference in the lives of needy families visit www.sinaihouse.org and templesinai.org/act/sinai-house. All congregants are welcome to attend the Sinai House board meetings and to join us for:

Homes and Hearts Shabbat

Friday, December 4 at 8 PM



Join us as we celebrate Sinai House. During Shabbat services, we will hear residents describe the differences Sinai House has made in the lives of their families and listen to the Sinai House children sing with the Junior Choir. The Shabbat service will be followed by a festive oneg and a chance to greet the families.

Save the Date: Tricia Davis 5K Run/Walk for Sinai House

Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Rock Creek Park

All are welcome to join in the fun and fundraising as we repeat the hugely successful event honoring Tricia Davis, a founder of Sinai House. The festivities will begin with a 5K run/walk in Rock Creek Park and will continue, at the park, with an award ceremony and celebration. Sponsorship and registration information is available at SinaiHouseDC5K.com or by sending a message to SinaiHouse@gmail.com.

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Social Action

A LITTLE HISTORY OF TIKKUN OLAM IN OUR COMMUNITY

Ann Ingram

With all the attention being paid to the current refugee crisis, did you know that Temple Sinai sponsored three refugees after the Vietnam War?

I'll tell you about the first, a Vietnamese man, who escaped Saigon by boat but who had lost to the Khmer Rouge his wife and two children who had been in another boat. He entered a refugee camp in the States on October 13, 1975, 40 years ago! On December 13 of the same year, he moved into our house. His arrival was the result of a joint venture between Catholic Charities and our Social Action Committee (wouldn't Pope Francis have been pleased!), and my husband John and I were lucky to be chosen as his host family. His name was Tuan Van Luong.

He lived with us for about a year, and then moved to Ward 4. He took the American name of Kennedy. A few years later he met a young woman, Thanh Hoa, from Saigon; and at his request we helped with their wedding on December 29, 1979. Her nickname is Anna. Our daughter, Judy, was the Maid of Honor, and our son David had the privilege of picking up the bride and driving her to her wedding at a Vietnamese Catholic church in Falls Church. She arrived with her home-baked 3-tiered wedding cake (she had learned French baking in Saigon). There was a small Sinai contingent at the wedding: Esther Lipman, who helped Anna put on her bridal veil, Esther and Don Kater, Z"L, and John, Liz, David, Judy, and I.

A gong sounded and we all trooped upstairs to the church sanctuary for the ceremony. A couple of funny things happened. None of us Temple Sinai folks realized that this was a Mass, meaning that a collection plate would be passed. All the speaking stopped; and we could hear the rustle, rustle of bills being placed in a plate at the back of the church. None of us had any money! David had some change in his pocket and doled it out to the rest of us. So after the rustle, rustle coming up the aisle came the jingle, jingle as the plate reached the Jewish contingent. Embarrassing!

The other funny thing was the difference in one important tradition between American and Vietnamese weddings. In America, the guests wait for the bride and groom to leave before departing themselves. In Vietnam it is quite the opposite: the bride and groom wait until the guests leave. So we had a stand-off! Nobody was leaving! Ultimately, we left, somehow having divined what was expected.

Kennedy had gone to the Americanization School, which was then located in Georgetown. After volunteering in the Red Cross Blood Program for 3 months in 1977, he was employed by International Red Cross Headquarters in its military and disaster services for six months and then twenty years as a Medical Lab Technician. From 1980 to 1982 he volunteered as Outreach Coordinator by World Relief Division 3 for world refugees. In 1999 he went to work for Metro Rail as an Electrical Mechanic until he retired.

With her baking skills and artistic talent, Anna was a welcome addition to the Costco Bakery, first in Pentagon City and then in Fairfax, where she was a cake decorator. On her own time each Christmas their kitchen became a *Buche de Noel* "factory" where she turned out several hundred of these French delicacies for sale (and gifts to us....) as well as wedding cakes throughout the year. Our family has enjoyed many a beautiful birthday cake at her hand!



Kennedy and Anna with their children.

We are very fortunate that Kennedy and Anna and their three children, Henry, Harrison, and Caroline have kept in touch with our family over the years. Henry, 35, is looking for a job in IT or something akin, having spent a good bit of time in the field in Asia and France, even having dipped into fashion! Harrison, 33, went from graphic art to advertising and is successfully working in New York, living with his fiancée, Lisa. Caroline, 32, is finishing up her doctorate in Neuro-psychology and lives with her husband, Paul Nguyen Ba, who is an Administrative Law Judge in Patent Law. (Caroline was crowned "Miss Beauty Pageant" in 2004 and still holds the title, "Net Dep Lac Viet".)

Religious School

CAMP SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

Friday November 20 at 6:30 PM



Dust off your summer Shabbat whites and remember your favorite camp melodies as we gather for a special camp-style Shabbat service and special dinner! Whether you're a camper from Summer 2015 or many years before, join us as we celebrate Jewish summer camping on this special Shabbat. Joined by our friends from URJ Camp Harlam, in Kunkletown, PA, we'll break out the guitars and sing our hearts out! Help us, too, to honor our member Steve Sacks for his outstanding work for the past two years as Chairman of the Board for the Union for Reform Judaism.

RSVP for dinner at: nov20dinner.eventbrite.com.

The 2015-2016 Religious School year is off to a most successful start! Check out what's coming up in the next couple of months:



SACRED CONNECTIONS: 4TH GRADE EXPERIENCE AT PEARLSTONE CENTER

Sunday, November 8, 8:30 AM - 2 PM. *Regularly scheduled 4th grade classes will not meet.*

This dynamic day of learning at Pearlstone will connect to the fourth grade theme of building relationships - to each other, to God and the Torah. Students will explore these relationships through the Ropes Course (building community) and at the Farm (biblical relationship to the earth and animals).

SIMCHAT SHABBAT WITH THURSDAY AND WESTBROOK 5TH & 6TH GRADE CHUG IVRIT STUDENTS

Saturday, November 14, 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Join us as our Chug Ivrit students take the leadership of our Simchat Shabbat service! This family-friendly and fun worship experience is engaging for prayers of all ages, and will welcome our Thursday Chug Ivrit 5th & 6th graders and our Westbrook Chug Ivrit 5th & 6th graders as they lead us in worship. Come for the service, stay for the lunch, and make this Shabbat an awesome experience! Let us know to expect you (we want to have enough bagels, of course!) by your RSVP: templesinaiidc.wufoo.com/forms/simchat-shabbat-at-sinai

KINDERGARTEN FAMILY LEARNING

Friday, December 18, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for an extra-special Shabbat family learning. Kindergarteners, their parents, and their siblings are invited to join us for a special night of Shabbat together. We'll have a perfect-for-Kindergarten Shabbat service, followed by a family Shabbat dinner and learning. And kindergartners will receive and have a chance to use their Shabbat boxes for the very first time! Please RSVP at:

templesinaiidc.wufoo.com/forms/kindergarten-family-learning-shabbat



NOAR BECHIRAH!

Tuesday, November 17, 7 - 8:30 PM



All 7th-9th graders are welcome to join us for an evening of elective-based learning and fun!

For more information, contact Rabbi Hannah Goldstein at hgoldstein@templesinaiidc.org.

7TH-9TH GRADE CHANUKAH PARTY!

Tuesday, December 8, 7 - 8:30 PM



Attention all 7th-9th graders! Join us for an awesome Chanukah celebration – in a way you've never celebrated Chanukah before! FREE for Noar students, just \$10.00 for students not currently attending Noar at Temple Sinai!

RSVP at noarchanukahparty2015.eventbrite.com!

Family & Youth Groups

MISHPACHA GAME NIGHT

Saturday November 21, 5-7 PM

Join *Mishpacha* (K-6th Grade Families) to end Shabbat with pizza, *Havdallah* and fun! We'll gather together for a casual pizza dinner, board games (tonight's screen free!) and end with *Havdallah* and a special treat. Just \$5.00 a person!



RSVP at <http://mishpachagamenight2015.eventbrite.com>

NFTY-MAR FALL KALLAH & WINTER KALLAH

November 20 – 22
Fairfax Station, VA

December 27 – 30
Waynesboro, PA

Join together with 9th-12th graders throughout the Mid-Atlantic region for an awesome weekend of learning, laughing, praying and fun! For questions about NFTY-MAR contact Sinaites Advisor, Noah Benjamin at nb0935a@gmail.com.

Stay tuned to temple communications for registration information! First time NFTY attendees can register at no cost! Contact Noah Benjamin for more details.

CATCH THE CHANUKAH RHYTHM!

Saturday December 13 at 7 PM, Temple Sinai



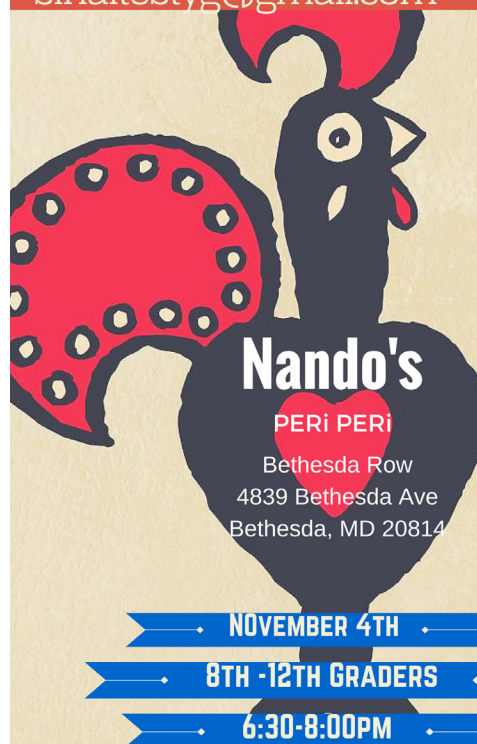
Join WHECTY, Sinaites and other area TYGs for a night of incredible fun with Jewish Rock Star, Noam Katz. You may know Noam for his awesome music, but tonight get to know him for his amazing songs, incredible teaching skills and awesome ability to bring us all together through music.

Join us for dinner, and the best Jewish glow-in-the-dark drum circle you have EVER experienced! Only \$10 per participant!

RSVP at: glowinthedarkdrums.eventbrite.com

SINAITES: TEMPLE SINAI 9TH-12TH GRADERS

RSVP on facebook or to
sinaitestyg@gmail.com



Nursery School

In the hallways and classrooms of the Nursery School there is much excitement as the change in seasons is being observed and felt. Coats are appearing in cubbies, raking has become a favorite activity outside on the playground, and many children have enjoyed field trips with their classes to collect leaves and acorns, pick apples, and enjoy the cooler weather.

Recent months were filled with rich celebrations of the Jewish holidays with the Rabbis and Cantor Croen. Classes enjoyed cooking and baking projects including apples and honey, shofar blowing, explorations of lulavs and etrogs, building sukkahs in classrooms and creating decorations for the Temple sukkah, and unrolling and examining the Torah. We also held our first Family Shabbat Sing, which was a joyful community gathering in the Bet Am that included much singing, dancing, and clapping as children, teachers, parents and caregivers came together to welcome Shabbat.

Our Online Book Fair began in mid-October with the activation of our Amazon wishlist. Temple members interested in helping to replenish the nursery school's library after water damage destroyed many of the books in our collection can go to the link below to purchase much-needed books for our program:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3HGU2SIDLH34P/ref=cm_sw_su_w

The fun continued with a Pajama Pizza Party at Potomac Pizza, where children were invited to attend in their pjs and Potomac Pizza graciously donated 20% of the proceeds from the evening to the Nursery School. Thank you, Potomac Pizza!

On October 22, the Nursery School held its Annual Parents Evening. Parents were welcomed into classrooms to hear from teachers and explore the materials their children enjoy each day. They also enjoyed a beautiful slideshow featuring remarkable photographs of the children taken by the talented Judy Licht.

Admissions season for the 2016-2017 school year is now underway and school tours for prospective families have started! We depend on our Temple families to spread the word about our program – it is always the greatest compliment to receive referrals from the people in our community. Thank you for letting your area friends and family know that we are currently offering tours of the school and accepting applications for next year. To schedule a visit, interested families should call Susan or Sue in our office at (202) 362-3836.



Celebrating Simchat Torah with Rabbi Roos



Our Friday morning Shabbat Sing can be a noisy celebration, but it is also a time for making quiet, warm connections and sharing thoughts with family, teachers, and Perri!



Music with Sally is a weekly treat for all children at the Nursery School. Filled with song, movement, and instruments from around the world, Sally brings a joyful spirit and a love of Jewish shira (song) to every session.



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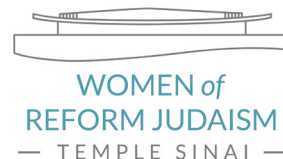
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>8</p> <p><i>Religious School with 4th Grade Field Trip, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i></p> <p>12:45 PM Daytimers</p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit & Noar</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Ritual Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Nursery School Committee Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Survey Feedback Listening Session: NS Families</p> <p>6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Guest Rabbi Miri Gold 7:30 PM Community Dinner</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'not Mitzvah of Abigail Hogewood & Olivia Roark 10:30 AM Simchat Family Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon</p> <p>5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Prill</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Religious School, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i></p> <p>9:30 AM & 12:15 PM Shame-Free Jewish Learning</p> <p>2:00 PM Friendly Visitor Training & Chanukah Bag Prep 3:00 PM Thanksgiving Basket Project</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit & Noar</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Rabbi's Class</p> <p>7:00 PM Building Committee Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i></p> <p>11:00 AM WRJ Multifaith Roundtable (Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington)</p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet 7:15 PM YAWS Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Camp Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Congregational Dinner</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Natalya England</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>Religious School, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Chanukah Mart</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Nursery School</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Temple Closes at 12 PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Temple Offices Closed</p> <p>6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa West</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Temple Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i></p> <p>6:45 PM Aerobics</p>	<h1>November 2015</h1>				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit & Noar</i> 10:00 AM Rabbi's Class	2 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	3 <i>Chug Ivrit</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet 7:30 PM Israel Affairs Committee Presents Guest Speaker Julie Baretz	4 <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i> 5:30 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service 6:45 PM Congregational Participatory Dinner 8:00 PM Homes & Hearts Shabbat Service for Sinai House followed by a Festive Oneg Shabbat	5 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Rosentover & Delilah Seaman 5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'not Mitzvah of Rebecca Meroney & Mara Jaffe
6 Chanukah Night 1 <i>Religious School with 2nd Grade Art, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i> 1:15 PM South Trip Information Meeting	7 Chanukah Night 2 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics	8 Chanukah Night 3 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit & Noar</i> 10:00 AM Book Discussion with Rabbi Goldstein: Etgar Keret's The Seven Good Years 7:00 Ritual Committee Meeting	9 Chanukah Night 4 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available Chug Ivrit</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Leadership Development Program 7:30 PM Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	10 Chanukah Night 5 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet 7:30 PM Sinai House Meeting	11 Chanukah Night 6 <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i> 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Chanukah Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Congregational Dinner	12 Chanukah Night 7 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nai Mitzvah of Jordan Bell & Jonah Wilker Weiner 10:30 AM Simchat Family Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon 4:30 PM Youth Choral Festival
13 Chanukah Night 8 <i>Religious School Chanukah Extravaganza, Junior Choir, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i> 9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting	14 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available</i> 12:45 PM Daytimers 6:45 PM Aerobics	15 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit & Noar</i> 10:00 AM Rabbi's Class	16 <i>Nursery School Librarian Available 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	17 <i>Nursery School Chug Ivrit</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics 7:15 PM Adult Hebrew Kitah Dalet 7:15 PM YAWS Meeting	18 <i>Nursery School with Shabbat Sing</i> 5:00 PM Kindergarten Shabbat Service & Dinner 6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers) 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	19 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Cichy
20 <i>Religious School, Junior Choir, Confirmation, Limmudei Sinai & Adult Hebrew Classes</i> 9:30 AM WRJ Board Meeting 11:15 AM Israel Affairs Committee Meeting	21 <i>Librarian Available</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics	22	23 <i>Librarian Available</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	24 Christmas Eve Temple Closes at 12 PM	25 Christmas Day Temple Closed 6:00 PM Community Shabbat Service (Adas Israel)	26 9:15 AM Torah Study & Informal Shabbat Service 11:00 AM Praying With Our Feet (A Wider Circle)
27 Temple Closed	28 <i>Librarian Available</i> 6:45 PM Aerobics	29	30 <i>Librarian Available</i> 1:00 PM Archives Committee Meeting 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong	31 New Year's Eve Temple Closes at 12 PM	December 2015	

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