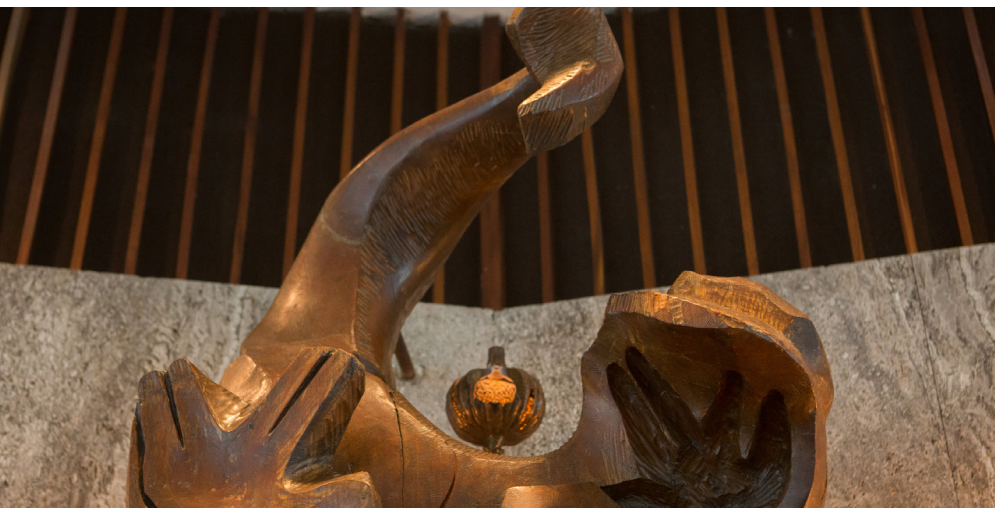


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From the President

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 5779!

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What a year 5778 has been. The world in which we live experienced kindness and cruelty, generosity and selfishness, hope and despair. At times we feel overwhelmed. We may even question the utility of trying to change or do anything when there is so much needed.

I am reminded at this time of year of a message by Rabbi Jack Bloom, who was my childhood Rabbi at Congregation Beth El of Fairfield, CT. He included an allegory that remains with me to this day:

"If you found yourself on a beach covered in diamonds rather than sand and, in a lifetime, couldn't possibly pick up all the diamonds, would you pick up none? Of course not. You would pick up as many diamonds as you could in the time you had on the beach."

The message is simple: Start somewhere and know that no act is too small or without value. Whether attending a service, observing a Judaic custom, lending a hand, or asking for help, you are doing something that helps yourself, helps those around you, and, honestly, feels good. Our Annual Report reflects all the simple but powerful and meaningful things members did and experienced this past year. It reviews the dozens of initiatives and accomplishments of our clergy, lay leaders, committees, and volunteers across a litany of initiatives, activities, programs, and more. I am endlessly in awe of everyone's hard work and its positive impact. Every action matters.

Amid the turmoil around us, we are blessed by the people who make up Temple Sinai. We are a community of more than 1,200 individuals and families who care – care about each other and care about the world in which we live. My message last year remains as important as ever. Do things that make the world a better place and have fun along the way. When working with each other, when helping each other, we are reminded of our Judaic values, the guidance they provide, and the strength to draw from our acts, whether as a giver or receiver.

So I hope you continue to find meaning here at Temple Sinai and appreciation for all you do to make our congregation a place from which to draw strength and fulfillment

Tara, Jordan, Yale, and I wish each and every one of you a healthy and happy 5779.



Gary Friend
President

This is the time of year (even if you are reading this after Rosh Hashanah) when we close the book on the past year and get a fresh, new start. For some, that is bittersweet. It has been a very good year and we wish it would not end. When I am feeling that way, a lyric from the song “A Long December” by the Counting Crows often comes to mind: *“I can’t remember all the times I tried to tell myself to hold on to these moments as they pass.”* For others, this year can’t end soon enough. The same song opens with a verse written for that sentiment: *“It’s been a long December and there’s reason to believe maybe this year will be better than the last.”*

How can a single song express opposing feelings and still make sense? In a good example of life imitating art, this time of year often has us feeling mixed up, with both positive and negative reactions to what was and what will be. Sometimes, it feels easier not to think about it and perhaps there is a good case to be made for passing on the High Holy Days and simply trying to live more mindfully “in the moment.” If you are not coming to services this year because that’s your plan, I am secretly cheering you on.

I suspect, however, that we cannot outrun (or out-meditate) either the heaviness of regret or the lightness of opportunity that we feel from the passage of time. So, (surprise!) I will be at services for all the high holy days again this year. To prepare for the season and to guide me through the confusing feelings, I listen to a lot of Counting Crows and I rely on Hillel’s well-worn teaching from Pirke Avot: *“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?”*

Hillel gives three principles to follow. First, take care of yourself. Do something good for you. Live a little healthier this year. (And) Eat dessert first. Take up that hobby, enroll in that class, or do whatever interesting thing you’ve been considering these past months. Make some “me” time.

Second, take care of others. Be kind, patient, forgiving, unconditionally supportive. Don’t be a road rager (or any other kind of rager), whatever that “stupid” driver did, let it go. Be a cheerleader. Give generously of your time, money, and love. Compliment someone. Apologize. Smile more. Third, act now. Overthinking things won’t help. Plan ahead and make time. Just do it. Carpe diem. No time like the present. Don’t throw away your shot... rise up... write yourself back into the narrative.

Long or short, it’s been a full year and, as sure as blueberries and ice cream give way to apples and honey, our hearts tell us what our heads may prefer to ignore: time has passed and we can’t go back and there’s more road ahead of us though we’re not sure exactly where it leads or for how long. It is time to put that endless cycle of emotion and aging, opportunity and regret into a special frame for just a few days of reflection, gratitude and commitment. It is time to remind ourselves, again, that though we can never really hold on to the moments as they pass, we always keep their meaning and their impact and enter the new year in a better way for having experienced these days.

L’shanah tovah.



**Rabbi
Jonathan Roos**
Senior Rabbi

TS LIBRARY

Located just across the hall from the main office, the Library is one of Temple Sinai's treasures. Its welcoming ambience offers a rich collection of Judaically-oriented books, periodicals, and other media for all ages and all interests. Whether you want the latest or classic fiction, biographies, current non-fiction, a great book to read to your toddler or grandchild, or to do research for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, D'var Torah or a holiday celebration, this is the place to go!

If you are just "poking around," be sure to check out our regularly-updated displays. As you enter the Library, a kiosk showcases special topics, currently the upcoming High Holidays, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah and in December will include Hanukkah, for which the Library has a beautiful collection of children's books. Upcoming displays will correlate with the national holidays of the season: Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. Materials relating to Jews in the political history of the United States are informative for the national elections in November. New fiction, Librarian's choices and Israeli literature and cookbooks are among the varying other topics.

To your left is new non-fiction, including books on Israel, biographies and other current areas of interest. On the wall to your right are DVDs. There is also an area with exhibits drawn from the Temple's Archives. Straight ahead are two, end-of-shelf displays featuring selections from our extensive fiction and cookbook collections. The reference section on two sides of the table area is full of up-to-date resources, used regularly by the clergy and those doing research. Free books are on the cart just outside the

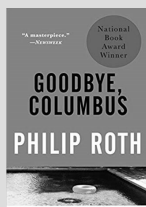
Library's entrance. All of this is the tip of the iceberg—go into the stacks to find even more!

The library sponsors book discussions throughout the year as well as story times for our youngest readers with a parent or guardian. Dates will be announced soon.

To stay informed of Library happenings, watch your email for the bimonthly *Check It Out*, which reviews many of the Library's new books. Look for this column in future quarterlies for updates on programs and book suggestions and reviews. And stay tuned for our fall launch of the Library's twitter feed on which we will share Library happenings and literary matters of interest.

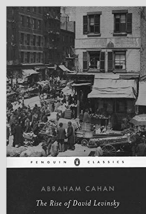
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Book Clubs: Stories of Becoming American



All-Temple Read Sunday, October 21 at 9 AM

Rabbi Hannah Goldstein will lead a discussion of *Goodbye, Columbus* by Philip Roth. Whether you've read it before or not, it should be fun to think about how Jewish life was in the 1950s compared with today. A light breakfast will be served. Another discussion is scheduled for March 2019. All are welcome.



People of the Book Club Tuesday, December 11 at 10 AM

Rabbi Hannah Goldstein will lead a discussion of *The Rise of David Levinsky* by Abraham Cahan. Cahan's book is an absorbing story of the immigration scene in the early 20th century. Discussions are also scheduled for January and March 2019. All are welcome.

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.

GROWING UP AT TEMPLE SINAI

Deborah Lewis

My earliest memory of Temple Sinai is of my religious school kindergarten classroom that seemed cavernous at the time but looks so small now, in the way that time distorts the childhood landscape. My mother's father had been a founder of a conservative congregation in Richmond, VA, and my father's family had been members of Washington Hebrew for generations. When my parents had a family of their own they joined the more intimate Temple Sinai, a congregation so new that its building wasn't complete and services were held in the Bethlehem Chapel of the National Cathedral.



The 70s were an unruly time and my religious school classmates and I were an unruly bunch. One of my teachers announced plans to write a book about how challenging we were, an expose whose title she took from my classmate's sole, three-word, submission ("I am God") for what was supposed to be an essay about our beliefs. I think we exhausted her to the point that she didn't have the energy to write the book. Another teacher lectured us on how our assimilation and lack of religious seriousness would lead God to send another Shoah and we would all be murdered. (Did our parents complain? Nope. Parents were different in the 70s as well.) I am ashamed to admit it, but we put thumbtacks on the chair of one of our Hebrew teachers thinking it was a brilliant prank. She didn't sit on them.

I have other memories, such as the Sunday morning when a TV set was wheeled into our religious school classroom so we could watch the signing of the Camp David accord. We had dances, for real, with live bands and kids doing naughty things in dark corners. And this: as teens we were required to attend retreats, which were the closest I got to Jewish summer camp. The joyous retreat Shabbats, the camaraderie of our group and the activities that were fun and stimulating and such a welcome break from the grind of the school week, are among my best Jewish childhood memories.

Late in life my parents returned to Washington Hebrew, to be with their extended family members. For a time, my husband Leon and I attended with them. But when our daughter Rebecca was born, we realized like my parents before us, that we wanted something different for our family. We attended a Tot Shabbat – something that didn't exist when I was growing up at Sinai – and were immediately sold on the community and the spirit of the temple.

For me, joining Sinai as an adult was coming home.

I have one memory that seems oddly emblematic of my childhood at Temple Sinai. It was toward the end of my bat mitzvah reception, a relatively modest by today's standards luncheon in the social hall. Most of my friends had left, and my mother was giving away the centerpieces, when my parents' friend and Sinai stalwart Helen Heller pulled me aside and asked in a concerned voice, "Dear, do you know where your glasses are?" Because community means all the adults look out for the kids. Temple Sinai was that kind of place, where the kids created our own Jewish world under the watchful eye of adults who had known us most of our lives. Times have changed but I still think Sinai is that kind of place. L'dor v'dor.

DEVELOPMENT

The Hebrew word for synagogue is Beit Knesset, “House of Assembly.” Temple Sinai seeks to live up to our name and heritage by existing as a place where community assembles to worship together, as well as gather for social justice, education, and more. During the High Holy Days over *4000* members and friends of Temple Sinai assemble to celebrate spiritual renewal, contemplate the year completed, and prepare for the year ahead.

The High Holy Days remind us of our responsibility to support each other and maintain this special House of Assembly. During these Days of Awe we are called to action once again in support of Temple Sinai’s Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is the result of our community coming together to bridge the gap between revenues generously contributed in the form of membership financial commitments, tuition, and programmatic fees, and the larger, true cost of providing Temple Sinai services, as guided by congregation-wide input into the synagogues strategic plan. Your generosity to the Annual Fund allows us to reduce the financial barriers to affiliation and open our doors to all who wish to for Temple Sinai to be their Beit Knesset.

This year Temple Sinai will offer many exciting opportunities to assemble our community in a variety of special programs ranging from music to social justice to adult and youth education. Shabbat Shira will be taking place during Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Weekend and feature Daryl Davis, a blues musician known for his work to combat the intolerance of the Ku Klux Klan. Temple Sinai will be participating in the Reform movement’s national Civic Engagement Campaign, a non-partisan voter engagement initiative led by the Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism (TSWRJ). Adult Education offerings will include an expanded Mussar course that explores Jewish ethics, an adult b’nei-mitzvah class that offers a “deep dive” into Hebrew learning and Torah, and the Rabbi’s classes that will explore Maimonides’ commentary on mitzvot. These programs and many more are made possible in part by our congregation’s generous commitment to the Annual Fund.

In addition to donating to Temple Sinai’s Annual Fund, throughout the year members make meaningful contributions to specific designated programs and initiatives. Such gifts provide support for everything from minimizing the financial barriers to a child’s religious growth with the Israel and Camp Scholarships Fund, to member-to-member outreach and care for those experiencing life’s hardships, through the Kathie Rabinovitz SinaiCares Fund. These are just two of the many signature funds you can support that enrich the Temple Sinai community.

When thinking about your charitable giving, please consider all the ways Temple Sinai provides a safe and welcoming place to assemble in unity. Please help strengthen Temple Sinai with an annual fund donation as you are able.

We invite you to learn about various Temple Sinai funds and donate to the Annual Fund by visiting online: www.templestinaidc.org/donate. With one click you can select the fund you wish to support and credit card donation are welcome.



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RIMONIM SOCIETY

The Temple Sinai Board of Trustees is pleased to recognize members of our congregation's Rimonim Society, our community's association of those who have included provisions in their charitable estate plans for Temple Sinai's future and chosen to share their benevolence. We thank these members now for their generosity tomorrow and we hope their stories will inspire others to similar philanthropic action. Estate provisions take the form of bequests in wills, beneficiary designations in trusts, retirement accounts, life insurance policies, and other thoughtful arrangements.

The name "Rimonim" was chosen for its particular meaningfulness to Temple Sinai. The Ner Tamid (eternal light) in Temple Sinai's sanctuary is in the shape of a rimon (pomegranate). According to rabbinical tradition, the rimon contains 613 seeds for each of the 613 mitzvot (commandments) in the Torah. Thus the rimon symbolizes the Torah, which when lovingly cared for, taught and passed down from generation to generation, sows the seeds of growth for our community. The rimon reminds us of the ability of the Torah to sustain and nourish our souls, just as the Rimonim Society members sustain and care for the legacy of Temple Sinai. It is fitting, then, that its members are our congregation's own rimonim, planting the seeds for a vibrant future and sustaining the temple. Rimonim Society members nurture our congregation and provide the means to carry on our work for generations to come. Their gifts create a legacy for the congregation and continuity for the Jewish people.

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...Henry Morgenthau III; Patricia Schiller, mother of Jonathan Schiller; Leesa Fine; Hamilton Loeb (Bonnie); and Alice Zwerdling.

We Extend Condolences to...

...Alice Rabin on the death of her brother Joseph Trommer; Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser (Shalom Rosenberg) on the death of his grandmother Shirley Rosenwasser; Peter Jaffe (Constance Kiggins) on the death of his brother Marc Jaffe; Ari Antonelli (David) on the death of her mother, Judy Schwartz; Mason Kalfus (Susan Burgess) on the death of his mother, Vicki Kalfus; Thea Kendler (Owen) on the death of her mother, Masha Dwosh Rozman; Frank Gilbert (Ann) on the death of his sister Alice Brandeis Popkin; David Satter on the death of his brother, Paul Satter; Keira Simon (David) on the death of her father, Richard Driansky; Jeremy Alper (Jody Feder) on the death of his father, Frederic M. Alper; and Jennifer Stein (Michael) on the death of her mother, Carol Rand; Cantor Laura Croen (Mark Erlich) on the death of her aunt, Charlotte Zein; and Cary Meer (Charles Thomas) on the death of her mother, Gladys Farrah Dallal Meer.

Welcome to Our New Members

Robert & Hope Kaplan
and their children,
Noah & Ben

Susan Socoloff &
Andrew Rosenberg

Nicole & Josh Rosenthal
and their children,
Chloe, Giana, & Bria

Richard & Paige Smith
and their son, Jack

Ezra Reese and
Nilofer Azad and their
children, Noor & Zain

Kevin & Mia Morrison
and their children,
Paloma, Cassie &
Wesley

Kimberly & Daniel
Richards and their
children, Aaron & Lizzy

Andrew Keene

Debbie & Henry
Tyrangiel

Murray Feshbach

Scott Shuchart &
Jessica Sebeok and
their children, Oliver &
Miranda

Jim & Ruth Mahler
Courtney Weiner &
Jason King

Theodore Goldstock &
Tami Mark

Eric & Alicia Markowitz
and their children,
Jess, Seth, & Jack

Dan Ekstein & Jena
Fields and their son,
Max

Vered Stoller

Ann Bradbury



Kehillat Shabbat 20th Anniversary!

At Kehillat Shabbat, the dress is informal, the feeling intimate and uplifting. Temple members, taking ownership of the service, experience Shabbat morning as a time for joyful worship.

Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner and a growing corps of temple members co-lead the service. Volunteers can sign-up to chant Torah or Haftarah in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Adult B'nei Mitzvah graduates are empowered to hone their chanting skills and CS Helzner provides practice recordings to assist with preparations.

Participants can also volunteer to deliver a d'var Torah, an analysis of the weekly Torah portion. Want to lift the Torah or open the Ark? Everyone is welcome!

With a comfortable mix of Hebrew and English, Kehillat Shabbat enables attendees to learn more about Jewish practice and rituals in a comfortable environment. "The service," explained CS Helzner "is designed to be friendly and accessible."

The singing is spirited, the divrei Torah are always thought provoking and when percussion is present, the room is rocking! At the Kiddush lunch following the service, congregants are able to relax and schmooze, creating a true "kehillah," an inclusive and sacred community.

Kehillat Shabbat meets every first and third Shabbat morning, year round, beginning at 10:30 AM in the Bet Am. For more information and to receive monthly reminders, e-mail CS Robyn Helzner at rhelzner@templesinaidc.org.

Save the Date: 20th anniversary celebration on June 1, 2019!

TIKKUN OLAM— SOCIAL ACTION @ SINAI

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)

As one of 40 institutional members of WIN, Temple Sinai fields a WIN Core Team of committed activists who, with our Rabbis and temple members, engage with other institutional clergy and lay leaders, elected officials, activist organizations in Montgomery County and Northern Virginia, and corporate, business and union leaders to effect positive change for residents of DC and surrounding jurisdictions. Through relationship-building based on our interests as citizens and taxpayers, and through our efforts to live the principle of "Tzedek, tzedek tirdof," we have expanded our awareness and Temple Sinai's engagement in the welfare of our city. In Fall 2018, our WIN Core Team will hold "listening sessions" with our congregants to prioritize people's concerns. Presently, our work focuses on affordable housing, immigration, income and wealth inequality, and jobs. Upcoming organizing and advocacy projects include: The impact of Amazon; the DC budget surplus; Immigrant Legal Assistance; DC General closing; the November 2018 At-Large Council election and national elections; jobs for returning citizens and residents of Wards 7 & 8; and privatization of public transit, including Metro.

Join our WIN Core Team! Your input is most welcome. For more information, see www.windc-iaf.org, email Barbara Kraft, bjkraft1@gmail.com, or call her at (202) 365-0014.

Refugee Outreach Program

Temple Sinai's co-sponsorship of the Saadat family under the Good Neighbor Program of Lutheran Social Services has now reached its conclusion. The family has moved to a new apartment and continues to take steps to adjust to life in the United States. Temple Sinai's efforts to help other refugees will, however, continue. As has been true for more than a year, we will undertake to meet the pressing needs of individual refugees and families that come to our attention. Thanks to the amazing support of Temple Sinai's membership, we have already been able to supply furniture, laptops, school supplies, tutoring, dental care and job application assistance. Catherine Ribnick and Andrea Dettelbach will continue to chair this undertaking.



Steve Klitzman, GVP Chair, recently met and congratulated for his leadership David Hogg, a student GVP leader from Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, FL. David and other Parkland students were visiting Dunbar High School in northwest DC to register students to vote and to receive donations of school backpacks.

Support the Student GVP Movement

The GVP Group invites all members of Temple Sinai to support the growing student GVP movement at the temple, in the DMV area, and nationwide in response to the Parkland, FL school gun mass shooting. To get involved with the TS Gun Violence Prevention Group, please contact GVP chair Steve Klitzman at steve.klitzman@gmail.com.

Upcoming GVP Events

Saturday, September 29 at 7:30 PM

Temple Sinai co-sponsors the "Silence the Violence Concert Across America" to benefit the TraRon Center for Gun Violence Victims in Ward 8, DC. At the National United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave. NW.

Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 PM

Join us for a panel discussion on "Guns and the Suicide Epidemic: How 'Extreme Risk Protection Orders' (aka 'Red Flag Laws') Can Save Lives."



Former Sinai House resident, TG, told the inspiring story of her journey from homelessness to independence at the December 2017 Homes & Hearts Shabbat. She is standing next to Sinai House Board President, Amy Schear and the former Executive Director, Lucane LaFortune.



Volunteer Playtime Facilitator, Scott Taft, with one of the Sinai House children.

SINAI HOUSE

Our mission is to enable families to move from homelessness to independence by providing safe and affordable housing, comprehensive social services and financial support. In 1992, members of Temple Sinai took a bold step to combat homelessness in Washington, DC by purchasing two connecting row houses in the Bloomingdale neighborhood. Each row house now contains two 2-bedroom, 2-bath, furnished apartments, with an office for the Sinai House staff and a connected community room in the basements. Four formerly homeless families at a time live at Sinai House for about two years, while working to achieve stability and independence. A core strength of our program is the individual case management provided by the Executive Director combined with a suite of wrap-around services to support the success of our residents. The lives of over 44 mothers and over 84 children have been changed thanks to the work of Sinai House.

Homes & Hearts Shabbat *Friday, November 30 at 6:30 PM*

Listen to a former Sinai House resident share her inspiring story. Stay for the festive oneg following the service and chat with current and former residents, Sinai House staff and board members.

Order Your 2018 Tricia Davis 5K Race Pictures Now!

Check out all the fabulous race photos taken by JD Baker Photography and use the coupon code "Sinai18" at checkout for 50% off photo prints and keepsakes at <https://runsignup.com/Race/sinaihousedc5K/Page-3>

Hurry! The coupon is good only until Sept 12, 2018!



The Temple Sinai Clergy at the May 2018 Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run for Sinai House.



The Sinai House children enjoy a yoga session in the Sinai House basement community room.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a variety of ways that you can offer your support which are described below. Contact the Sinai House Program Assistant, Walde Diabete at sinaihouse@gmail.com to volunteer or to learn more.

Join our all-volunteer Board of Directors

Help plan our programs, write grants or work on our Building or Community Outreach committees. You are welcome to sit in on our next bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 PM at Temple Sinai.

Work directly with the families of Sinai House as a mentor, tutor or playtime facilitator

Tutors meet with elementary and middle school-aged children weekly and work on math, reading, science and language arts. Playtime facilitators come weekly to play board games, take a short walk to the park, or watch a movie. Mentors spend time one-on-one with a child once or twice a month to go to a basketball game or another shared interest.

Lawyer or law firm to draw up wills for our residents

Many of our residents are from foreign countries with no family here and are very concerned about who would take care of their children should anything happen to them.

Work on our backyard expansion

Volunteer Scott Taft drew up beautiful plans for the backyard at Sinai House, which include installing a new play structure, a flagstone path, a trash/recycle area, a raised veggie garden and tactile garden. Please join us if you can hammer nails, plant and enjoy physical labor!

Bar and Bat Mitzvah projects

We encourage students to choose Sinai House for their service project. Projects include reading to toddlers, zoo trips, or donating the proceeds of car washes and bake sales to Sinai House.

Shabbat Schedule Guide

1ST Friday: Tot Shabbat Services at 6:00 PM, preceded by a Prozdor (appetizers) at 5:30 PM

1ST Friday: Shabbat Services at 8:00 PM, followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Other Fridays: Shabbat Services at 6:30 PM, preceded by a Prozdor (appetizers) at 6:00 PM

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

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



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

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

Kehillat Shabbat Services

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM

These lay-led services offer opportunities to chant a few verses of Torah or Haftarah in a supportive atmosphere. Participants can also sign up to deliver a d'var Torah (analysis of the weekly Torah portion) that leads to a group discussion. The temple provides lunch following services.

Family Shabbat Services

2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM

Using the family-friendly prayer book, *Siddur Ma Tov*, the service alternates between Hebrew and English, introducing Shabbat morning prayers in a meaningful format for all ages. The temple provides lunch following services.

Saturdays at Sinai

Saturdays, September 22 and October 27 at 9 AM

Come bring your little ones 0-5 to Temple Sinai for a Shabbat morning playdate! We'll have the Bet Am set up with plenty of toys, books, and fun indoor play furniture. Temple Sinai Nursery School staff will engage children in activities and a special guest or member of the clergy will stop by to lead some Shabbat singing and stories. Saturdays at Sinai is open to all—Temple Sinai members, TSNS families, and nonmembers too. Please note that parents/guardians are expected to supervise their own children. All are welcome.

Saturday, September 1

Torah Reading: *Ki Tavo* (Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service – B'nei Mitzvah of Matthew Burris & Aaron Levitt

Friday, September 7

6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 8

Torah Reading: *Nitzavim* (Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan
3:00 PM Mishpacha Event

Sunday, September 9 | Erev Rosh HaShanah

7:30 PM Sanctuary Service & Kehillat Yom Tov Service

Monday, September 10 | Rosh HaShanah

8:30 AM Tot Holiday Service with Baby Blessing
9:15 AM Early Bethesda Service
10:00 AM Sanctuary Service & Bet Am Service
11:30 AM Late Bethesda Service

Friday, September 14

6:00 PM Prozdor (appetizers)
6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 15

Torah Reading: *Vayeilech* (Deuteronomy 31:1-30)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon

Sunday, September 16

10:00 AM Garden of Remembrance High Holy Days Community Memorial Service
10:00 AM TSNS Fall Family Festival
2:30 PM Garden of Remembrance High Holy Days Community Memorial Service

Tuesday, September 18 | Kol Nidrei

6:30 PM Early Sanctuary Service & Kehillat Yom Tov Service
8:30 PM Late Sanctuary Service

Wednesday, September 19 | Yom Kippur

8:30 AM Tot Holiday Service
9:15 AM Early Bethesda Service
10:00 AM Sanctuary Service & Bet Am Service
11:30 AM Late Bethesda Service
1:00 PM Discussion Groups
2:15 PM Healing Service
3:15 PM Mincha, Yizkor, and Neilah Services
6:45 PM Congregational Break the Fast sponsored by the TSWRJ

Friday, September 21

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 22

Torah Reading: *Haazinu* (Deuteronomy 32:1-52)

9:00 AM Saturdays at Sinai
9:15 AM Torah Study
10:00 AM Praying With Our Feet at A Wider Circle
10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Jared Reitman
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Brian Metzger

Sunday, September 23 | Erev Sukkot

4:00 PM TSRS Welcome to Bonim
5:00 PM Erev Sukkot Festival Family Service & Catered Dinner

Monday, September 24 | Sukkot

10:00 AM Sukkot Community Festival Service & Kiddush Luncheon

Wednesday, September 26

7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, September 28

6:30 PM Sukkot Shabbat Service & Catered Dinner

Saturday, September 29*Torah Reading: Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot (Exodus 33:12-34:26)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Josephine Samuelson & Zachary Yuffee

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Levine

Sunday, September 30 | Last Day Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret

12:00 PM Cuba Trip Information Session

October 2018**Monday, October 1 | Simchat Torah**

10:00 AM Simchat Torah Community Festival Service (with Yizkor) & Kiddush Luncheon at Temple Emanuel

Wednesday, October 3

6:00 PM TSNS Parents' Evening

Friday, October 5

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner: Welcome New TSNS Families

8:00 PM Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, October 6*Torah Reading: B'reishit (Genesis 1:1-6:8)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Zachary Kaplan & Molly Pachman

5:00 PM Doggie Playdate on the Carnegie Institution Lawn

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Benjamin Fitzpayne & Ethan Stoll

Sunday, October 7

3:00 PM TSWRJ Mah Jongg Fun Day

Friday, October 12

6:30 PM Member Celebration Shabbat Service followed by a Catered Community Dinner

Saturday, October 13*Torah Reading: Noach (Genesis 6:9-11:32)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Family Service with participation by Bonim & Kiddush Luncheon

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Aydin Smolover-Bord

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Lonker

Sunday, October 14

3:00 PM Green Team Anacostia River Tour

Wednesday, October 17

7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, October 19

6:30 PM HIAS' National Refugee Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 20*Torah Reading: Lech L'cha (Genesis 12:1-17:27)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bat Mitzvah of Alissa Hellerman

Sunday, October 21

9:00 AM All Temple Read: Goodbye, Columbus, Philip Roth

**Doggie Playdate****Saturday, October 6 at 5 PM**

Bring your well-mannered dog for some fun play time with your fellow congregants and their pets on the lawn of the Carnegie Institution. Rabbi Adam will be on hand to offer snacks (human- and pet-friendly) and a blessing. Please note that the lawn is NOT fenced in. All are welcome.

Member Celebration Shabbat Service & Catered Community Dinner**Friday, October 12 at 6:30 PM**

While we hope you come to services every week, we especially welcome all this joyful gathering of our ever growing and changing community. If you have joined our community this year or are celebrating your 25th year as a member, dinner is on the Membership Committee!

RSVP at templeinadc.eventbrite.com**Praying With Our Feet****Saturdays, September 22 and November 17 at 10 AM**

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat while "Praying With Our Feet" at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring, MD. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe Shabbat through tikkun olam, repairing the world.

Volunteers will help load furniture, restock household items, sort through donations, repair objects, and do whatever else may be needed. People will be broken up into small teams, and there will be projects for children of any age.

RSVP at templeinadc.eventbrite.com**Anacostia River Explorers Tour****Sunday, October 14 at 3 PM**

Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and the Temple Sinai Green Team for a tour of the Anacostia River and learn about this amazing river's history, wildlife, the current environmental threats it faces, and the solutions being employed to help

it realize its full potential. This one-hour tour will be guided by the Anacostia Riverkeeper. Round trip transportation will be provided from Temple Sinai.

RSVP at templeinadc.eventbrite.com

Members' Find-Your-Connection Fair

Wednesday, October 24, 7:30-9 PM

Are you looking for more connection at Sinai but not sure how to find it? Have you thought of joining a group, committee or activity, but are unsure what's available? Maybe you are intrigued by the idea of reading with a book group, working to prevent gun violence, shaping religious school policy, studying Torah, or making music with fellow members. Maybe you want to learn more before deciding...

Here's your chance! Lay leaders and clergy will be on hand to answer all your questions and to welcome you to join them. No matter your age or how much or little time you have available, there's a connection opportunity for you here at Temple Sinai. We will have food trucks in the parking lot and free desserts and beverages inside. Bring your family members and friends and find your connection together!

Need a ride? Contact Karen Auerbach at kauerbach@templesinaidc.org or (202) 363-6394. **Any questions or suggestions?** Email Jill Chenok, Membership Committee Chair, at chenokj@gmail.com.

1st Grade Consecration Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner

Friday, November 9 at 6:30 PM

At this special service, we have the joy and honor of blessing our newest class of learners and welcoming them into a formal course of study in their Jewish lives.

RSVP at templesinaidc.eventbrite.com

Thanksgiving Basket Project

Sunday, November 11 at 2 PM



Join our annual tradition of providing tikkun olam for needy families! Help us put together Thanksgiving bags that we will give to several non-profits for distribution. We need volunteers to help transport groceries from the

supermarket to Temple Sinai and then we need lots of help to decorate and assemble them. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, October 24

7:00 PM Members' Find-Your-Connection Fair

Friday, October 26

6:30 PM Youth Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 27

Torah Reading: Vayeira (Genesis 18:1-22:24)

9:00 AM Saturdays at Sinai

9:15 AM Torah Study

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Rebecca Adlin & Zachary Tulley

Sunday, October 28

3:00 PM WRJ Knead a Challah

November 2018

Friday, November 2

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner

8:00 PM Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, November 3

Torah Reading: Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Max Lipscomb

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Talia Berger & Hannah Lahey

Friday, November 9

6:30 PM Shabbat Service with 1st Grade Consecration followed by a Participatory Dinner

Saturday, November 10

Torah Reading: Tol'dot (Genesis 25:19-28:9)

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Family Service & Kiddush Luncheon

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Audrey Bennett & Charlotte Crean

3:30 PM Bonim Hoda'ah - Season of Gratitude

5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Martine & Josephine Panner

Sunday, November 11

2:30 PM Thanksgiving Basket Project

7:00 PM The Journey of American Cantors in Story & Song at Strathmore

Monday, November 12

12:45 PM Daytimers

Wednesday, November 14

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

7:30 PM Gun Violence Prevention Program: Guns & the Suicide Epidemic

Friday, November 16

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 17

Torah Reading: Vayeitzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3)

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Praying With Our Feet at A Wider Circle

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service with Percussion & Kiddush Luncheon

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Noah Light

3:00 PM Mishpacha Chanukah Menorah Pottery Party

Sunday, November 18

9:00 AM Chanukah Mart

Friday, November 23

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 24

Torah Reading: Vayishlach (Genesis 32:4-36:43)

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan

The Journey of American Cantors in Story and Song

Sunday
Nov. 11, 2018
7:00 PM

Music Center
at Strathmore,
Bethesda, MD
Presented by the Reform
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HARMONY



Wednesday, November 28

7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, November 30

6:30 PM Homes & Hearts Shabbat Service & Festive Oneg for Sinai House

December 2018

Saturday, December 1

Torah Reading: Vayeishev (Genesis 37:1-40:23)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service – Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Fuld
8:00 PM Theatre Outing: INDECENT at Arena Stage

Sunday, December 2 | Chanukah 1

9:15 AM Torah Study: Mikraot Gedolot
4:00 PM Bonim 1st Night Chanukah Celebration

Friday, December 7 | Chanukah 6

10:30 AM TSNS Family Chanukah Party
6:00 PM Chanukah Tot Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner
8:00 PM Chanukah Shabbat Service followed by a Festive Oneg

Saturday, December 8 | Chanukah 7

Torah Reading: Mikeitz (Genesis 41:1-44:17)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Family Service with participation by 2nd Grade & Kiddush Luncheon
10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'not Mitzvah of Maya Tamoff & Juliette Krevat

Sunday, December 9

8:30 AM TSRS Chanukah Extravaganza

Monday, December 10

12:45 PM Daytimers

Tuesday, December 11

10:00 AM Sinai Reads: People of the Book Club: *The Rise of David Levinsky*, Abraham Cahan

Wednesday, December 12

7:30 PM Israel Affairs Program: Israeli-Arab Coexistence with Shonim B'Yachad

Friday, December 14

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 15

Torah Reading: Vayigash (Genesis 44:18-47:27)

9:00 AM Zwerdling Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
9:15 AM Torah Study
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'not Mitzvah of Natalie & Samantha Gordon
6:00 PM Sinaites-WHeCTY Dance & Overnight

Sunday, December 16

10:00 AM Nursery School Winter Concert

Friday, December 21

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 22

Torah Reading: Va-y'chi (Genesis 47:28-50:26)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan

Friday, December 28

6:00 PM Community Shabbat Service at Temple Micah

Saturday, December 29

Torah Reading: Sh'mot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)

9:15 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Healing Service & Kiddush Luncheon



Theatre Outing: INDECENT at Arena Stage

Saturday, December 1 at 8 PM

In 1923, the Broadway debut of Sholem Asch's Yiddish drama *God of Vengeance* set the stage for an explosive moment in theatrical history. Pulitzer Prize-winner Paula Vogel tells the behind-the-scenes story of the courageous artists who risked their careers and lives to perform a work deemed "indecent" in a Tony Award-winning play.

RSVP at [templesinaiidc.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/temple-sinai-idc)



Chanukah Shabbat Service & Festive Oneg

Friday, December 7 at 8 PM

Join us for a special Chanukah Shabbat service featuring Middle Matzah Conspiracy (our TS band!) followed by a festive Chanukah oneg. Remember to bring your family's Chanukah menorah and candles for a community candle lighting!



Israeli-Arab Coexistence Program with Shonim B'Yachad

Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 PM

Featuring art work created by Jewish and Arab elementary and middle school students in the Tel Aviv, Shonim B'Yachad is a platform which demonstrates that Israeli children seek to create meaningful coexistence in Israel. Join the Israel Affairs Committee for discussion of this program, which has been recognized by the government of Israel.



Save the Date! Shabbat Shira 2019: Bridging the Divide

Friday, January 18 at 7:30 PM

Celebrate Shabbat with the extraordinary story and rollicking sounds of boogie-woogie piano man Daryl Davis and his band. Daryl is a veteran pianist and vocalist, a consummate musician who has played with a long list of blues and early rock n' roll greats, including Chuck Berry, B.B. King, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bo Diddley, and Muddy Waters.

Temple Sinai WRJ invites you to join us this fall!

UPCOMING 2018 Fall Programs and Meetings

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

High Holy Days Food Drive

Help make TSWRJ's annual food drive collection a success. Bring nutritious canned or boxed food to Yom Kippur morning services.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

at Temple Sinai, sponsored by TSWRJ

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 — 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Mah Jongg Fun Day

Novices and mavens welcome.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 — 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Knead a Challah

Learn how to make a delicious challah from scratch with confidence! For all congregants aged 6 and above — children must be accompanied by a parent.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Chanukah Mart

Come shop at our biggest annual fundraiser to support TS programs. Fun, food, shopping, and schmoozing! Wanted: volunteers, bakers, and teens to help with children's activities.

Email TempleSinaiWRJ@templesinaidc.org

WEDNESDAYS — 7:30 to 9:30 PM

SCHEDULED MONDAYS — 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Mah Jongg

E-mail to play:

greenwald.anita@gmail.com (Wednesday)

susanshiffer@hotmail.com (Monday)

TSWRJ BOARD MEETINGS 2018-2019:

Sunday, September 16 — 9:30 am

Thursday, October 11 — 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 13 — 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 13 — 9:30 am

Thursday, February 7 — 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 7 — 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 14 — 9:30 am

Thursday, May 16 — annual meeting

Sunday, June 2 — 6 pm



We look forward to seeing our Temple member and "Sister Friends" at our upcoming events.

Contact us at TempleSinaiWRJ@templesinaidc.org

PLEASE JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Make reservations for all TSWRJ events at templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj

TSWRJ

VOTE! IT'S A JEWISH VALUE

"Ensuring that Jewish voices are heard through our votes, regardless of party or politics, is an important Jewish value," said the Religious Action Committee of the Union of Reform Judaism, in announcing its Civic Engagement Campaign, Every Congregation Counts & Every Vote Counts. "Our democracy is strongest when everyone has the opportunity to participate."



Responding to this challenge, Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism created its own Civic Engagement Campaign Committee to encourage and offer voting assistance to the young adults of our community and to home-bound TS members. Rabbi Roos has asked TS members to help by forwarding the contact information for their young adults ages 18-30: "This summer and fall, with TSWRJ's help, we'd like to make it easy for your son or daughter to register to vote if he or she hasn't already, to remind them to check their registration to be sure it is current, and to remind them to vote as we get closer to the general election."

Through texts and emails, TSWRJ will contact these young adults to encourage them to register and vote and will offer assistance in finding polling places and requesting absentee ballots. Partnering with SinaiCares, TSWRJ will provide assistance to Temple Sinai members who anticipate having difficulties physically in getting to the polls.

For all congregants who want to know more about voting on November 6th, TSWRJ's Civic Engagement Committee will staff an informational table on the first day of religious school.

For more information on TSWRJ's voter engagement work, go to templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj. If you are interested in volunteering for the TSWRJ Civic Engagement Committee, email Carole Brand at VOTE2018@templesinaidc.org.



Judaica Shop

**The High Holidays Are Not Complete without
a Stop at our Judaica Shop!**

Shofars (a new shipment just arrived from Israel)

- Apple and honey dishes
- New Year cards
- Tallitot
- Candlesticks
- Tzedakah boxes
- Mezuzahs
- Judaica Gifts for family and friends
- High Holiday prayer books
(Pre-Orders can be picked up at the shop before Rosh Hashanah.)

Special hours August 22-September 12:

Wednesdays	6:30 pm–7:30 pm
Fridays (prior to services)	6:00 pm–6:30 pm
During Religious School: Sundays	10:00 am–1:30 pm
Tuesdays	6:00 pm–8:00 pm



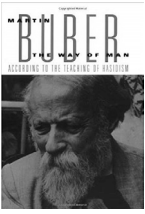
Come spend some time in our wonderful Judaica 'candy' store!

For alternate arrangements, please call
Meg Seldin (301-332-9490) or email megseldin@gmail.com

In her sermon for Parashat D'varim, Rabbi Goldstein reminded us that "Judaism is a religion of action. Our texts teach us that Judaism as a faith commands us not to stand idly by, to repair the world, to be God's partners... this is about demonstrating that democracy matters, that free elections matter, that voting is a mitzvah."

Let's all carry out this important Jewish value of participating in our democracy by helping us help our young adults—and all of us—register and be ready to vote on November 6.

ADULT EDUCATION



Mazo Education Series

The Way of Man

Thursdays in October at 10 AM

Sometimes, a book can change the way you see the world. *The Way of Man: According to the Teaching of Hasidism* is one such book.

Just 46 pages long, this book includes deep insights about living with intention, searching for God, and appreciating where we find ourselves in life. During this 4-class series led by Rabbi Hannah Goldstein we will study Buber's tales and insights together. Future Mazo series will be scheduled for Winter and Spring 2019.



Daytimers

October TBD, Mondays, November 12 and December 10

We usually meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 12:45 PM. These brown-bag lunch programs are designed to

be both social and educational. For further information on the topics covered each month, stop by the TS Library's Daytimers display, located on the shelves to the immediate left as you enter the library.

In November, we welcome TS member Herb Mintz for a conversation about Jewish Artists of Paris in the period between the two World Wars.

Adult Hebrew

Beginning Hebrew

Thursdays 7:00-7:50 PM

Would you like to be able to follow along in the prayer book? Would you like to know what your child is learning in Hebrew school? Have you always wondered how the Hebrew language works? It is never too late to start learning Hebrew! This class is for those who have never studied Hebrew before and for those who have had some basic exposure.

Intermediate Hebrew

Tuesdays 7:15-8:45 PM

This course is for people who are comfortable reading basic Hebrew. Students will increase their vocabulary, enhance their grammar skills and put their learning into practice by engaging with Hebrew text from the Bible and the Prayer Book. This is an opportunity to strengthen your Hebrew and increase your Judaic knowledge with a cohort of enthusiastic learners.

Advanced Hebrew: Studying Hebrew Text in Hebrew

Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM

Use your Hebrew, don't lose your Hebrew! This class for experienced Hebrew students is primarily focused on studying Biblical and liturgical text in Hebrew. (Class is conducted in English, but the source material is Hebrew.) Text study and analysis is accompanied by opportunities to build your vocabulary and sharpen your grammar skills.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Thursdays 7-9 PM (Includes Adult Hebrew)

Info session October 18, class begins October 25

This two year experience will provide tools to help participants build their Jewish knowledge, strengthen their Jewish identity, gain a community of learners at Sinai and expand their pathways to participation in Jewish life. If you have never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or had one so long ago that its hard to remember, learn more about this opportunity. The adult B'nei Mitzvah program includes engaging Hebrew and Judaic instruction and will culminate in a festive B'nei Mitzvah service in the spring of 2020. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary to participate.

Studying with the Rabbi

Shabbat Morning Torah Study **Every Saturday at 9:15 AM**

A wonderful educational opportunity awaits all who attend weekly Torah Study on Saturday mornings. Led by our clergy, this group focuses on the Torah reading for the week. All are welcome.

Torah Study: Mikraot Gedolot

Sundays, October 7, November 4, December 2 at 9:15 AM

Led by Rabbi Rosenwasser, this group focuses on "Mikraot Gedolot" (medieval commentaries). We approach the weekly parashah by studying it through the lens of our great sages to discover how they made meaning from the text. All are welcome.

Rabbi's Class

1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning October 16 at 10 AM

This class is led by Rabbi Roos and sponsored by the TSWRJ. It will run through May 2019. All are welcome.

Learn more and register for Adult Education programs at templesinaidc.org/learn/adult-education

TSNS, TSRS, & YOUTH



Temple Sinai Nursery School

Admissions Tours

Tours for the 2019-20 Nursery School year and our January 2019 Two's program begin in October! To schedule a tour, please contact the Nursery School at (202) 362-3836 or nurseryschool@templesinaidc.org.

Fall Family Festival

Sunday, September 16, 10 AM-12 PM

Fall Saturday at Sinai

September 22, 9-10:30 AM

Join us for this open play opportunity for toddlers and preschoolers!

Parents' Evening

Wednesday, October 3

Hanukkah Party

Friday, December 7

Winter Concert

Sunday, December 16 (snow date Jan. 7)

Featuring Tim Kubart and the Space Cadets

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

First Days of Religious School

Bonim

(Kindergarten)

Sunday, September 23

Religious School

(1st-6th, 9th & 10th Grade)

Sunday, October 14

Chug Ivrit

(4th-6th Grade)

Tuesday-Thursday, October 16-18

Noar

(7th-8th Grade)

Tuesday, October 16

Better Together (6th Grade)

Thursday, October 18



This Year with NFTY-MAR

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9th-12th Graders

September 28-30 at Camp Louise

Fall Kallah

November 16-18 in Baltimore, MD

Winter Kallah

January 18-20 in Wakefield, VA

TheVent

8th-12th Graders

March 8-10 in Durham, NC

Spring Kallah

8th-12th Graders

April 25-29 at Camp Harlam

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

TRAVELING WITH TEMPLE SINAI

THE FANTASTIC TEMPLE SINAI FAMILY TRIP

Alan Korn

Each morning of the 2018 Temple Sinai Israel Family Trip, before we even started our day's activities, Rabbi Roos and Rabbi Goldstein gave their gathered flock a Hebrew "word of the day." One day it was selichah, which means "excuse me." A very appropriate phrase to know since that day we were headed to one of the many markets in Jerusalem and I was fighting the crowds for my share of fresh and dried fruit, sweets and falafel pita sandwiches. Another morning, the Hebrew "word of the day" was yallah. Which, if memory serves me, means "let's go" or "keep up." A concept that if ignored could very well mean you were left behind on a day full of fascinating cultural, historical and religious sites in the Old City. At the end of the twelve-day trip and twelve "words of the day" later, I am proud to say I now know fourteen Hebrew words.

Continuing the theme started by our Rabbis, let me give you the Korn Family's "word of the trip" — "Fantastic." Note that, not surprisingly and as an aside, my the "word of the trip" is **not** in Hebrew. To say that the 2018 Temple Sinai trip was fantastic would be an understatement!! My wife Claudia and I registered for the trip knowing that we admittedly and embarrassingly knew very little about our homeland. In fact, although I could point to Israel on the map, I did not really know where Tel Aviv, Jerusalem or the Golan Heights were, let alone be able to string an intelligent sentence together about those places and their many sites and attractions. Well no more. Both my wife and I, after the fun-filled trip, feel a much closer affiliation and dare I say, love, for the State of Israel. Certainly, we are more knowledgeable!



The trip was nothing less than jam-packed. We started in Tel Aviv and there visited a refugee non-profit that helps those seeking asylum and freedom in Israel. We toured the Ayalon Institute where we discovered the secrets of the underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence. The next leg of the trip took us to a kibbutz in Galilee, but on the way, we stopped at the Palmach Museum where we "joined up" with the paramilitary forces from Israel's pre-statehood days. While at the kibbutz in Northern Israel, we had a bit of time for rest and relaxation, but in reality, we were mostly on the go. Team Temple

Sinai hiked through the Tel Dan Nature Reserve, the source of the Jordan river and site of ancient archaeological finds, visited a Druze village where we enjoyed a homemade meal and learned about this unique community and took a bumpy, but fun jeep tour in the Golan Heights that took us to views of both Lebanon and Syria which proved to be the perfect opportunity to learn much about today's geo-political events between Israel and its often unfriendly neighbors. After a short visit to the ancient

city of Safed, we continued our trek to Jerusalem and the Old City. Of course, Jerusalem is a sacred place for each of the major monotheistic religions and while there we visited all the holy sites including a moment of reflection at the Western Wall which is the only remains of the Second Temple of Jerusalem, viewed the Dome of the Rock where Muhammad received revelations from Allah and walked through the Christian Quarter and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was crucified and buried. A day trip took us to King Herod's castle atop Mount Masada and "beach day" at and a swim in the Dead Sea—and for those of you who are wondering, yes, even I float in the Dead.

My wife and I are by no means world travelers, but we have been around the block and we can say, without exaggeration, that, to date, the Temple Sinai 2018 trip to Israel was the best adventure we have ever taken. Much of the credit goes to both Rabbis Goldstein and Roos. At each stop, while visiting each site, while observing each custom, they gave us the cultural context, the religious context, the historical context and the geopolitical context. It now makes much more sense. We are both thrilled to be more enlightened. In a word, Fantastic!



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- ▶ See Caesarea's ancient Roman seaside metropolis
- ▶ Visit a Druze village for home hospitality and a chance to learn about their unique community
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- ▶ Enjoy a walking tour through the quarters of Jerusalem's Old City
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A BRIDGE TO THE BALKANS

JEWISH LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS
Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner

Magnificent, breathtaking, eye-opening, heartbreaking...We would need all of these words, and more, to describe our recent Jewish Heritage Tour to the Balkans. Our trip took us to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, part of the former Yugoslavia. Sephardic Jews expelled from Spain and Portugal in the 15th century, were welcomed in the Ottoman Empire and found a home in the Balkans. Our journey took us to six synagogues, five Jewish cemeteries, a spectacular National Park, several ancient, walled cities, a brutal concentration camp, and more. We celebrated Shabbat in an historic synagogue in Split, built by Sephardic Jews in 1510. We visited synagogues in Dubrovnik, Rijeka, Zagreb and Sarajevo. We met with Jewish leaders, including Rabbi Luciano Moše Prelević of Zagreb, the first Croatian rabbi since 1941, and learned about each city's significant Jewish history and their struggles to remain active today.

We marveled at the turquoise waters of Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of the most beautiful parks in all of Europe and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visited one of the world's best preserved Roman amphitheaters on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula and learned about Italy's influence on the Croatian coastland. We wandered the winding alleys in Rovinj, Split and Dubrovnik, where motorized vehicles are prohibited. We walked along the ramparts of Dubrovnik and were awed by the sparkling Adriatic Sea juxtaposed against the red roof buildings within the fortress walls that have repelled invaders for centuries.

When we crossed the border into Bosnia and Herzegovina, we encountered the tangible effects of the 1990's Homeland War. We passed through villages that were ethnically cleansed and viewed remnants of structures destroyed by mortar shells.

We visited the capital Sarajevo, a cultural crossroads between east and west. For centuries, Jews,

Muslims, Orthodox Christians and Catholics lived together, peacefully. During the Homeland War, Bosnian Serbs kept the city under siege for three years, from 1992-1995. Today, many buildings still show pockmarks from gunfire. We met Mr. Jakob Finci, the President of the Jewish Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and heard about the heroic efforts of the Jews of Sarajevo during the conflict. The Jewish community organized a benevolent society, operating out of the Ashkenazi synagogue that provided food, medical assistance and comfort to all of their neighbors no matter their religion or ethnicity. We visited the historic Jewish cemetery that sits high on a hill, with a perfect view of the city. During the siege, Serbian snipers fired indiscriminately from behind the tombstones on the innocent civilians below.

At the National Museum, we were thrilled to see a display of the original Sarajevo Haggadah. The illuminated Haggadah was created in Barcelona, Spain around 1350. Over the centuries, it would mysteriously surface and disappear until it was sold to the National Museum in 1894. During both World War II and the Homeland War, the priceless Haggadah was hidden and protected by Muslim employees of the Museum.

Upon our return to Croatia, we were escorted through the Jasenovac concentration camp by Bishop Jovan Cilibrk, the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church in this diocese. Bishop Cilibrk spent eight years as a fellow at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Remembrance Center. While all physical evidence of the camp was thought to have been eradicated, Bishop Cilibrk brought us to a recently discovered building that had once served as a hospital for the Croatian Fascists. Jewish doctors, held prisoner at Jasenovac, were forced to treat the cruel Ustashe officers and guards. We were the first Jewish group to enter the hospital's infirmary and see the large Magen David, a Jewish star that had been painted on the wall by the inmates as evidence of their presence.

The Bishop pointed out an area, not far from

the camp, where Jewish poet and paratrooper, Hannah Senesh had parachuted into Yugoslavia. She was cared for by the Yugoslav partisans until she crossed into Hungary where she was captured, tortured and murdered by the Nazis.

We conducted a memorial service at the camp to bear witness to the close to 100,000 Serbs, Jews, Roma and anti-fascists who were murdered at Jasenovac. We began our ceremony with Hannah Senesh's poem, "Eili, Eili." As soon as we started to sing, the skies erupted with rumbling claps of thunder and wild flashes of lightning. We will never again sing Hannah's words, "barak ha-shamayim," "the crash of the heavens," without thinking of our experience at Jasenovac.

The members of our group agreed that this region, rich with Jewish history and cultural life, deserves to be better known. While many of us felt broken-hearted about witnessing what seems to be the end of Jewish life in the Balkans, we came away determined to tell others about these communities, so they will never be forgotten.

To view photos from the tour, visit www.helzner.com.

Jewish Heritage Tour to Morocco October 27-November 7, 2019

Join Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner on an exotic journey to Morocco. Enjoy breathtaking landscapes, delicious cuisine, and discover a fascinating culture that reflects both European and North African influences. Explore Casablanca, the Royal Cities of Marrakesh, Meknes and Fes, the charming fishing port of Essouira, and ancient markets that serve as an exciting contrast to the power of the Atlas Mountains and the vast expanse of the Sahara Desert. Visit historic synagogues and Jewish cemeteries to learn about the complex reality of Jews living as a minority in a Muslim country. Encounter the story and traditions of Moroccan Jewry, representing the grandeur of Sephardic Jewry and sing melodies of the Moroccan Jews throughout our tour.

**Learn more at helzner.com or email
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Get Involved

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

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Archives We preserve the history of Temple Sinai by collecting and organizing its documents and photographs. We respond to requests for information contained in the Temple Archives. We arrange displays and plan programs to share that history with the congregation. We welcome members who would like to help us continue to organize our documents, create displays and find new ways to publicize our history. We are especially interested in finding people to research and write about the history of Temple Sinai.

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Green Team We develop environmentally conscious improvements at Temple Sinai and encourages, through education and action, similar commitments at the individual and community level. We are working to develop a comprehensive, multiyear plan to reduce stormwater runoff and soil erosion on temple grounds, beautify our surroundings, and enhance their functionality and accessibility. We are also establishing a communications network for interested temple members to inform about environmental programs, challenges, and opportunities at the local, regional, national, and global level as well as facilitate and coordinate action.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Social Action We coordinate temple-wide multi-year community based social action programming based on collaboration with clergy, and Board leadership and reflecting priorities identified by the membership. We also serve as a clearinghouse and resource for other shorter-term social action initiatives. We formulate positions on critical social justice issues for Temple Sinai and develop and implement local strategies to work toward achieving them.

Strategic Planning We oversee development and implementation of the Long Range Plan and report progress to the Board and the Congregation.

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

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