

TEMPLE SINAI

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annual
report
2018-2019

Mission

Temple Sinai is a center for those who seek to develop and enhance their Jewish identity through worship of God, ritual life, education, social action, concern for the State of Israel, and communal involvement, with an emphasis on the enduring Jewish values expressed by the Reform Movement.

Vision

Temple Sinai will be a congregation whose members feel a binding sense of Jewish community; are building a strong foundation for the future; enjoy a personal connection with the temple and their clergy; are intellectually and spiritually engaged; and are inspired, stimulated and challenged by the Reform Jewish tradition.

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Select photos throughout the Annual Report by Judy Licht. Temple Sinai thanks Judy for her documentation of many events and simchas celebrated at the temple.

From Our Leadership



Rabbi
Jonathan Roos
Senior Rabbi

This annual report is filled with figures that quantify our temple's past year and show an impressive picture of our community and its activities. It is more than a collection of numbers. In these pages you will find the spirit our congregation and the meaningful relationships that exist at Temple Sinai. There is, however, one important data point not included in this report: 12 individuals were shot and killed in anti-Semitic attacks at Shabbat services in American synagogues this past year. That does not appear in the report because neither of the attacks occurred at Sinai. I mention them here first and foremost as a memorial. The mitzvah to memorialize Jews killed because they are Jewish is incumbent on all of us. I also cite the twelve here because whatever success, growth, or celebration we enjoyed in our congregation this past year is diminished by their murder and the pall it cast over our lives. May their memories be a blessing.

This has, in fact, been a year of great success, growth and celebration. Two successes in particular stand out. First, The *Honor Our Heritage, Build Our Future Campaign* has not only raised significant funds to secure our future, it has engaged hundreds of temple members in a process to envision a lasting, strong future for Temple Sinai. We could not have reached this point without many of you giving generously and without the leadership of our co-chairs, Naomi Camper and Andrew Engel along with the team of volunteers listed in this booklet. We are, as of my writing this note, 75% to our goal. We need your help and your generosity to complete this task and build a future for our children and their children. Please join me in giving to the campaign.

Secondly, I am grateful to our temple leadership and to my colleagues for working hard over the course of this year at securing the continuity of our current clergy and professional staff team for several more years. It is rare to find such a talented collection of clergy and staff in a single synagogue. It is rarer still to have such a team of leaders who get along so well and thrive together. It is almost unheard of to have such a group stay together for as many years as we have enjoyed. I know that our congregation is a special place because it is a reflection of you, our members. But I also know that this incredible team of rabbis, cantors, educators, and our executive director and administrative and facilities staff are a truly great team and I'm grateful we will have them together at Sinai for years to come.

Finally, I hope you will join me in thanking Gary Friend for his two years of service and commitment as our temple president. We are in great shape thanks largely to him. With gratitude for all the goodness we have experienced in the past year and prayers for continued happiness and success in the year to come, I am proud to open this annual report to you and our friends and families.



Gary Friend
President

The work and accomplishments summarized in our Annual Report are a testament to what make Temple Sinai special. We are a community of passionate, caring members who give to each other and to our community. We lead, we share, we do things big and small and, with each step forward, we make the world a bit better.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I express gratitude for the participation and support of our members.

Welcome to Members Who Joined in 2018-2019



The Membership Committee delivered **68** welcome bags to new members, including copies of *The Gates of Shabbat* from the Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism (TSWRJ).

19 committees/groups were represented at the temple's Find-Your-Connection Fair in October 2018, which provided information to interested members on the wealth of opportunities to become more involved with the congregation (pictured left).

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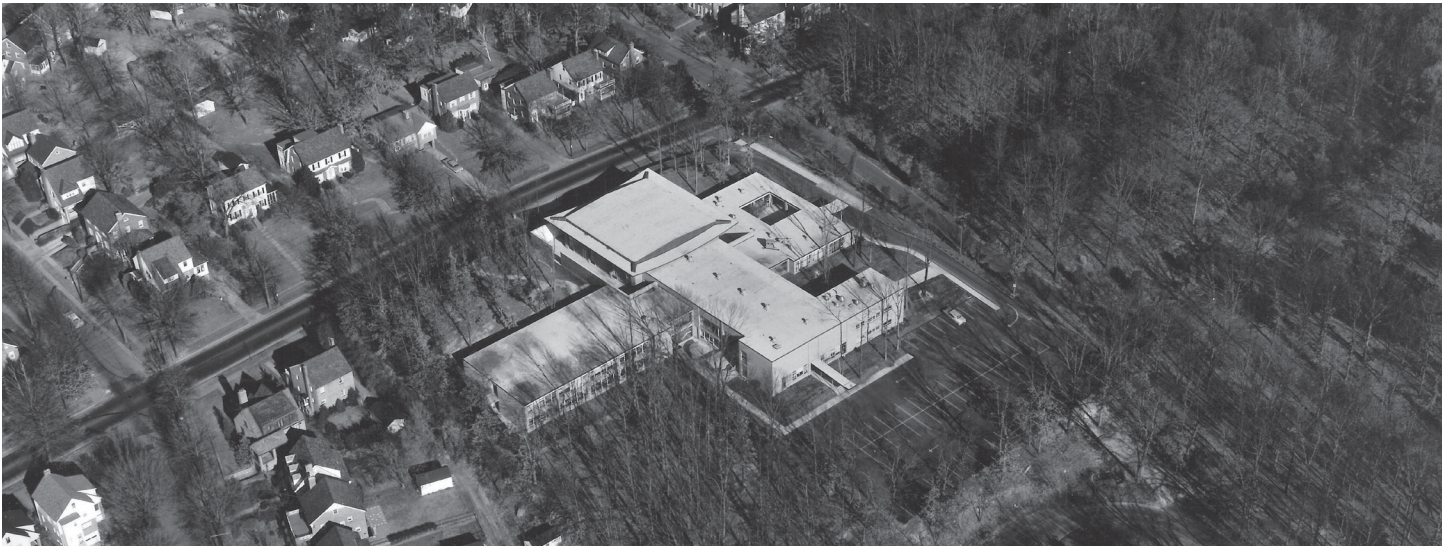
Jesse Winograd & Helki Spidle and their
children Dalia & Naomi

Michael & Lauren Zelin and their
children Cole, Jake & Talia

Honor Our Heritage, **Build** Our Future

*For nearly seven decades Temple Sinai has housed a **vibrant community** of worship, learning, social action and celebration. Now our home needs enhancements to support the dynamism of our programming, the needs of our **1,200** member families to gather, and the challenges of our future. We have exciting plans to renovate and expand our facilities and support our clergy and programs; our fundraising goal is in sight.*

*Early in 2019 we publicly launched our comprehensive campaign to fund these needs. Every member is being asked to pledge as they can toward the shared commitment of **ensuring the long-term vitality of our congregation**. Our goal is not only to secure essential financial resources to fund strategic priorities, but also to build upon the support and enthusiasm demonstrated by the congregation when **600+** congregants provided direct feedback on our strategic plan, by encouraging broad congregational participation in and financial support of this meaningful initiative.*





Facilities: Expand, Improve & Make Accessible \$8 million

Improve building access, create a sanctuary for the next **70** Years, create community gathering spaces, expand space and flexibility for education and respect and appreciate our natural resources to help us better meet member needs for worship, learning, and community gathering.

Innovative Programming & Clergy Support \$2 million

Provide engaging opportunities for social action with clergy and fellow congregants, maintain an exceptional clergy team who inspire, teach and are committed to maintaining close connections with all congregants including those in need of pastoral care, by enhancing our Annual Fund, Endowment, and other sources of operating revenue.

Annual Fund

We ask members who generously participate in the Honor our Heritage, Build Our Future Campaign to wrap their Annual Fund donation into their Campaign pledge. Since initial member commitments (dues) support just **81%** of our annual budget, the Annual Fund supports essential operating budget needs.

Over a dozen stakeholder groups ranging from the TSWRJ to the Temple Sinai Nursery School provided input on the concept drawings.

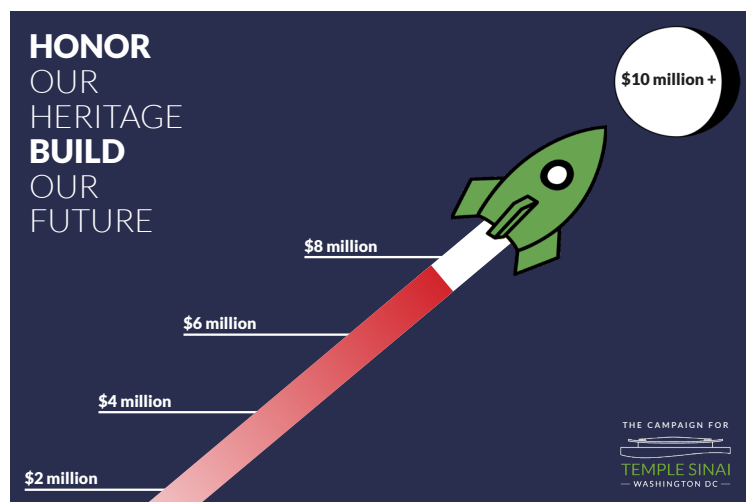
600+ congregants responded to a survey that provided input on campaign priorities; our goal is to build on this success to achieve full congregant participation in the campaign.

60% of the financial goal was reached during the “quiet phase” preceding the public launch.

Hundreds of members attended **6** campaign launch events in February 2019.

28 campaign leaders and staff contacted all **1,200** member families through meetings in individual and small group settings, direct mail, and other follow-up activities.

48% of the capital campaign donors have designated a portion of their pledge for the Annual Fund.



To pledge your support for the **Honor Our Heritage, Build Our Future** Campaign, contact the Development office or visit templesinaidc.org/capital-campaign.

All members are encouraged to help bring our participation and financial goals levels even higher.

Honor Our Heritage, Build Our Future

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The list represents gifts made through May 1, 2019. If we missed your name, please contact Noah Benjamin at nbenjamin@templesinaiadc.org.

The temple unveiled plans for a major building renovation and expansion, which will **modernize** our facility, **renovate the sanctuary**, and provide additional and more **flexible spaces** to better meet the needs of our members for Shabbat and holidays, lifecycle events, learning, and community gathering. The construction and landscaping will be environmentally sensitive and will **improve the accessibility and security** of the building.



Meeting the Jewish Needs of our Members

The Temple Sinai clergy maintained a full schedule of **creative and inclusive** Shabbat, holiday, and special services, working closely with the Music Committee. Our community joined together to observe many life cycle events, from baby namings to funerals and shiva services. Through the teaching of Jewish observances in ways that are both age-appropriate and infused with fun, our religious school and nursery school embody “**I’dor vador**,” “from generation to generation.”



Happy Chanukah from the Ritual and Director Team!



We welcomed Rev. Dr. William Barber, II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, co-chairs of the Poor People’s Campaign to a special Shabbat service in June.

Music Events

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday weekend in January, our annual Shabbat Shira welcomed Daryl Davis, a talented pianist and vocalist, whose mission is to find common ground through dialogue with those whose words or actions are hateful. Accompanied by a **3**-piece combo, Davis’s impassioned presentation and the rollicking boogie woogie and blues music created a moving and memorable evening.

The Middle Matzah Conspiracy, the temple in-house band, performed at **6** Shabbat services, bringing their special brand of ruach to the TSWRJ Shabbat, the Elul “kick off,” and the annual Chanukah service.





Making caramel apples for Simchat Torah.



The Youth Choir, pictured here at Shabbat Shira, had **19** members

84% of members requested High Holy Day tickets and over **7,000** tickets were collected across **16** services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

200+ people broke the fast at TSWRJ's Break-the-Fast following Yom Kippur services.

700 sufganiyot were consumed during Chanukah celebrations.

81 students became bar or bat mitzvah, and **26** students were confirmed in May 2019.

12 funerals, **15** shiva services, and **5** baby namings were officiated by Temple Sinai clergy.

108 simcha, condolence, and get-well cards were sent to members by TSWRJ.

23 families borrowed **134** haggadot for seders from the Temple Sinai library.

There are **472** plots available to members and their immediate family in the Temple Sinai Cemetery at the Garden of Remembrance.

13 Shabbat dinners following Shabbat services were shared by members and others, including **66** participants in dinner following a Shabbat service at which **3** Israeli and **3** Palestinian participants in the New Story Leadership program spoke. New Story Leadership trains change agents with leadership tools to create social, economic, and political change in the region.

Temple Sinai Nursery School and Religious School

162 children were introduced to Jewish rituals as part of the curriculum of the Temple Sinai Nursery School, including welcoming each Shabbat with singing and dancing with song leader Sally Heckelman, often joined by Cantor Croen and other members of the clergy. Children smelled the etrog and shook the lulav for Sukkot, heard the story of the Maccabees and ate latkes for Chanukah, and paraded in costume in celebration of Purim.

Temple Sinai Religious School families engaged in learning programs as a whole family. Meaningful explorations of Torah, rituals, traditions, and culture, along with favorite kehillah games such as "Find the Clothespin" and "Bob the Frog", deepened and enhanced our sense of Jewish community and identity.

9000+ juice boxes and **900+** challahs were blessed and then consumed by Temple Sinai Religious School students.

Providing **Excellent Educational Opportunities** for Members of **All Ages**

*Temple Sinai offers many educational programs, ranging from structured educational environments to informal learning, encompassing **learners of all ages** and **building community** along the way. The nursery school and religious school deepened both students' knowledge and their connection to Judaism. Adult programs offered members and others new information, perspectives and opportunities to strengthen community by sharing ideas and opinions.*

Adult Learning

52 of people explored Jewish topics in **4 4-session** Mazo adult education series, covering subjects ranging from the poetry of Genesis to anti-Semitism.

110+ students participated in TSWRJ-sponsored programs, gathering every other Tuesday morning to study Maimonides with Rabbi Roos and participating in **2** sessions of TSWRJ University.



Daytimers presented **8** lunch-time programs on a wide range of subjects such as history, economics, politics, and Israel, with **40-110** people gathering to listen, learn, and share perspectives.

30 people attended a talk with temple member Larry Wolff and Israeli journalist Anis Modi, both of *Moment* magazine, discussing the different "tribes" and divisions in Israeli society.

5 book discussions engaged **100+** members and others—**2** All Temple Reads and **3** People of the Book Club, led by Rabbi Goldstein.



*Library volunteers celebrated Janis Colton (center) as she stepped down as co-chair of the Library Committee after **20+** years in February 2019.*



The Daytimers enjoyed a presentation by TS member Herb Mintz in November 2018 about Jewish Artists in Early 20th Century Paris.



The annual TSWRJ Authors' Roundtable in March 2019.

Library & Archives

The library committee includes about **20** people. **10** of them, ranging in age from newborn to **93**, volunteer regularly in the library.

The temple library, which contains **10,000+** books, added **350+** books and continued to expand its programming and activities with reading programs for adults, rotating displays of books in support of temple programs, targeted bibliographies, and the popular Check It Out! e-newsletter.

90+ people heard Rabbi Roos, Rabbi Emeritus Reiner, and Essie Lipman, widow of former Temple Sinai Rabbi Eugene Lipman, relate highlights from the **3** major rabbinic eras at Temple Sinai, in a program co-sponsored by the Archives Committee and Daytimers.

The Archives Committee and temple member Isaac Gamoran developed a timeline of the history of Temple Sinai, enhanced with photographs and narratives, which appears on the temple website.

Temple Sinai Nursery School

In addition to continuing to provide an excellent Jewish early childhood educational experience for **162** students, TSNS educated parents. TSNS hosted a parent education workshop about body safety for children, attended by **35+** families.

Temple Sinai Religious School

591 students and **38** staff had a year of learning, laughing, and building a sense of significance and belonging. We launched and welcomed **29** kindergarteners into our inaugural Bonim family program and can't wait to welcome a new group next year! Memorable moments of the year included family learning programs, family shabbats with classmates, trips outside Temple Sinai, **1st** grade Consecration, Confirmation, and our **4th** Grade Siddur Ceremony.



Story time in TSRS third grade! Learning about the middah of y'didut - friendship.



Ellis Island immigrants (aka TSRS sixth grade students) await disembarking.

117 people purchased **116** books and heard presentations by **4** authors at TSWRJ's annual Author's Roundtable.

A talk by Walid Issa, Executive Director of the American Palestinian Hope project, moderated by Rabbi Roos, was attended by **40** people.

3 rotating displays in the temple library were created by the Archives Committee, including **1** on the history of music at Temple Sinai. **5-10** people enjoy the library space and collections each day.

100+ people heard about "The Jewish Artists of Paris: 1890-1940" from temple member Herb Mintz in a joint Daytimers/Library Committee program.

2 members of the Temple Sinai Religious School staff, Max Antman and Kelly Whitehead, were accepted to HUC-JIR to begin rabbinical studies in June 2019.

Facilitating a Vibrant Sense of Community

Temple Sinai warmly welcomes everyone who enters in order to create a sense of belonging. Programs enhance member-to-member support and create opportunities for members to develop meaningful long-term connections with one another.

Kathie Rabinovitz SinaiCares Program

Through the generous support of the Rabinovitz family, our SinaiCares program provides support to members at times of illness, loss, hardship and celebration. Member volunteers partner with our clergy to perform acts of loving kindness by visiting the sick, honoring the elderly, and consoling the mourner.

This year, program volunteers delivered **47** challahs, **11** baby baskets, **15** yahrzeit candles, and **20** mishloach manot bags for Purim. Said one member, "I was so surprised and delighted to receive the Purim bag of treats...! Many thanks for this thoughtfulness."

Multiracial Sinai

7% of Jews in the DC metro area identify as Jews of color. **15** temple members have worked together to lay the ground work for the new Multiracial Sinai Committee, which will provide guidance in affirming Temple Sinai's identity as a multiracial Jewish community. **40** clergy and Sinai leaders participated in a day-long training facilitated by Yavilah McCoy and focused on racial identity, and the committee is planning **4** congregation-wide events.

Temple Sinai Men of Reform Judaism



TSMRJ held several well-received events. **16** golfers participated in an outing at Woodmont Country Club, **12**

people participated in the annual bowling evening, **18** beer aficionados shared lunch at the Parkway Deli followed by beer sampling at local breweries, and **20** trivia buffs competed in Trivia Night at World of Beer in Bethesda.



Cultural Events

70 people attended shows at **2** local theaters--"Indecent" at Arena Stage and "Oslo" at Round House Theater.

The opening of the Shonim B'Yachad art exhibition, a judged competition of art created by Jewish and Arab Israeli youth on tolerance, equality, accepting the other and valuing a shared society, was hosted by the Israel Affairs committee and attended by **30** people.

The Music Committee presented the one-man show "Shards: Putting the Pieces Together--A Story of Leaving Home and Finding Home" by Cantor Evan Kent, with a welcome from Temple Sinai's Junior Choir.



41 people explored Jewish Cuba on a Temple Sinai-sponsored trip led by Rabbi Goldstein and Cantor Croen.

60 maj jongg mavens and novices enjoyed TSWRJ's **2nd** Maj Jongg Fun Day.

300 people attended J Street's Amos Oz Memorial Celebration at Temple Sinai.

Toddlers and pre-schoolers enjoyed **5** Saturdays at Sinai sessions, open play space where families came together for nurturing fun, creative exploration and community.

9 SNOs (Sinaite Nights Out) brought together **30+** teens for mid-week dinner and fun.

80 Temple Sinai families had fun at Mishpacha events.



Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism



477 TSWRJ members participated in many events during the year. **500+** people enjoyed the annual Chanukah Mart and **105** more cooked, shopped, baked, schlepped, and volunteered to staff the event. **40** people attended TSWRJ's second Gala Fashion Show at Lord & Taylor, which featured **13** member models, including **3** mother-daughter pairs, and earned **10%** of the shopping proceeds for TSWRJ. **81** people participate in the Wednesday evening and twice-a-month Monday afternoon maj jongg games at Temple Sinai. **56** TSWRJ members and prospective members attended the **3rd** annual wine and cheese kick-off event in August.

Maintaining **Social Action** Activities

*Social action at Temple Sinai permeates all activities, as an embodiment of Jewish principles and the value of **Tikkun Olam**. We strive to serve as an **active progressive faith voice** in the local community, both independently and in partnership with other groups, both Jewish and interfaith. Many groups at Temple Sinai engaged in social justice activities, programs, and actions—including the Social Action Committee, Project Mensch, Green Team, Gun Violence Prevention Group, WIN Core Team, Sinai House, Refugee, Asylum and Immigrant Support, DCPS/Wheatley tutoring and glasses projects, Summer Reading program, and the Religious Action Center, to name a few.*

Gun Violence Prevention Group

200 people attended a Gun Violence Prevention Shabbat service to mark the **6th** anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

100+ people attended the opening of "Washington's Other Monuments," a photo and video exhibition and panel discussion organized by the group about informal street shrines erected by families and friends in memory of local victims of gun violence. The group monitored and advocated for enactment of universal background check for gun purchases and "red flag" laws.



Lukitadila Blondy Mayele, the young Congolese man seeking asylum who has been supported by the temple community through RAIS, attends his first baseball game.

Books

The temple provided **600+** books for summer reading to **85** third graders at Highland Elementary School in Montgomery County and **65** third and fourth graders at Browne Education Campus in DC through **2** summer book fairs. **25** temple members participated in the initiatives, including by helping children select books.

The temple library is a pick-up point for used books and media for Turning the Page, which works with DC public school families to build home libraries.

Refugee, Asylum, and Immigrant Support (RAIS)

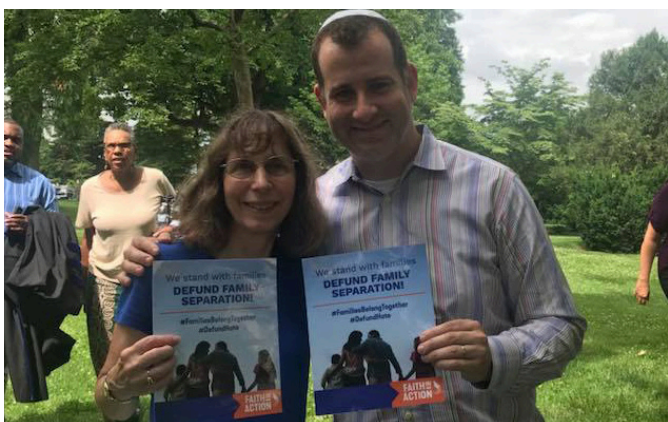
Working with other faith-based communities via the temple's membership in the Sanctuary DMV Congregation Network, **85** temple members worked to develop a sanctuary program at Temple Sinai to support vulnerable immigrants. The temple has sponsored an Afghan family for **15** months, and **25+** members are assisting other immigrants with companionship, tutoring, clothing and food, and computers.



Praying with our feet at NRA HQ with March For Our Lives and so many more in August 2018.



TSWRJ members prepared a VOTE2018 mailing to Temple Sinai young adults in October 2018.



Getting ready to go into the Russell Senate Office Building to protest family separation at the border in July 2018.



The Green Team with AGs Frosh and Racine in January 2019.

Food donations from the TSWRJ High Holy Days food drive collected enough food for the Capital Area Food Bank to provide **5,135** meals for food-insecure neighbors.

40 TSWRJ volunteers prepared food and served dinner to **35** guests of the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health.

The Social Action Committee provided **24** students at DC's Wheatley Elementary School with glasses.

25 of TSWRJ's Civic Engagement Committee contacted **500** temple members aged **18-28** to encourage them to register and vote in the November 2018 election.

The Nursery School held **2** Mitzvah Days, one at which children made bags of trail mix to donate to Martha's Table and listened to Rabbi Roos read a story about kindness and doing for others, and the other at A Wider Circle, where children sorted toys and learned how the organization helps families with young children.

25 temple families, including **50+** children, packed bags of Thanksgiving groceries and grocery gift cards which were distributed to **160** needy families in the Washington, DC metro area through **6** organizations, including Sinai House.

15 members joined **300** people from other Washington Interfaith Network congregations on a bus tour and training in Southeast DC to discuss gentrification and housing displacement in Southeast and Southwest DC and affordable housing.

Green Team

The Green Team hosted an environmentally-themed Shabbat service during Tu Bi'Shvat, a discussion with Attorneys General Karl Racine and Brian Frosh, and a guided boat tour highlighting environmental features of the Anacostia River.

Maintaining **Social Action** Activities



Sinai House

Since its founding in 1992 by Temple Sinai members, Sinai House has enabled **40+** families and **90+** children to move from homelessness to independence by providing safe and affordable housing, comprehensive social services and financial support. This year:

2 families moved from Sinai House to permanent housing.

Executive Director Sadija A. Smiley was named as a 2019 Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund's Forty Under 40 Honoree!



2 Temple Sinai members who are attorneys, Nathan and Esther Finkelstein, prepared medical and general powers of attorney pro bono for our adult residents.

Temple Sinai Men of Reform Judaism treated **9** Sinai House residents to a Nationals baseball game in June.

Landscape architect Scott Taft, who volunteers weekly to supervise playtime activities for the Sinai House children, designed playground equipment, gardens and patios to transform the Sinai House backyard. In March 2019, Temple Sinai member, Daniel Rosentover, and his father, Todd Rosentover, along with Daniel's Eagle Scout troop, installed the equipment and vegetation to turn Scott's vision into a reality.

2 Temple Sinai members, Susan Kidd and Jim Kessler, volunteer weekly during the school year as tutors. Susan is also one of the **20** Temple Sinai members on Sinai House's all-volunteer Board.



14 Junior Choir members sang with **3** Sinai House children at the annual Homes & Hearts Shabbat service in November 2018. About **200** attendees listened as our most recent graduate related the inspiring story of her journey to independence and enjoyed African food at the festive oneg afterward.

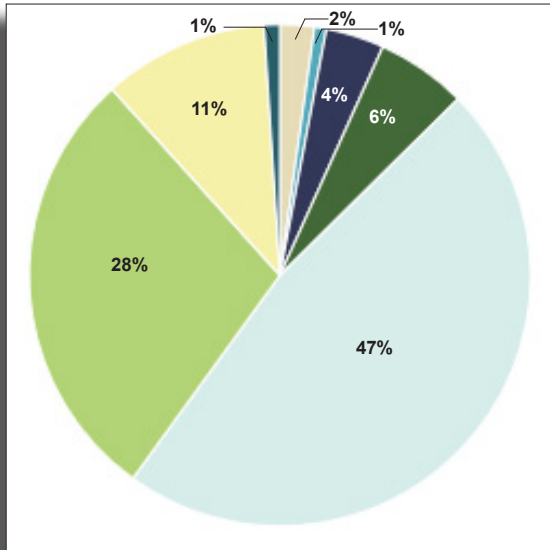


In March 2019, Alyssa West spoke to Religious School classes about the Bat Mitzvah project that she did **2** years ago to transform the Sinai House playroom. Sinai House president, Amy Schear, and Executive Director, Sadija Smiley, also spoke to the classes.

250+ generous business sponsors and individual donors and **290** registrants helped raise over **\$101,000** in support of the **4th** Annual Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run for Sinai House on Mother's Day 2018!

Financial Health

Where does money for temple programs and operations come from?

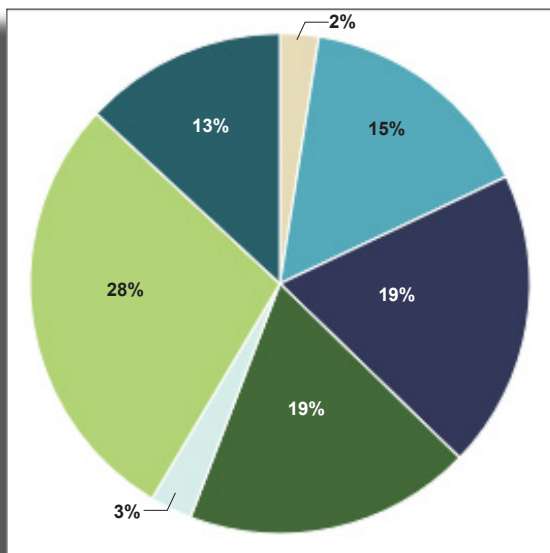


Category	Budget Amount
Membership Financial Commitment	\$3,112,725
Nursery School	\$1,861,375
Religious School & Youth	\$700,337
Contributions	\$383,700
Endowment & Investment Income	\$247,018
Program Fees	\$145,220
Facility Fees	\$66,500
High Holy Days Tickets	\$50,000
Total	\$6.6 Million

Why does Temple Sinai need financial support beyond membership commitments?

Membership financial commitments reflect just **47%** of Temple Sinai's operating budget. Other income is critical, including income from the temple's endowments and investments, which provided **6%** of Temple Sinai's operating budget, **\$383,700** in 2018-2019.

What does the money support?



Category	Budget Amount
Nursery School	\$1,861,375
Administration & Communications	\$1,265,259
Ritual	\$1,220,251
Building & Security	\$1,016,184
Religious School & Youth	\$860,350
URJ Dues	\$179,235
Programs	\$164,106
Total	\$6.6 Million

Personnel represent the largest expense at Temple Sinai, around **80%** of the overall budget (including Nursery School).

Appreciating Our Donors

Temple Sinai wishes to thank all who made contributions beyond member commitments (dues) throughout the course of the year. Voluntary contributions provide essential support for temple operations. The generosity of our members and friends provides for **6%** of the temple's budget.

In addition to the donors listed below, Temple Sinai receives in-kind support from the community for many projects and initiatives each year.

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The Rimonim Society

The Rimonim Society, established in 2002, recognizes those individuals who have included Temple Sinai in their estate plans or established another type of planned gift to benefit the temple.

The name Rimonim has special meaning for Judaism and Temple Sinai. For the ancient rabbis, the rimon or pomegranate became a symbol of the sweetness of Torah and because the rimon is filled to overflowing with seeds, it was likened to the fruitfulness of Torah and, by extension, Judaism. It symbolizes Torah, which is spread from generation to generation, thereby insuring its continuity. Rimonim also refers to the Torah crown that often decorates the Torah, especially at the High Holy Days and it is the shape of our ner tamid (eternal light) in Temple Sinai's sanctuary.



The rimon reminds us of the ability of Torah to sustain us. It is fitting, then, that members of the Rimonim Society are the congregation's own rimonim – planting the seed for a vibrant future and sustaining the temple. Rimonim Society members enhance 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 of the Jewish people.

We recognize and thank our current Rimonim Society members.

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85 people enjoyed Shabbat Services and dinner in honor of Rimonim Society members in April 2019.

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