



# 2017-2018 Annual Report





## 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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# From Our Leadership

Dear Temple Members,

The work and accomplishments summarized in our Annual Report are a testament to what makes 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.



Gary Friend  
President,  
Board of Trustees



Dear Temple Sinai Members and Friends:

Our annual meeting takes place just three days after the holiday of Shavuot. That festival marks the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai and it is a fitting connection to our end of the year reflection and congregational annual meeting.

Shavuot marks the end of a period of 49 days of counting called the Omer. Since Passover, we have been counting the days and taking stock of each moment. Likewise at Temple Sinai we have been busy counting and taking stock: of the numbers of latkes served last Hanukkah, of shiva minyans led by our community members and clergy, of b'nei mitzvah services, of volunteer visits to home bound elders, and more. This annual report is filled with statistics and figures that quantify our past year. It is an impressive picture of the year and its activities. But like the counting of the omer, it is more than a collection of numbers. In this report you will find the spirit our congregation and the meaningful community that exists at Temple Sinai.

The holiday of Shavuot – as a holiday of giving and receiving Torah – calls to mind the classic opening of Pirke Avot: Moses received the Torah from God at Sinai and he passed it to Joshua. Joshua transmitted the Torah to the Elders of ancient Israel, the Elders transmitted Torah to the Prophets, the Prophets transmitted Torah to the Great Assembly, and so on... to our own day. Like Shavuot, the end of the year at Sinai is a time to consider what has been given to us and what we have been asked to hold, tend, and pass along.

This past year has raised our concerns as we have seen an increase of antisemitism, increased tensions in and around Israel, and deepening political strife here at home. This is an “interesting” time to be part of the Jewish community. It is also a time of incredible creativity and growth. Our congregation passed 1,200 members last year and continues to grow slowly toward 1,250. Our clergy, staff and leaders are sought by the Reform movement and partner organizations to lead and inspire others. Our congregants are engaged in life-changing work at the temple and news worthy tasks at their jobs. And most important, out of sight of any camera or spotlight, all of us are engaged in the work of passing Torah to the next generation, spreading its values throughout our communities, and making the world a better place.

We need you now more than ever and we need each other every day. Thank you for being part of Temple Sinai, for growing in your Jewish life with us, and sharing your Jewish journeys. May 5779 be for all of us a year of health, peace, wellness and success!

L'shalom,



Rabbi Jonathan S. Roos  
Senior Rabbi

# Welcome to Members Who Joined in 2017-2018



The Membership Committee delivered **33** welcome bags to new members, including copies of *The Gates of Shabbat* from the Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism (TSWRJ).

**80** people attended the Member Celebration Shabbat dinner in November 2017.

Deborah Adams & Matthew Smith and their children, Cameron & Madeline  
Rachel & Nick Archambault  
Sarah & Jason Cherkis and their son, Jonah  
Peter & Barbara Clapman  
Ilana Cohen & Mark Donnelly and their children, Maya & Jack  
Michelle Cooper & Daniel Neustadt and their children Raleigh & Sebastian  
Karen & William (Bill) Copeland and their children Lia & Joshua  
Elana Nightingale Dawson & Eli Dawson and their children, Wilson & Tilly  
Fernanda & Alexander Ellenberg and their children, Sofia & Isabelle  
David Feinberg\*  
Kim Feinstein  
Anna Fink & Alberto Fernandez and their children, Nina & Naila  
Laura Skolnik & Carl Fox and their son, Jasper  
Alan Fuchs & Carolina Ayala and their children, Liam & Hannah  
Tracy & Boris Getselman and their daughter, Rya  
Laura & Aron Goetzland and their children, Beattie & Tessa  
Josh & Jaime Goldman and their daughter, Ruby  
Carrie Gombos & David Altschuler and their children, Benjamin & Joshua  
Andrew Green & Emily Gee and their children, Alexandra & Elliot  
Daniel and Maitland Greer and their daughter, Ellerie  
Jonathan & Michelle Grossman and their children, Chloe, Isabelle, & Quinn  
Ira & JoAnn Heiman  
Susan Jakes & Jeffrey Prescott and their children, Amalia & Phoebe  
Susan Lehrer Jones\*

Marjorie Just & Joseph Riescher and their daughter, Matilda  
Jonathan & Cheryl Kamin and their daughter, Jessica  
Barbara Kaplan  
Margot Karp  
Brian & Darla Kass and their children, Sydney, Skylar, Nathan & Naomi  
Melissa Kontarinis and her children Jack, Tess, & Pearl  
Joshua Kurland & Jennifer Hinkle and their daughter, Ariella  
Adam & Stephanie Lenkin and their children, Ryder & Brody  
Andrew & Katherine Leonard and their children, Ansel & Paloma  
Brian & Katy Levine and their children, Sophie & Micah  
Susan Levine & Leon Fink  
Robert Levy & Jo Guterman  
R. Elizabeth & Joshua Liefer and their son, Alexander  
Adam Lifshy & Jennifer Wu and their son, Landon  
Melissa & Asher Lipman and their children, Jake & Charlotte  
Karen Litsinger & Dominic Crapuchettes and their children, Daniel & Rachel  
Felix Lloyd & Jordan Bookey and their children, Cassius & Florence  
Benjamin & Saskia Loewy and their son, Alexander  
Chris Magnuson & Erin Birgfeld and their children, Luke & Nora  
Robyn & Steven Mandelbaum and their children, Evan & Leah  
Adam & Sarah Marks and their children, Benjamin & Sienna  
Jana & Gabriel Maser and their daughter, Ayla  
Jason & Rachel Miller and their children, Ayla & Julian

Stefani & John Miller and their son, August  
Josh & Elisa Miller and their children, Griffin & Jed  
Debra Mishalove & her children, Jonah & Leo  
Alan & Julie Noskow and their children, Jesse, Levi, and Sophie  
Alexander Pearlman  
Tim Pohle & Madelyn Glist and their son, Louis  
Michael Richards & Pamela Fields and their children, Aaron & Alana  
Selma Rosenthal  
Rachel Ryan and her son Heathcliff  
Joseph Sacks & Emily Sanders and their children, Noah & Elliot  
Simon Sargon & Bonnie Glasgow  
Joshua Shiffrin & Lauren Oppenheimer and their daughter, Maya  
Julie & Mark Schumann and their children, Max & Mia  
Steven & Rita Schwartz and their children, Sonya & Mark  
Debra Lynn Shapiro and her daughter, Attie  
Deborah Solomon & Jed Graham and their children, Max & Jack  
Jonathan Spalter & Carrie Goux and their children, Sage, Willa, Lael, & Luc  
Heather Stone & Cheryl Cort and their children, Eli & Max  
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Lore Unt & Barak Cohen and their children, Katherine & Aden  
Rob Vogel & Bonnie Malkin  
Caren & Gadi Weinreich and their children, Tessa & Spencer  
Shlomo & Marnie Weinstein and their children Harrison, Mason & Charlotte

\*Of Blessed Memory



# Meeting the Jewish Needs of our Members

Temple Sinai's clergy, working together with members of the congregation's Ritual Committee and Music Committee, maintained a full schedule of **creative and inclusive** Shabbat, holiday, and special services. We joined together to celebrate joyous passages and to mourn the loss of loved ones. Temple Sinai clergy provided compassionate pastoral support and care.



Members gathered at **23** lay-led Kehillat Shabbat services and kiddush lunches throughout the year.

## Shabbat at Sinai

Members gathered for **17** Shabbat dinners at the temple.

**313** people feasted at the festive barbecue Shabbat dinner following Shabbat Shira

**2** Healing Shabbat services provided opportunities to heal bodies, souls, and spirits.

**8** Family Shabbat services actively involved students in grades K-6 and Better Together, a program that joins 6th Grade students and older members of the congregation.

**44** members regularly attended **52** Torah Study classes with the rabbis weekly on Shabbat mornings.

## Music Events



In March, our annual Shabbat Shira service featured Nefesh Mountain, combining infectious and joyful bluegrass and old-time music with Jewish spirituality and tradition, accompanied by Temple Sinai's adult and youth choirs.

In April, we celebrated the 80th birthday of TS member Simon Sargon, a noted composer and musician of American Jewish music, at an afternoon concert. Conducted by Sargon himself, the concert featured Temple Sinai's Senior Cantor Laura Croen, Cantor Rebecca Robins, and Robyn Helzner, and cantors and musicians from area congregations.

Temple Sinai's in-house band, **5**-member Middle Matzah Conspiracy, performed at **5** services throughout the year, adding their special blend of musicality and ruach.

## Temple Sinai Cemetery at the Garden of Remembrance

Temple Sinai has **824** plots (plus **7** plots donated back to the temple). Of these, **345** have been sold and **479** are available.

The selling price of each plot is presently **\$2,400**, in keeping with Temple Sinai policy of maintaining its price below the Garden of Remembrance price for "unaffiliated" plots.



Temple Sinai's Ritual and Director staff hammed it up on Purim, Second Grade families gathered for havdalah, and members of all ages gathered for the Community Second Seder, hosted by TSWRJ.

**84%** of members requested High Holy Day tickets and over **8,600** tickets were collected across **16** services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**1** Steinway grand piano, donated in memory of Dan Snyder (z"l) by his family, was consecrated at a special Shabbat service in October 2017.

In a new SinaiCares program, volunteers delivered **6** yahrzeit candles to members marking the first anniversary of a loved one's death.

The Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism (TSWRJ) Judaica shop sold over **4400** Chanukah candles.

**25** congregants borrowed **135** haggadot from the TS library for use at their Passover seders.

**133** Temple Sinai members and others prayed, sang, and ate a delicious second Seder dinner at Temple Sinai, organized by TSWRJ.

Temple Sinai clergy officiated at **15** funerals, **22** shiva services, and **13** baby namings.

**22** tenth graders were confirmed in May 2018.

**85** students became bar or bat mitzvah this year.



**4** students became bar or bat mitzvah in Israel in 2017 and **4** are preparing to go this coming summer.



# Facilitating a Vibrant Sense of Community

Temple Sinai engages in “**Audacious Hospitality**,” warmly welcoming 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 volunteers partner with our clergy in the sacred work of g’milut chasadim, performing acts of loving kindness; bikur cholim, visiting the sick; hiddur p’nai zaken, honoring the elderly; and nichum aveilim, consoling the mourner. This year, **29** volunteers participated in the program. They provided **57** rides and made **90** visits to members. They delivered **41** challahs and **19** mishloach manot baskets on Purim. They also prepared **20** quarts of vegetable soup for clergy to bring to congregants.



“Just a note of thanks for the challah at the end of shloshim for my mother. We have been so impressed by the support from our Temple Sinai community following the deaths of our parents, and the challah is a really comforting reminder that everyone is thinking of us.”



## The Temple Sinai Men of Reform Judaism



TSMRJ hosted several successful events throughout the year, including a golf tournament at Woodmont Country Club in October, Bourbon in the Booth during Sukkot, a Trivia Night in January, tending bar at the adult Purim celebration, and a Seder 101 class and Israeli Wine Tasting before Passover.

TSMRJ and TSWRJ jointly donated Kiddush cups to **69** B’nei Mitzvah students, Tanachs to **22** confirmation class students, and made contributions to the NFTY Israel trip for each student.



## The Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism



TSWRJ organized and hosted many programs throughout the year for its **450** members and many others, including a women’s retreat for learning, singing, praying, and enjoying time together; a dinner hosted for **50** guests of the Children’s Inn at the National Institutes of Health; a mah jongg event for **60** novices and mavens; a Fashions for All Generations fashion show that raised funds for TSWRJ activities; and the highly-anticipated annual Chanukah Mart (featuring more than **800** latkes).



**26** people went on the Summer 2017 Israel Trip



Celebrating Havdalah at a Mishpacha Bowling night.

## Youth

Sinaites Night Out brought together **25+** teens for **9** mid-week dinners and fun.

Sinaite Danielle Hazan was elected to the NFTY-MAR Regional Board as Programming VP for 2018-19.

We mourned the loss of our 4th and 8th grade teacher, David Iselin, who died suddenly on March 3, 2018.



Many members were actively involved in the leadership of Temple Sinai, with **27** committees and affiliate organizations planning and carrying out programs and activities.

**80** people gathered for the Member Celebration Shabbat, which especially honored members new in 2017 and those celebrating **25** years as members.

A catered dinner for **53** people followed a festive Israel Shabbat service in April 2018.

**6** cantors, including our own Senior Cantor Laura Croen and Cantor Rebecca Robins, performed at the Stars of David Cantor’s Concert in June 2017, celebrating in song stories of well-known Jews.

Mishpacha, our family social group, saw **100+** members having fun at events this year.

**85** people gathered for the summer “Sha-BBQ” in July 2017.

**65** people attended **2** theater events organized by Temple Sinai to see “The Last Night of Ballyhoo” and “Master Harold...and the Boys.”

**20** children and parents enjoyed nurturing fun, creative exploration, and community at Saturdays at Sinai, a new, open-play space for toddlers and preschoolers.





# Providing Excellent Educational Opportunities for Members of All Ages

Education is as much about **building community** as delivering content and knowledge, and Temple Sinai continued to offer many **intellectual and stimulating** programs for members of all ages. The nursery school and religious school deepened students' connections to Judaism and to their classmates. Adult education programs offered members and others opportunities to explore new areas of Jewish study and **share ideas and opinions** about Jewish subjects, books, and current events.



**382** people attended a discussion moderated by Ted Koppel with authors Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman (above), and Avner Gvaryahu, from *Breaking the Silence*, inspired by Kingdom of Olives and Ash, a collection of essays edited by Chabon and Waldman, that present narratives relating to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.



## Adult Learning

- 41** people studied modern Jewish theology with Rabbi Goldstein in a **3**-part class.
- 28** people learned about the history of Zionism in a **4**-part class with guest lecturer Dr. Itzik Eshel.
- 27** students met weekly for Adult Hebrew classes.

Temple Sinai clergy reimagined Torah study, adding a new program using medieval commentaries.

The Temple Sinai Nursery School Parent Lecture Series featured **3** early childhood experts speaking on various challenges of parenting young children, including fostering healthy sibling relationships and building friendships.

Daytimers met **10** times for lunchtime speakers and informal discussions on topics such as history, economics, politics, and Israel. Conversations attracted up to **110** people.



## Israel Affairs

The Israel Affairs Committee, in partnership with the Israeli Embassy, facilitated Temple Sinai becoming the **1st** synagogue in the world to host Sheikh Mowafaq Tarif, the spiritual leader of the Israeli Druze community, at a Shabbat service in January.

## Temple Sinai Nursery School

TSNS provided an excellent Jewish early childhood educational experience for **162** students from **140** families in **14** classes. The clergy, staff, and members of the temple community engaged in daily activities as well as holiday traditions. TSNS continues to create a foundation for deep friendships among both students and their parents that continue into religious school at Temple Sinai and long-term family relationships. Alumni and their parents continue to make important contributions to the Temple Sinai community.



## Library & Archives

The Temple Sinai library boasts a collection of Jewish content of over **10,000** books and other media of all types and for all ages, available to our clergy and members. The library hosts programs for adults and children, offers targeted bibliographies and the popular Check It Out! e-newsletter highlighting new acquisitions.

The library hosted **3** People of the Book discussions and **2** All Temple Reads led by Rabbi Goldstein, focusing on current literature of Jewish interest such as *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar Goshen and *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* by Nathan Englander.

Representatives of the Archives Committee visited Washington Hebrew Congregation to exchange ideas about organizing archives.

## Temple Sinai Religious School

**633** students are enrolled in K-10 education programs, taught by **38** dedicated teachers and staff.

**35** 7th to 12th grade students served as Madrichim (classroom assistants)

All TSRS programs use the Responsive Classroom Approach for social-emotional learning and skill and relationship building. From Kindergarten Shabbat to the 6th grade StoryCorps challenges, families engaged together in learning programs.

At TSWRJ's annual Authors' Roundtable, **110** people enjoyed hearing from **4** authors and bought **91** books.

The **20** library volunteers range in age from newborn to **92** years old.

**2** displays — **1** on social action and **1** on the founding of Temple Sinai — were organized by the Archives Committee for its space in the library.





# 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 Family Assistance, DCPS/Wheatley tutoring and glasses projects, Summer Reading program, and the Religious Action Center, to name a few.

## Working with the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)

Temple Sinai was the **1st** Jewish congregation to join the **40** institutional members of WIN, a multi-faith, multi-racial, non-partisan organization committed to addressing community issues. The temple's **8** member WIN Core Team participates in advocacy and organizing about housing, jobs, criminal justice, immigrant's rights, and other pressing issues. **32** temple members joined members of other WIN congregations in WIN actions opposing privatization of public transit and urging the DC Mayor to act on affordable housing and jobs.



In early 2018, Rabbi Roos and a group of TS members visited the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA, one of the largest detention centers in the country. The group engaged in social visits with detainees and witnessed the conditions at Stewart first-hand. A local visitation program will allow Sinai members to continue this work in our area.



**200+** members provided financial support to teachers and low-income immigrant parents and students at Highland Elementary School in Silver Spring, MD through Project Mensch. Some of those members provided ongoing direct program and educational support.



## Gun Violence Prevention Group

**30+** temple members constructed a "Memorial to the Lost" on the grounds of Temple Sinai during the High Holy Days, in memory of more than **200** people killed by guns in the Washington metropolitan area last year.

In November, 2017, the group presented **8** experts in a panel discussion program, "Domestic Abuse, Gun Violence, and Mass Shootings: A Community Conversation." The discussion showed the connections among these forms of violence, which was attended by more than **100** people.



Our clergy and many members advocated for Jewish principles of social justice on many occasions throughout the year.



College students from around the country gathered for Shabbat services with Temple Sinai before the March for Our Lives in March 2018. **200+** members attended the march.



**68** people shared a creative vegetarian dinner and panel discussion with Tommy Wells, director of the DC Department of Energy and Environment following services on Tu Bish'vat.

TSWRJ collected **5,793** lbs. of food donated during the High Holy Days for donation to the Capital Area Food Bank, which corresponds to approximately **4,800** meals for our food-insecure neighbors.

The Social Action Committee approved **\$26,000** in grants from the temple's Lipman Social Action & Tzedakah Fund to **9** local non-profits that have demonstrated both a commitment to social justice and the ability to achieve results.

A volunteer team organized **165** Thanksgiving baskets for families served by **6** local organizations.

Temple Sinai sponsors an Afghan family along with Lutheran Social Services, and assists with the support of a second family. **40+** temple members volunteered in a variety of capacities to provide support and financial assistance to the family.



# Maintaining Social Action Activities



## Sinai House

Founded in 1992 by Temple Sinai members, Sinai House has served **44** mothers and **84** children, providing housing, educational opportunities, job training and emotional support as they move from homelessness to independence. Sinai House houses up to **4** families at a time, with an average resident population of **4** mothers and **8-10** children. Residents typically live at Sinai House for about **2** years, while working to achieve stability and gain the skills necessary to pay market-based rent or even to own their own homes.



The **21** members of the volunteer Sinai House Board of Directors work with Sinai House staff and volunteers to help break the cycle of homelessness in our city by preparing our resident families to move back into the community with confidence and competence.

Over **75** celebrants, including board members and current and former Sinai House families prepared a multi-cultural feast and gathered at a community center in Friendship Heights for the annual holiday party, which has become a demonstration of how much the program means to the residents.



Over **370** people registered for the May 2017 Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run for Sinai House and over **\$100,000** was raised from over **300** donors. Temple Sinai Religious School students Jonah Frumkin and Josh Solomon raised over **\$1,000** for Sinai House by holding bake sales at Temple Sinai and creating a Personal Fundraiser page on the Sinai House 5K website.

**338** families donated a total of **\$12,000** to Sinai House by checking the donation box on the Temple Sinai dues statement.



It was standing room only at the Sinai House Homes & Hearts Shabbat & Festive Oneg in December, 2017 in the Bet Am, as **200** attendees listened as **5** Sinai House children joined the **17** members of the Junior Choir in song, and heard a recent Sinai House mom recount her story as an Ethiopian refugee and survivor of domestic abuse, who was finally reunited with her oldest son after a 15-year separation, and becoming a Silver Spring homeowner.

**4** Temple Sinai Religious School sixth grade classes learned about homelessness and Sinai House from Sinai House Board Members in March, 2018. They then prepared and presented lessons, which included rap songs and posters, to **8** fourth and fifth grade classes.

# Physical Plant, Facilities, and Administration

Acting on the values of **environmental stewardship**, Temple Sinai is developing an environmentally-friendly landscaping design for the building and grounds, which will also ensure **safety and accessibility** for members and guests. Members participated in supporting the operation of the temple through an expanded Administration Committee and an active Building Committee.

## Technology Upgrades

Upgrading the building's technology infrastructure permitted the temple to improve security, sound, and access to the building. Upgraded features include **4** new HD cameras and hardware for simultaneous web streaming services from the Sanctuary and Bet Am, **32** new ceiling speakers in the foyer and social hall to greatly improve sound for large services and events, **2** additional WiFi networks to improve wireless access for members, internal communications and streaming, **6x** the internet band-width with new business grade fiber internet service, **5** new video intercom units for remote entry, **9** new security cameras with a total of **20** exterior live views, and **12** panic buttons installed in worship and community gathering spaces.

## Administration Committee

Worked to improve benefits for the congregation's employees, including switching the insurance broker and health insurance carrier to provide better coverage and service to employees at an affordable cost, and examining and revising the temple's paid family and medical leave policies.

## GreenTeam

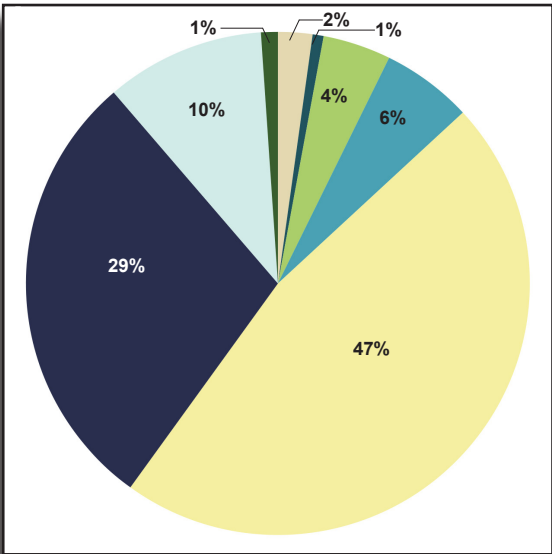
Contracted with Landis Garden Design to develop a comprehensive landscaping plan for the temple, to reduce stormwater runoff, improve accessibility, and create spaces for beauty and reflection with input from a variety of congregational stakeholders.





Financial Health

Where does money for temple programs and operations come from?

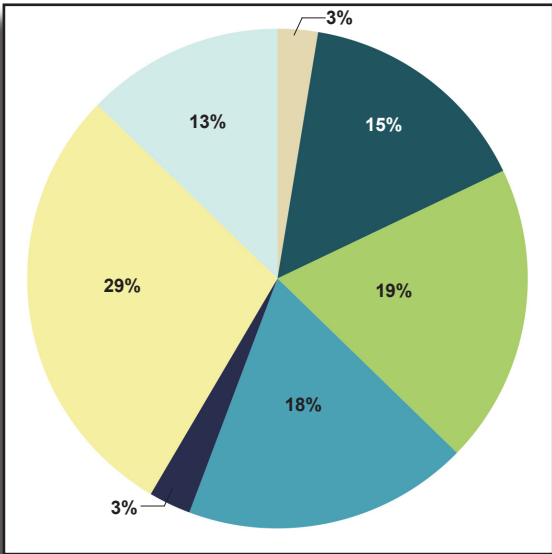


Category	Budget Amount
Program Fees	\$138,220
High Holy Days Tickets	\$45,000
Endowment & Investment Income	\$273,926
Contributions	\$365,900
Membership Financial Commitment	\$2,938,952
Nursery School	\$1,804,946
Religious School & Youth	\$640,589
Facility Fees	\$67,500
Total	\$6.3 Million

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 4% of Temple Sinai’s operating budget, \$273,926 in 2017-2018.

What does the money support?



Category	Budget Amount
Programs	\$162,812
Building & Security	\$960,597
Administration & Communications	\$1,215,649
Ritual	\$1,157,458
URJ Dues	\$170,700
Nursery School	\$1,804,946
Religious School & Youth	\$801,438
Total	\$6.3 Million

Personnel costs represent the largest expense at Temple Sinai, 70% of the overall budget each year.

Temple Sinai wishes to thank all who made contributions to Temple Sinai throughout the course of the year. Voluntary contributions provide needed funds for temple operations. Each year 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.

Annual Support for General Purposes

These donors made contributions to the campaigns that support general operations from worship to education, and programming to pastoral care, making a direct impact on the temple’s ability to “meet every member where they are.” Major categories include Annual Campaign, Memorial Gifts and High Holiday support.

- Anonymous (15)

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The name was chosen because of its meaningfulness to Temple Sinai. The ner tamid (eternal light) in Temple Sinai’s sanctuary is in the shape of a rimon (pomegranate). The rimon contains many seeds to ensure that it continues and thrives, it symbolizes the Torah, which is lovingly cared for, taught and passed down from generation to generation. The rimon reminds us of the ability of the Torah to sustain and nourish our souls.

The name Rimonim refers to the Hebrew word for a Torah crown or ornament (typically shaped like a pomegranate). It is fitting, then, that its members are our congregation’s own rimonim – those who plant the seeds for a vibrant future for 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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