



TEMPLE SINAI  
**YEAR BOOK**

2019-2020

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## THIS YEAR AT A GLANCE

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### DEAR TEMPLE SINAI MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

I mark the end of this year at Temple Sinai with a simple thank you. This year is unprecedented in the history of our temple and in most of our lives. The coronavirus pandemic forced us to adapt quickly to a new way of operating. Our “business” however is not like others. Succeeding in what we do hinges on a feeling: the spirituality of a service, the *naches* of b’nei mitzvah, the comfort of community in the face of loss, or the sense of significance, belonging, and fun that we strive to achieve in our religious school and more. To the extent we have successfully adapted, it is only because of the hard work of our staff, the commitment and spirit of our community members, and the tenacity and adaptability of our tradition. I have long been thankful for my good fortune to be a rabbi here. These past few months have only deepened my gratitude. As I end my tenth year as senior rabbi of Temple Sinai, I cannot thank you enough for being part of our community and giving so much to it.

Even before the pandemic upended our plans, Temple Sinai was in a state of transition. We say goodbye to Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser as he takes the exciting next step in his career. After six years at Sinai, Adam will become the senior rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Kensington, Maryland. We are pleased that he will continue to be part of our lives as we gather regularly with Temple Emanuel for holiday services and programs. Rabbi Adam helped build our pastoral care program into a significant and robust part of our community’s life. He introduced us to Mussar and has been our teacher and guide. Purim will not be the same without his creative shpiels and fun spirit and I promise you our staff team will miss his wisdom, caring, poems, ritual leadership, and all the ways we could tease him. We are grateful for Shalom, Eliza, and Simon and the joy of watching their family grow. Rabbi Adam is with us officially through the end of June. Please join me in thanking him and find

the time before then to share with him directly your thoughts and good wishes. We will celebrate him at services on June 5th.

We also welcome Rabbi Noah Diamondstein, who will join us as our new rabbi starting July 1st. Rabbi Diamondstein brings so much talent to our community. He is an accomplished musician with his own original music and ability to lead our worship and other gatherings with beauty, warmth, and intelligence. He is a committed activist who has been the manager of Jewish engagement and advocacy at the Jewish Center for Justice, in Los Angeles. Rabbi Diamondstein is a long time Camp Harlam camper, counselor, and head song leader. His training and experience in pastoral care and liturgy and his strong commitment to Israel make him a wonderful fit for Temple Sinai. At the risk of getting ahead of myself, I am thankful to Rabbi Diamondstein for joining us and to you for helping welcome him to our community. Noah’s wife Marnie and his newborn son Dylan are moving here in June. It will take an extra degree of warmth, love and planning to help them make a new home and start their new life amidst the pandemic. Please join me in that effort.

Looking back, I would not raise a glass and toast 2019-2020, but neither would I seal the year away to be forgotten as quickly as possible. There is much to celebrate and much for which we can be grateful. I thank you, all our members and friends, for your love, support, and continued embodiment of Sinai’s values. Please enjoy this yearbook of reflections on the past year.



**Rabbi  
Jonathan Roos**  
Senior Rabbi

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been an unusual, vibrant, challenging, inspirational, and difficult year for Temple Sinai. For ten months, we worshipped, learned, and gathered with an array of activities of which we can be proud. And for the last two months we have done the same, virtually, and I believe we can be even prouder. The one element that emerges throughout this yearbook is the engagement of our members. It is that engagement that will carry us through the challenges of the coming months as we imagine and invent the Temple Sinai of the future.

Of all the transitions through which we are currently passing, the one that is most bittersweet is our rabbinical transition. As Rabbi Adam moves on to a well deserved senior rabbi position at Temple Emanuel, in Kensington, we will miss his caring, creative and passionate voice. We wish him, Shalom, Eliza and Simon the best on their continued journey.



**Deborah Lewis**  
President

So much of what makes Temple Sinai a strong and vibrant community stems from our lay leadership. Committees, affiliate groups, and task forces are the driving force behind so much of what we do. Thank you to our chairs for a memorable year, and we look forward to many great years to come!

Administration: David Wessel  
Archives: Susan Schiffer  
Audit: Dianne Rudo  
Building and Grounds: Marta Goldsmith  
Cemetery: Ted Rosen  
Daytimers: Ron Merrill  
Development: Ken Jaffe  
Finance, Audit & Investment: Marcie Solomon  
Green Team: Robyn Miller-Tarnoff & Regina Ziegler  
Israel Affairs: Mindy Garfinkel  
Leadership Development Program: Michael Sussmann  
Library: Sue Levine & Herb Mintz  
Membership: Jill Chenok  
Multiracial Sinai: Cathy Goldwyn & Deitra Reiser

Music: Stephanie Lebow & Myra Weinberg  
Nursery School: Julia Kepniss & Julius Weiss  
Religious School: Deborah Eichhorn  
Renovation and Expansion: Deborah Lewis  
Ritual: Michael Raibman  
Sinai Cares: Karen Auerbach, staff  
Sinai House: Amy Schear  
Social Action: Glenn Engelmann  
Strategic Planning: Marsha Shaines  
Temple Sinai Men of Reform Judaism: Andrew Mannes  
Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism:  
Nancy Liebermann & Lisa Tucker

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## FAREWELL, RABBI ROSENWASSER!



After six years at Temple Sinai, Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser announced that he will be leaving to join Temple Emanuel in Kensington, Maryland as their new Senior Rabbi. We are grateful to have had Rabbi Adam and his family as a part of our community and we wish them well as they begin their next chapter in July 2020!

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## CELEBRATING @ SINAI

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Baby naming with Cantor Robins.

### HOLIDAYS

- 1 Temple Sinai Nursery School classes journeyed to the sukkah to smell the etrog and shake the lulav in celebration of Sukkot with Cantor Robins and Rabbi Rosenwasser.
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- 3 As impeachment hearings progressed in December 2019, the Ritual and Director team posed as the "Jew-diciary" Committee for their annual Chanukah photo.
- 4 Cantor Croen raised a glass at the Adult Purim Celebration.



Wedding with Rabbi Goldstein.





**LET THEM EAT CAKE!**

Left: Rabbi Goldstein offered up cupcakes as part of Temple Sinai's efforts to get out the vote for the World Zionist Organization elections in February 2020.

Right: Rabbi Roos shared a sweet afternoon treat with friends at the temple for a bar mitzvah photo shoot.

**KEHILLAT SHABBAT 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

Kehillat Shabbat, the temple's twice monthly "lay-led" Shabbat morning service, marked its 20th anniversary on June 1, 2019 with a joyful celebration. The spirited morning service featured remarks from Rabbis Roos and Reiner, temple president Deborah Lewis, and service founders Loren Amdursky and Jeff Colman, and personal messages from members of the kehillah.

Following the service, everyone enjoyed a festive catered lunch. The service, which is coordinated and led by Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner, welcomes volunteer congregants to chant Torah and Haftarah, deliver divrei-Torah, and be the service leaders.



## COMMITTEE & AFFILATE GROUP HIGHLIGHTS



- 1 Deitra Reiser (pictured left), member of the Temple Sinai board and co-chair of the Multiracial Sinai Committee, spoke at the 2019 URJ Biennial panel "Doing the Work Within Our Own Communities" with Bryant Heinzelman and Yolanda Savage-Narva. The seminar addressed how to make Jewish spaces more diverse, equitable, and inclusive to all Jews.
- 2 In combination with the New Member Shabbat on October 18, the Membership and Engagement Committee presented a "Find Your Connection" fair. Leaders of temple committees and affiliate groups were on hand to explain what they do and to welcome new members to join. All enjoyed the opportunity! We also held our first dinner for first-year college parents at a private home, which was a great opportunity for members to meet and reconnect with other members with similar experiences. Recently, after Temple Sinai went virtual, committee members called all of our newest Temple Sinai members to ensure that everyone continue to feel connected to the temple.
- 3 Temple Sinai Men of Reform Judaism got out and about for pizza, trivia (pictured here) and a Nationals game with Sinai House children. They continued to connect online in Spring 2020 with a Zoom happy hour.
- 4 Temple Sinai Women of Reform Judaism's varied and vibrant activities ranged from the Chanukah Mart to the Biennial Women's Retreat and annual Authors' Roundtable. In addition to leading Temple Sinai's annual donation and food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank, TSWRJ coordinated a dinner for NIH's Children's Inn. TSWRJ created a Reproductive Health and Rights initiative, including learning sessions, advocacy before the DC Council and the Supreme Court and training by the DC Abortion Practical Support Network. More recently, TSWRJ members made cloth masks for front-line health workers. TSWRJ engaged over 500 volunteers and participants in 2019-2020.





DayTimers offers monthly programs for Temple Sinai members and guests who are available during the day. In September 2019, they welcomed Michael Isikoff to discuss investigative journalism in the Trump era (left). Other programs presented during the year ranged from theater to politics to history. In May 2020, the Daytimers met via Zoom to hear from journalist Rebecca Roberts on the history of the women's suffrage movement to mark the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment.

## GREEN TEAM

The Temple Sinai Green Team held a listening session in the fall and hosted a speaker from Trees for the Future on Tu BiSh'vat. As a result of the listening session, they launched subcommittees on transportation's impact on climate change and composting. The goal of the latter is to start a composting program at Temple Sinai and motivate congregants to join a residential composting program.

## LIBRARY

The Library had a busy, productive year and during the building shutdown due to COVID-19, has strived to continue many of its regular activities, as well introduce new initiatives to involve and support congregants, clergy, and staff. Throughout the year, the Library Committee worked to curate displays, bibliographies, and new acquisitions. To assist members celebrating Passover online this year, they assembled online haggadah, information on how to create your own haggadah, and tips on hosting a Zoom seder. Several All-Temple Reads and People of the Book Club discussions happened throughout the year; the most recent discussion of *Fleishman is in Trouble*, by Taffy Brodesser-Akner took place via Zoom. The "Circle of Book Lovers" weekly email covers remotely accessible book talks, recommendations, and tips for finding online books and movies.

## MULTIRACIAL SINAI

The Multiracial Sinai Committee is committed to helping guide Temple Sinai in becoming an affirmatively multiracial and antiracist congregation. During the Yom Kippur Mincha Service, Multiracial Sinai members Liz Dunst, Anthony Murphy, and Dora Chen reflected on how their racial experiences connect to their commitment to antiracist action, and "10 Days of Awe" offered congregants ways to reflect on intersectional Jewish identities and race during the High Holy Days. We offered three sessions of "Building Racial Stamina" facilitated discussions, which engaged participants in developing skills for thinking and talking about race effectively. Many of those participants are continuing to engage in building these important relational skills. Committee members are also working with the temple to ensure policies and practices that promote racial equity and redress bias, like our security practices. We also provide affinity spaces for those who self-identify as persons of color or Jews of Color, or are members of multiracial families, and other programming designed to develop a robust multiracial and antiracist community at Temple Sinai.

## SINAI CARES

Over the past year, SinaiCares continued to reach out to our members to provide pastoral support and to mark significant moments in their lives. We delivered challahs at the end of shloshim, yahrzeit candles on the first anniversary of a loved one's death, baby baskets for new Temple Sinai babies, and mishloach manot baskets at Purim. Members continued to visit other members to provide companionship, and we provided rides so that people who cannot drive could join us for services and special events. Once the COVID-19 crisis hit, SinaiCares sprang into action to make sure our members were supported. A team of 11 SinaiCares volunteers called over 100 members to check in with them. Religious School students sent handmade cards to members. Volunteers provided Zoom assistance and Passover food, as well as grocery delivery. At such a difficult time for all our members, SinaiCares has been helping to bring more personal connections to our members.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

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The 2019-2020 year was an incredibly busy one for all the Temple Sinai Social Action initiatives.

Praying With Our Feet at A Wider Circle continued to be a wildly successful event and our most popular family oriented social action focused activity.

The RAIS (Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Immigrant Support) Group continued to advocate for numerous families at various stages of their journey to a safe and successful life in the U.S. Blondy, the asylum seeker from the Congo who arrived late in 2018, is making great progress. The RAIS group also briefly supported Blondy's brother, Joseph, and his family who arrived from the Congo last spring. They relocated to Canada in the fall of 2019.

The TS Core Team for the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) has been extensively engaged on issues of affordable housing and legal support of immigrants. They are responding to the pandemic crisis with online organizing, voter engagement, education, and reflection.

The Gun Violence Prevention Group (GVP) sponsored interesting programming and actively supported efforts to enact new sensible gun related laws in Maryland. The Commission on Social Action (CSA) at the December 2019 Biennial Meeting of the URJ in Chicago awarded the group its 2019 Irving J. Fain Award for Social Justice. The CSA cited the GVP Group for its "outstanding" and "innovative" program, and as an "inspiration to the greater Reform Jewish community, encouraging others to undertake similar inspiring initiatives."

The Social Action Committee selected from numerous worthy requests for grants from the Eugene Lipman Social Action and Tzedakah Fund and was able, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to award over \$23,000 to support important social justice work in the DMV.

Also, we continue to publicize on the temple website and weekly email organizations working to help individuals and families suffering as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

More information on all of the temple's social action initiatives can be found by contacting the various leaders listed in the Social Action menu on the temple website or by contacting Glenn Engelmann at [glenn.engelmann@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.engelmann@gmail.com).



**Your partnership with a Wider Circle is mission critical and we are so thankful to be able to count on you!**

**- The Holiday Team at A Wider Circle**

Nearly 30 Temple Sinai members gathered on Sunday, November 17, 2019 to grocery shop and assemble the makings of 160 Thanksgiving meals for area organizations to distribute to families. Special thanks to Lori Berman, Ellen Croog, and Deborah Eichhorn for organizing this program.





- 1 Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Immigrant Support for Rosa Gutiérrez López, who is currently living in sanctuary at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda with much volunteer support, including Temple Sinai members.
- 2 Temple members with the Irving J. Fain Award for Social Justice awarded to the TS GVP group at the URJ Biennial in Chicago.
- 3 Temple Sinai WIN members after a tour of the DC waterfront focused on recent wide-scale construction and displacement of established residents.
- 4 Volunteering at A Wider Circle during one of several "Praying With Our Feet" programs.
- 5 TSWRJ support for reproductive health and rights.

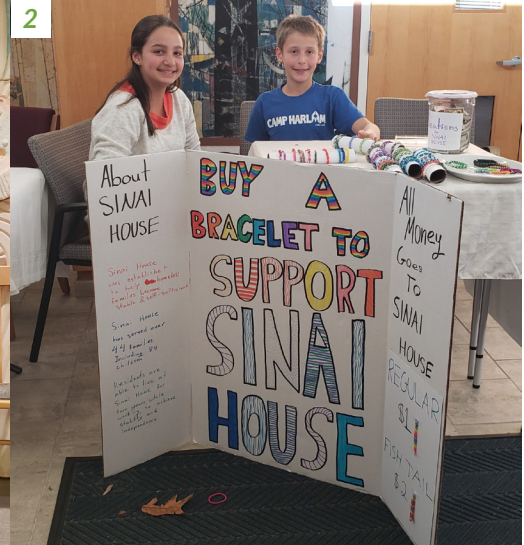




1 Yoshiko Chikuni shared her journey to independence with a packed Bet Am at this year's Homes & Hearts Shabbat on November 22, 2019. She and her son plan to move out of Sinai House in the summer or fall of 2020.



2 Rose and Paul Sussmann sold their homemade bracelets at the Chanukah Mart. Along with their sister, Margaret, they have made this a yearly tradition, and they donate the proceeds to Sinai House.



3 At this year's Sinai House holiday party, Temple Sinai member Ella Lipscomb, her mom, Debra Rosenberg, and fellow scouts from Girl Scout Troop 34008 Bethesda painted kids' faces and helped the children pick out presents for their families in the Secret Shop.



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## SINAI HOUSE

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





Although we couldn't be together in person this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were together in spirit, running, walking, and celebrating on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2020 for the Tricia Davis Virtual 5K for Sinai House. We are so grateful to our generous sponsors, donors, and participants who contributed more than \$112,000 to carry on Tricia Davis's legacy by supporting Sinai House. Special thanks to Nina Fernandez-Fink, who created a personal fundraiser that brought in more than \$500 in donations.



Sinai House's annual Holiday Party brought together current and former Sinai House families and families of the Sinai House board, staff, and volunteers.

In response to outreach this past year to former residents, and to support Sinai House's goals and mission and the families it serves, the Board approved a plan in April 2020 to create a two-year post-residency program, with participants receiving tapering rent subsidies, some social services, and help in connecting to services available to them in their new neighborhoods. This will enable us to double our current capacity by serving up to eight families at a time — four in residence at Sinai House and four alumni

living in the community. The COVID-19 health crisis has made the creation of this program and outreach to our former residents even more critical. Our executive director has been connecting with all residents via video conferencing, text, and phone. We have ramped up our programming, which is being done virtually, including virtual children's activities and tutoring. Our therapist has been in touch with our residents more frequently, as these times trigger anxiety and other emotional challenges for our families.



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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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1 Sixth graders jumping for joy on their trip to explore Jewish American history in Philadelphia.



2 Kim Kellerhouse, Bonim (Kindergarten) teacher, helped children make hamantaschen at the Purim Extravaganza!



3 Challenge games during Chug Ivrit class fostered significance, belonging, and FUN!



4 Sixth graders waiting to be processed through Ellis Island during their simulation experience.



5 Third graders enjoying Shira (music) in their classroom led by TSRS song leader Naomi Gamoran.



6 We had a SWEET time on the Family Retreat in Hershey, PA with lots of great friends and lots of great chocolate!



7 Mishpacha (Family Engagement Group), led by Liza Fishman, enjoyed an afternoon Pirate Cruise on the Potomac River.



8 Team TSRS dressed up for the Noar Purim Party as... "GRAPE JEWS" AND CHALLAH!





We had an awesome year at Noar where we got to have electives such as Krav Maga, cooking, Judaism in Film, Beit Midrash, arts and crafts and so much more! We started our year with a New Year's celebration and ended our year with fun Zoom Kehillahs!



We are so lucky to have amazing Madrichim who work with our Religious School students and teachers on Sundays! We are grateful to have these dedicated teens who love giving back to the community that raised so many of them.



Each month our Temple Sinai youth group, Sinaites, gets together for dinner and time to hang out.



This year, Sinaites had the opportunity to attend NFTY MAR Fall Kallah, NFTY Sub Regional Event that we hosted at Temple Sinai, and NFTY MAR Winter Kallah. We love attending NFTY Events!



# NURSERY SCHOOL



1 In the fall, many classes constructed and decorated their own sukkah for Sukkot - a wonderful opportunity to exercise developing fine motor skills.

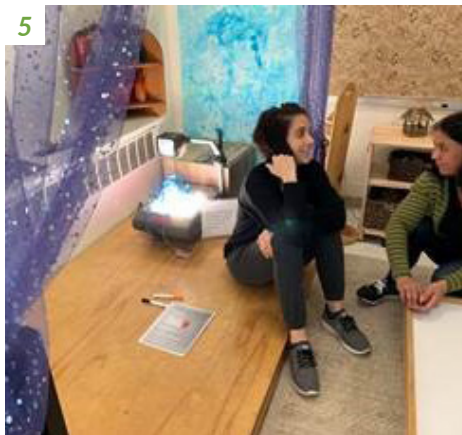
2 Visits to the Temple Sinai sukkah were filled with storytelling, singing and, of course, shaking the lulav and smelling the etrog. Cantor Rebecca Robins was a wonderful host during the Tzabim class visit.



3 Exploring natural shapes through shadows in the Investigation Room.



4 TSNS teachers nurture a love of language as they read to children in large and small groups throughout the day (here, Lora Fader Dunne and the Susim class).



5 Professional development is a key value of the Nursery School; faculty members collaborate, share ideas, learn about the newest developments in the field, and develop curriculum together throughout the year.



6 The TSNS Chanukah party was a celebration filled with a costumed retelling of the story of the Maccabees, the lighting of the menorah, and latkes and gelt for everyone — clergy included!



7 As children tried out real-life roles and interacted with one another through dramatic play, the ways in which they make sense of and interpret their world continued to expand.



8 Projections provided novel and engaging ways to study translucency, shapes, and contours while introducing children to the science of light and shadow.





Our outdoor play space is one of our most treasured learning environments; we know how important large motor play is for growing bodies and minds, and children can find much to explore in all types of weather.



Left: Everyone loves a science experiment involving color mixing and bubbles! Joyful learning experiences nurtured curiosity, stimulated thinking, and created opportunities to take risks and safely explore hypotheses.

Right: A rich dramatic play scenario included donning fancy outfits, great conversation, and sharing a Shabbat meal together.



Classes took field trips to a variety of developmentally appropriate locations around the DC metro area, extending explorations taking place in the classroom into the community; here, the Dubim class visited the local fire department.



Every day our teachers created hands-on opportunities for learning — provocations— that were open-ended and promoted problem solving, collaboration, and social skill development.



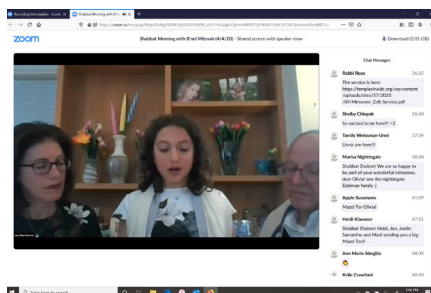
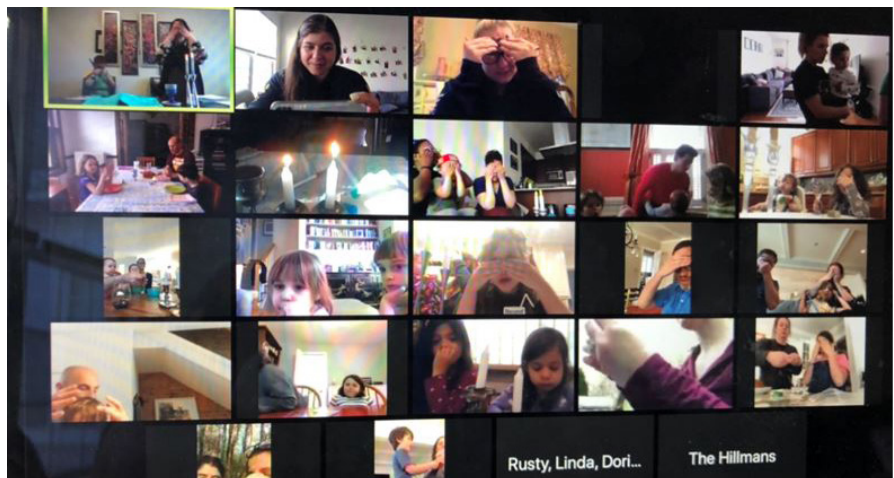
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## SINAI ONLINE

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Since mid-March 2020, Temple Sinai's building has been closed. We are open in every other way. From virtual-yet-intimate services for Shabbat and holidays, to classes, programs and meetings, Temple Sinai members have found new and meaningful ways to connect...at a distance.

During these uncertain times, our community has risen to the challenge with creativity, kindness, understanding, and wisdom — the qualities that make Temple Sinai the extraordinary congregation that it is. While we look forward to and will prepare for the day when we can be reunited in person, we remain together.



Clockwise from left: Rabbi Goldstein's Second Seder setup; family Shabbat candlelighting with Cantor Robins; Olivia Zaft's Bat Mitzvah parade; reading from the Torah via Zoom; and Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner in action for a Kehillat Shabbat service.



**Amanda Amaral**  
 Yesterday at 10:30 AM · 📷

Look at this activity Jenny made so the children can work together with her. Paper plane activity.



ello TSNS friends! This is one of the  
 bim's favorite books. If you have a copy of  
 Brown Bear, Brown Bear read along with us.  
 We hope you enjoy. Let us know what your  
 favorite book is to read.



During the closure due to COVID-19, Temple Sinai Nursery School teachers have been remarkably creative as they have learned new ways to use technology to bring meaningful and engaging programming to our young learners and their families



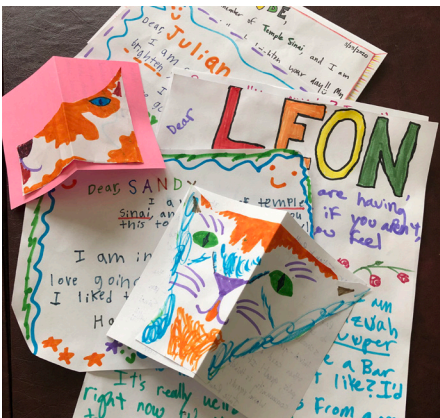
Sinaites gathered online for havdalah.



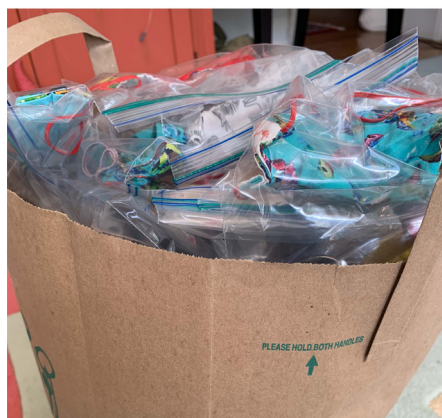
TS member and expert challah baker Jonathan Berlowe Binder guided us through the process via Zoom!



Michelle Becker is just one of the amazing administrative staff members who has worked tirelessly to keep us all together online since mid-March.



TSRS students made and mailed cards to older members.



TSWRJ sewed 400 masks for Community of Hope.



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## MUSIC COMMITTEE

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Scenes from "A Night with the Stars" in November 2019.

This year featured two splendid musical events: a tribute to honor Senior Cantor Laura Croen and a klezmer Shabbat Shira.

On Saturday, November 9, 2019, hundreds gathered for "A Night with the Stars" to celebrate Senior Cantor Laura Croen's 25th anniversary with Temple Sinai. Attendees walked down the "red carpet" in a magically transformed lobby on their way to the sanctuary for a brilliant night of music. The concert featured Chip Zien, a multi-talented Broadway star and Cantor Croen's cousin. He interspersed his stellar renditions of Broadway favorites with stories and a slide show of growing up in Milwaukee with Cantor Croen. A highlight of the show was a moving duet performed by Chip and Cantor Croen. The evening was topped off by a festive reception featuring the "Laura 25" cocktail!

Shabbat Shira 2020 – "Make a Joyful Noise" - took place on February 29, 2020, with Seth Kibel and his Klezmet band. Kibel, a virtuoso woodwind specialist, was joined by three other instrumentalists in a ruach-filled evening of traditional music with a klezmer twist. We were especially pleased to have Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, the first ordained female cantor, as part of the service. A marvelous dinner for 200 capped off the evening.

The Music Committee again hosted its annual Musician Thank You dinner in appreciation of our choir and Middle Matzah Conspiracy (MMC), our in-house band. All of the singers and instrumentalists make an invaluable contribution to musical life at Temple Sinai. MMC performed at several services this year, including the traditional Chanukah service in December. The group is looking forward to performing again as soon the temple reopens for worship.

The Circle of Music Lovers, who support musical programming at the temple, continued to "widen" with new donors during 2019/2020. The generosity of the Circle reinforces the crucial role that music plays at Temple Sinai.

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## NEW MEMBERS

2019-2020

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Mitchell & Sheryl Baer

Jeff & Elicia Blumberg and their children, Eitan & Maayan

Michael Britton & his children, Isaac, Mirabel & Oren

Brian & Stephanie Chernoff and their children, Alexandra & Mira

Diana Clark

Jennifer & Scott Davison and their children, Jacob & Jordan

Ben Denckla & Sarah Reber and their children, Jack & Rose

Edward & Connie Dufner

Rachel & Neil Feldman and their children, Eleanor & Rafael

Lucas & Rachel Fleischer and their children, Miles & Samuel

Emma Basch & Matthew Fleischman and their children, Eli & Willa

Zach Friedlis & Julie Polinger and their children, Oliver & Willa

Fred Frommer & Michele Martinez and their children, Alex & Ethan

Evan & Tara Goitein and their children, Alex & Lily

Leah & Ross Goldband and their daughter, Lucy

Evan & Kelly Goldberg and their children, Anika & Asa

Susan Goldenson and her daughter, Lucy

Ben Gordon & Paola Rivera

Jamie & Nima Hendi

Zora & Frank Hesse

Madaleine Hillsberg & Chris Winkler and their children, Elijah & Beatrice

Alex Hoffman & Michelle Wojciechovic

Ronni & Rob Jolles

Debi Kant

Stacy & Jacob Kobrick and their son, Matthew

Samuel Lehman & Jennifer Klein and their daughter, Elsa

Marsha Leo

Andy & Lauren Levinson and their children, Esther & Josie

Jason Manning & Anita Sharma and their children, Ronan & Stacia

Neal Markowitz and his daughter, Celia

Elyse & Alex Moyer and their daughter, Callie

Melissa & Aaron Murphy and their children, Ella & Samantha

Beth Naftalin

Rajesh Nayak & Rebecca Widiss and their children, Jay & Lila

Leslie Pollner & Noam Levey and their children, Amelie & Oriana

Sylvia & Edwin Reis

Eva Rigamonti & Paolo Saguato Dalia

Sydney & Chip Rosenberg and their children, Harrison & Noa

Emily & Matthew Rowland and their children, Ryan & Tali

Emmanuelle & Chris Salvatore and their children, Luca & Nicola

Laura Schiller & Phillip Blane and their son, Jacob

Kevin & Anne Schwartz and their children, Elinor & Jonathan

John & Stevie Shuchart

Lauren & William Silvis and their children, Alexandra & Samuel

Alan & Irene Sparber

Rabbi Eric Stark & Julie Elfand

Sam Stein & Jessica Leinwand Jamie

Sandra Velvel & Martin Price and their children, Alexander & Annabel

Bran Weinstein & Heather Golde and their children, Alexandra & Archer

Laura Wides-Munoz & Carlos Munoz and their children, Cibelle & Joaquin

Jon & Tricia Wiesenfelder and their children, Cora & Ella

Andy Wise & Jennifer Lanoff and their children, Alex, Lilah & Natalie

Brandon & Laura Wright and their children, John & Elizabeth

Mike and Amy Zubrensky and their children, Lea & Sara

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## GIVING @ SINAI

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### SINAI ANNUAL FUND

Whether the focus of your temple life is Jewish education, Shabbat and Holiday Services, social action, or anything else, the Sinai Annual Fund supports what makes Temple Sinai special to you. While membership financial commitments are our largest source of support, they cover only 79% of the congregation's annual expenses. We rely on the Sinai Annual Fund to bridge the gap.

The programming and activities that make Temple Sinai exceptional happen because the Sinai Annual Fund allows us to meet the budgetary needs of the congregation, and reduces financial barriers to membership for those who need it.

### RIMONIM SOCIETY

The Rimonim Society recognizes those individuals who have included Temple Sinai in their estate plans or established another type of planned gift. 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. To learn more about legacy giving or if you have included Temple Sinai in your estate plans and are not listed below, please contact Noah Benjamin at [nbenjamin@templesinai.org](mailto:nbenjamin@templesinai.org).

*We recognize and thank all our current Rimonim Society members!*

Esthy & Jim Adler	Betty Ferber & Robert	Marvin & Sally Kranz	Marsha Shaines & Robert
Chris Intagliata & Larry	Pomerance*	Martin & Syma Mendelsohn	Loesche
Asbell	Gary Friend & Tara	Libby & Ronald Merrill	Gertrude Slifkin
Ruth Baker-Battist & Lewis	Sonenshine	Herb & Barbara (Bobbe)	Marcie Solomon
Battist*	Frank & Ann Gilbert	Mintz	Linda Popejoy & Seth Drew
Lois & Edward* Berkowitz	Andrew Gilman & Dianne	Beverly & Mark Nadel	Speyer
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Since launching the Honor our Heritage Build our Future Campaign in early 2019, over 500 members have come together to support the campaign and ensure the long-term vitality of our congregation. Thank you for your support!

While the current environment has changed the timeline for the renovation and expansion of our facilities and encouraged review of the plans to ensure they will meet our future needs, our overarching goals remain the same. Temple Sinai's new strategic plan emphasizes the importance of successfully completing the "Honor our Heritage, Build our Future" fundraising campaign to ensure that our building meets our needs, that we can support our exceptional clergy and programs, and that we can establish the Center for Social Justice to nurture and expand our commitment to repairing our world. Over the next few months, we will begin the first phase of sanctuary renovation by replacing our pews with more comfortable, movable seating that will better allow us to adjust to varying needs of our sanctuary services, including facilitating social distancing as needed.

We look forward to sharing more about how the Honor our Heritage Build our Future Campaign continues to support a vibrant and sustainable future for the Temple Sinai community! Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the campaign.

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